

EVERY ONE EATS

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Newsletter October 2022



Hello and welcome to our latest newsletter.

With so many things going on we just wanted to keep everyone up to date with our latest activities and possible future developments.

But first we (the Trustees) want to say a heart felt, huge THANK YOU to our amazing volunteers, who without them, nothing would be possible, plus our fantastic community who keep supporting us in lots of ways - you are brilliant.

It's with a mixture of emotions that we report our food bank is getting busier. In one way it's sad that it's needed, but in another way its reassuring that people are hearing about Every One Eats and getting in touch.

Our food bank is a little different, rather than being at a set place on a certain day and time, our food bank volunteers take the food parcels to people's front doorsteps, at a mutually agreed time. We do try to turn this around in 24 - 48 hours. We understand that some people are working so traditional food banks might be open when they are working, or perhaps they don't have a car, and its never easy carrying bags of heavy tins on a bus, especially if you've got young children with you.

Also some people are shielding so cannot leave their home for a week or longer.

People can refer themselves, they do not need a form from an agency, or JobCentrePlus or similar, if someone is in need, the best thing they can do is send Every One Eats a message via Facebook. There is just one sheet of paper to tick, telling us what food items you would like and why. We operate across the Ilkeston area.

We understand that financial hardship is very different in 2022 to what it was 20 years ago, and when you don't feel you have a lot, the one thing you may have a lot of is your pride - hence we don't judge, there's no stigma and no-one else knows.

For more information, follow us on Facebook or call 07974140499.

Since setting up the food bank in 2020 we have taken out food parcels to over 400 homes in Ilkeston, but that's not all, here are a few highlights...

Remember those yellow 'Thank You' lunch bags....from May 2020 to February 2021 over 7,000 were taken out!





Christmas Lunch 2021, sadly had to be like the previous Christmas, and over 150 meals

were taken out to people's homes by our festive team.

We got registered as an official charity. And we had a great 'Family Fun Day' at Stanton



Ilkeston Football's ground in Ilkeston, with over 20 stuy6uyials and it was great to see old friends again, as well as getting to make a few new friends too!

We had a great time at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee afternoon tea party at All Saints Church in Kirk Hallam, where those yellow lunch bags re-appeared, as they did too at the Lake Side Festival in Kirk Hallam.

And 'thank you' for the awards we gained. It was a privillage to be part of the civic ceromny on Remembrance Sunday 2021 that says a humble 'thank you' to those who sacrificed everything they had for the peace we often take for granted.



Together with Kirk Hallam Church we sent 16 tonnes of donations to the Ukrainian refugees in Poland in March

and April 2022 - very emotional and very humbling, again.


The Next Steps....


Yes we are having a Christmas Day meal at the Flamsteed Centre, and hoping we can meet in person again, but also offering to take it to people's homes who don't feel able to come to the Centre.

Yes the foodbank is still needed and we will still be offering to help people at this hard time.

We are also aware of the mental health issues affecting so many people, and how coming together with other people over food, with entertainment can make such a difference, so we hope we can start another regular project in 2023.

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