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Covid19 – An Update

Struggling to afford food?



We are here to help

For a referral contact:

 Cheshire West & Chester HELP scheme
0300 123 7065

 Cheshire West Citizens Advice
0344 576 6111

Alternatively visit westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/
or ring 0151 355 7730 for further referral options



The COVID-19 pandemic has created tremendous turbulence for us, necessitating the reinvention of most aspects of our work in the course of a few weeks! At West Cheshire Foodbank we have also aimed to create new ways of working that reflect our core values and strategic aims, and which will offer a positive legacy beyond the crisis. Staff, trustees and volunteers have put in a huge amount of work, and coped with an enormous amount of change in a very short

Items Needed

In this time of lock-down and social distancing please do not go out especially in order to obtain food donations for us. Text and on-line financial donations are just as welcome. If you are shopping and would like to donate food items we are currently high-lighting a priority for:

Instant mash, Cup-a-soup, bottles of cordial / squash

We try to keep the "Most Needed Items" list on our website as up to date as possible so that you can consider including them:

<https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



space of time. This has included the implementation of an entirely new e-voucher system.

We also want to express our grateful thanks to individuals and businesses that have made donations of food and funds to enable us to keep going over the last couple of weeks. Particular thanks to CF Fertilisers and Essar Oils amongst others for their substantial financial donations!

To view our full update from 18th April including details of recent changes and plans for the near future you can go to our website: <https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/2020/04/18/update-18-april-2020-a-thank-you/>. Please be on the lookout for more recent updates as they are posted, since the situation is changing daily.

Thank You



A massive thanks to Phil and everyone at Weetwood Ales who are using their production facilities to produce hand sanitiser for local organisations such as ourselves - we just took delivery of ours which is vital for volunteers to stay safe and carry on their great work!



Also a massive thanks to Mark Swann and his Team from British Gas collecting and delivering food for us - donated from Tesco.

If you have been / are planning to support us during this time please let us know or tag us on social media so we can share and encourage others to do the same. Apologies if we have not thanked everyone personally at this time, as I'm sure you can appreciate we are currently extremely busy.

How You Can Help / Our Contact Information

Please visit our website to see our regular updates throughout the CORVID-19 crisis. Our home page provides a variety of numbers to call in order to receive help or advice, depending on the area you live in. It also links to details of our new e-referral system. <https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/>

Any and all support and donations are appreciated at this time. If you would like to support us from home we are also encouraging financial donations which help allow us to respond with flexibility in these fast-changing times.

You can find all the information about how to do this, including options to donate online, via text or by post, on the "Donate Money" section of our website here: <https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

We have currently extended our **warehouse operating hours** to:

9am - 2pm Monday to Friday

You can call us within those hours on 0151 355 7730 or email: info@westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk

Our warehouse address is: Units 3 and 4, Stanney Mill Industrial Estate, Dutton Green, Chester, CH2 4SA

You can also message us via our social media: Twitter: @westcheshirefb

Facebook: www.facebook.com/wcfoodbank