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**Merry Christmas!**

**We hope you have a very Merry Christmas from everyone at West Cheshire Foodbank!**

A small reminder: Our warehouse is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9am - 1pm

Address: West Cheshire Foodbank  
Units 3 and 4, Stanney Mill Industrial Estate  
Dutton Green, Chester, CH2 4SA

The last day we're open before Christmas is **Friday 21st December**. We are closed over Christmas and New Year and we re-open again on **Thursday 3rd January**.

You can also find an updated list of places that host public collection boxes for us on our website. Thank you.



**Reverse Advent Calendar**



**Reverse Advent Calendar**  
An idea to help your local foodbank this holiday season has been circulating in the form of a "Reverse Advent Calendar". Add an item to a box for each day of advent this year and donate them to us at the end!

**What We Need Most This Christmas**

- Milk UHT
- Juice UHT
- Cereal
- Tinned Potatoes
- Coffee 100gm
- Biscuits
- Tinned Custard
- Pasta Sauces/ Curry Sauces
- Jams
- Cuppa Soup
- Instant Mash
- Toilet Rolls
- Toiletries

**Some More Ideas From Our Shopping List**

- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Pot Noodles
- Tinned Fruit
- Spreads
- Rice Pudding

(Please note Christmas Puddings CANNOT contain alcohol)

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Our warehouse is open Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri 9 am - 1pm. Pop by with your donation & say hi!  
Last day before Christmas - Monday 24th December 2018 (9am - 1pm)  
Closed all the Bank Holidays  
Re-opening on Thursday 3rd January 2019

Thank you to everyone who has gotten involved with collecting a Reverse Advent Calendar of donations for us this year so far!

The Reverse Advent Calendar provides an interesting and easy way to add to our general stock so there is no rush to donate the contents of your boxes before Christmas.

If you are already participating be sure to tag us on social media so we can share your support and help encourage others!

**Donations**



Thank you to Rebecca Terry and the local community who have donated over 100 Advent Calendars and Selection Boxes

A huge thank you to Cllr Nicole Meardon for the much appreciated donation of over £1,000 being a share of the amount raised during her year in office as Mayor of Ellesmere Port.



## Tesco Annual Chester Foodbank Collection Weekend



A huge thank you to Tesco, all of our volunteers who came to help at our annual Tesco collection this year, including all the staff from Oliver and Co. Solicitors and of course to all of the generous customers of both stores who donated so much over the collection time! Our final figures for weight of food donated are:

**Sealand Road Tesco: 1174.23 kgs**

**Frodsham Street / City Centre Tesco: 2421.00 kgs**

This is an incredible amount and it will make a big difference to a lot of people.

## Farewell to Emma



## Amazon Smile Reminder

You can support West Cheshire Foodbank whilst doing your Christmas shopping this year and it's really simple! Amazon Smile will donate 0.5% of the money from eligible purchases to your chosen charity! This doesn't seem much but it can quickly build up if people sign up.

Just go to [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk) and sign into your amazon account (or register if you don't already have one). You will be asked to select your charity (search "West Cheshire Foodbank" to find us) and you're done!

If you make your future purchases through [smile.amazon.co.uk](http://smile.amazon.co.uk) a donation will be made each time. Don't worry if you forget to go to the specific smile URL, if you go to the regular Amazon website it will remind you, you are registered with Smile and encourage you to go there!

Emma Greenwood our Operations Coordinator, is off to pastures new - relocating with her family to Devon. Emma looked after our Volunteers and Distribution Centres, overseeing the transition to establishing meeting places across the area. She has worked closely with linked Agencies and with so many people across all aspects of Foodbank's work. Many of you will know or have come into contact with her, and be familiar with her happy, friendly and positive approach, which made her so effective and a pleasure to work with. We thank Emma for all her hard work and commitment and wish her, and her family, every happiness in their new life.

**Emma says:** *"I just wanted to take the opportunity to say a massive thank you to everyone; staff, volunteers and trustees for all their support during my time working at West Cheshire Foodbank. I have learnt so much from the way they all give so freely of their time and energy to show compassion and practical support to people struggling in our communities. It has been a privilege to play a part in supporting the foodbank to do the amazing work that it does."*