



New Monthly Newsletter #December 2017

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Merry Christmas!



We would like to wish a very Merry Christmas to everyone involved with West Cheshire Foodbank.

To our wonderful volunteers and everyone who has donated food, money or time to us throughout this year; you have helped so many people and made a real difference to the community. All the best to you this holiday season and thank you for your continued support into the New Year!

Tesco Supermarket Collection

A huge thank-you to the wonderful customers and staff of Chester City Centre and Sealand Road Tesco for all of your generous help and donations throughout our Christmas collection this year. We received over 2,600kg of food! A special thank-you to all of our fantastic volunteers, including staff from Bank of America and Chester University students, who helped collect donations and handed out shopping lists to customers.



Eaton Hall Fundraising Update

A fantastic £20,000 was raised for West Cheshire Foodbank at the Eaton Hall Charity Open Day in August. Thank you to the Duchess of Westminster for allowing us to host this event and once again a huge thank you to all our volunteers and also to all the people who donated goods and prizes for our raffles. Without your help this would not have been possible. The money has come in at a crucial time in helping our depleting bank account as we seek to move forward with transitioning our foodbank distribution centres into meeting places

If you would like to find out more about how you can help with fundraising, or if you would like to become a "Friend of West Cheshire Foodbank" and sign up to give a small monthly donation you can visit the "Donate Money" and "News" pages of our website.

Reverse Advent Calendar 2017



What We Need Most This Christmas

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

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!*



*please note items donated close to Christmas will not be distributed until the New Year so there is no rush to bring them before January.

Our warehouse is open Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri 9 am – 1pm. Pop by with your donation & say hi ☺

Last day before Christmas – Friday 22nd December 2017
Open 9am-1pm on 28th & 29th December 2017
Closed all the Bank Holidays
Re-opening on Tuesday 2nd January 2018



Some More Ideas From Our Shopping List

- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Pot Noodles
- Tinned Fruit
- Spreads
- Instant Coffee
- Rice Pudding
- Tinned Soup

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It's not too late to get involved with our Reverse Advent Calendar for a way to donate food this Christmas. For information see our poster and follow our twitter and Facebook for updates.



Also a big thank you to Rebecca (centre) for collecting and donating chocolate Advent Calendars and selection boxes for the Foodbank this year. The inclusion of selection boxes allows us maximum flexibility in distributing these donations in the run up to, and over Christmas.

On our Facebook page you can also see pictures of the donations collected by Lauren.

Winter Meeting Places – Holiday Clubs

Winter Meeting Places



Come and join us for a fun filled winter themed event, fun for the whole family during the school holidays!

Activities will include:
Messy Play
Winter Themed Crafts
Christmas Goodness Truffles
Group Games
Free Lunch
And much more!

Listed below are the events "The Welcome Network" are running during this holiday season, as well as those they are supporting. Planned:

- Neston Youth and Community Centre - 4th Jan, 11am - 2pm
- Stanney Grange Community Centre - 5th Jan, 11am - 2pm

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Let them know you are coming by calling 0151 355 0205 or email ashleigh@healthboxcic.com

There are also supported events (through Feeding Britain funding). For more information about these, use the contact details above, or contact Healthbox via their website.

- Upton-by-Chester United Reformed Church, Heath Road - 23rd December 2017
- Blacon Adventure Playground - 25th December 2017
- Westminster Families, Ellesmere Port - 29th December 2017