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Harvest Appeal: Up-date & Thank-you



We'd like to say a HUGE thank you to all the schools, churches, businesses and individuals that have donated for this year's Harvest so far. It really makes a big difference and is an important time of year for our stocks!

If you are planning on, or have already donated to West Cheshire Foodbank this harvest please be sure to tag us on social media (Twitter: @westcheshirefb Facebook: wcfoodbank) so we can share your incredible kindness and encourage others to do the same!

You can find more information and resources for our Harvest Appeal including a ready-made "Collection Point Here" poster on our website. Some of those donating so far include:

Sutton Green Primary School, Holy Trinity, Blacon (with added donations from Arches Primary School), Highfield (Blacon) Community Primary School, Shocklach School, Boughton Heath Academy and Newton Primary School.

Exchange Visit to Leicester Foodbanks



Emma (Operations Coordinator), Kathryn (Ellesmere Port & Neston Development Worker) and Holly (Trustee) took part in a Feeding Britain Exchange visit to Leicester last month.

They visited 3 different independent food aid initiatives around the city in a variety of community settings.

Choice of food for people coming through their doors was a priority for all the projects with a big emphasis on dignity, and making good quality and fresh veg available to people coming through their doors.

For more info about Feeding Britain initiatives visit www.feedingbritain.org

UNIVERSAL CREDIT UP-DATE

Ministers have bowed to widespread pressure and are planning to further delay the roll-out of the Government's flagship welfare reform, Universal Credit. The system - which merges six benefits into one payment - has been beset with problems, often reflected in surges in the use of foodbanks.

The Church of England said the fall-out from the new benefit system was seen at its food banks across the country. More than 30 Anglican bishops have backed a campaign calling for the government to "fix" universal credit. The Labour Opposition has called for the roll-out to be halted.

Anger built further recently when Minister Esther McVey said that "some people will be worse off" under the new system, amid press reports that 3.2 million households could lose £48 a week under the system.

Leaked documents now reveal Government plans to spend hundreds of millions of pounds to prevent existing claimants suffering hardship as they move onto Universal Credit.

The Government was intending to begin moving almost four million people onto Universal Credit from January 2019, initially in small batches. Larger scale movements were due to start next July. Now, initial testing has been pushed back to next summer, and large-scale movement won't begin until November 2020 at the earliest.

The Government has apparently set aside £3.1bn to help people affected by the transition to Universal Credit. However, there are still fears families will face hardship. The architect of the system, Iain Duncan Smith MP, has said it needs a further £2bn cash injection to enable it to work properly. All eyes are on the up-coming Budget for more announcements. Undoubtedly pressure and widespread publicity

around this issue is having an effect on Government policy

ANNUAL TESCO COLLECTION Call For Volunteers



EATON PARK 10k FUNDRAISER

A big thank you to our volunteers Polly and Margaret who ran the Eaton Park 10k recently and raised over £200 for us!

FOOD COLLECTION

29th Nov - 1st Dec

Help support people facing hunger in your community this winter by joining us for the UK's biggest food collection.

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Do you have a couple of hours to spare to help us with our supermarket collection?

We are looking for volunteers to support our Tesco supermarket collections at **Frodsham Street** and **Sealand Road, Chester** on Thursday 29th November, Friday 30th November and Saturday 1st December 2018.

We need volunteers to hand out shopping lists to shoppers as they come into the store and to help collect donations of food as they leave. We aim to have 4 people on duty at all times at both the Frodsham Street store and the Sealand Road store, doing 2 hour slots between 9 am and 5 pm.

All volunteers will be fully briefed. (Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. If you are interested in helping out please e-mail volunteer@westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk or ring on 0151 355 7730