

this month's newsletter:

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Future of Foodbank Event

The trustees would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers, staff, partners and guests who attended and contributed reflections and ideas. It was an interesting and thought-provoking event.

Our volunteers were very responsive to what they heard and we have collected some questions from them. For example:



Photo from @IrinaMartin76 on twitter

"It is difficult to give people time to choose from a selection on table or trolley but also have time to talk to them about their issues / what help they need. How do we reconcile this in a busy session?"

"How can we continue to collect MEANINGFUL information to ensure the campaign about food justice continues WITHOUT the red voucher?"

"I worry that the volunteers who manage the local needs of clients and try to address their needs, are not listened to by the national decision makers."

These will be responded to after discussion at the Trustee Meeting on Friday 5th April

We plan to provide an overview of the event and updates on our development plan in future newsletters. If attendees have any further reflections or ideas they would like to share please send them to admin@westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk

Items Needed

We are currently very low on UHT Milk and UHT Juice in our Warehouse. If you are thinking of donating we would be very grateful if you are able to include these items. Our Warehouse is open from 9am - 1pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please feel free to drop in with your donations. Thanks!



Last Minute Lent Reminder 2019

It's not too late to get involved or catch up!

Lent this year runs from **Wednesday 6th March until Thursday 18th April**.

If you are giving up something this year, why not use the opportunity to support us by passing your saving on. One example would be to donate 40p that you would have spent each day on chocolate, meat, alcohol, cake or whatever, to our 40 for 40 appeal? But don't feel limited to 40p.

All you have to do is find an old jam jar, or similar container, and start collecting! Then bank the contents and send a cheque, preferably together with our Gift Aid Form to:

West Cheshire Foodbank, Unit 3-4 Stanney Mill Industrial Estate, Dutton Green, Chester, CH2 4SA (Cheques made payable to West Cheshire Foodbank – details and Gift Aid Form on the Website)

Another way to support us is to take part in our "**AdLent**" campaign and donate the suggested item of food for each day of Lent. Find the Adlent Calendar specific to our stock needs here: <https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/62/2019/02/ADLent-Calendar.docx>

Alternatively, you can donate online at: westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/donate-money

We appreciate any and all support that you can give. Thank you!

Donation from Mitchell Group



A huge thank you to the Mitchell Group UK based at Stanney Mill Lane, nr Junction 10 of the M53, on the edge of Ellesmere Port (close to our Warehouse) and to their customers for their fantastic and kind donation of £1,300.00 for West Cheshire Foodbank. We were very grateful to once again be chosen as the recipient of the funds raised from their annual carol service at Chester Cathedral!