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The "Other Britain" Report - July 2019

"The 'Other Britain' and the Failure of the Welfare State" is a report produced by two MPs; **Frank Field and Heidi Allen**. Having taken evidence from around the country this 20 page report looks at 7 Key Issues, and makes recommendations in relation to each.

The Key Issues examined are:

- The Benefits Freeze introduced by the Government in April 2016
- The impact of the roll-out of Universal Credit
- Medical Assessments and Personal Independence Payments (PIP)
- People who have no Recourse to Public Funds
- Job Centres
- The Gig Economy and the Working Poor



The section on Universal Credit looks in detail at the 5 week wait for payments and the advance payment system, 3rd Party deductions and Social Loans, Sanctions and finally Work Capability Assessments.

The Report can be viewed here:

<https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/62/2019/07/The-Other-Britain-June-2019-1-002.pdf>

Chester Business Club Donation



We have received a donation cheque for £400 from Chester Business Club. The money was donated at their AGM / Charity Cheque Dinner at the Slowboat Restaurant in Chester on 1st July. We would like to thank them for their continuing support for the Foodbank.

Charity Walk Reminder

Why not raise funds for West Cheshire Foodbank by

joining the Chester Business Club Charity Walk on Sunday 15th September 2019, and getting your friends to sponsor you. You can get more information and register on the Chester Business Club website here: <https://www.chesterbusinessclub.co.uk/events/2019-cbc-charity-walk/>

Justin Madders MP - Foodbank Collection

We would like to thank Justin Madders, MP for Ellesmere Port & Neston, for the collection he under-took outside Ellesmere Port ASDA on Saturday 27th July, under the banner of his Ellesmere Port Giving Day. Justin, along with local Councillors, has undertaken several collections like this. (The Photo shows Justin with Cllrs Michael Edwardson and Peter Wheeler). On top of these special collections ASDA is one of four Ellesmere Port supermarkets that have collection points for the Foodbank - the others being Morrison's, and Sainsbury's at both Cheshire Oaks and Neston.



Jazzectomy Fundraiser for Foodbank

Jazzectomy are holding their annual Chester Bandstand concert on Saturday 24th August (2pm - 5pm) at the Groves' Bandstand, beside the River Dee in Chester. They will be raising money for West Cheshire Foodbank! So why not pop along and support them if you can.

For more information visit their Facebook page below!

<https://www.facebook.com/Jazzectomy/>



Pop-Up Cooking - Updated Booklet

We have now updated our "Pop-Up Cooking Recipe and advice Booklet" on our website!

To view the updated recipes follow this link:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UYHhbUqWQGixH4enZI25Bme14ggvt_7/view

To read more about our work with Pop-Up Cooking, teaching people how to make cheap,

nutritious meals, you can visit this page on our website - which includes a link to the above file: <https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/pop-up-cooking/>

