

Newsletter



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A new direction..

As we await the action our new Labour government will take in its first 100 days in power, we would like to thank everyone who supported our campaign efforts in the run up to the election.

With the Trussell Trust we have worked to highlight the experiences many of our clients go through in the quest for a fairer social security system.

And with your help, such as asking questions at hustings or sharing your views on our tablecloth, we ensured the new Newcastle MP Adam Jogee and Stoke North MP David Williams had a better understanding of what the Essential Guarantee is.

There are some signs of positive action by the new Labour government. And while we and the Trussell Trust continue to call for that Essentials Guarantee – a promise that Universal Credit will be calculated at a rate that covers life's basic essentials according to a realistic measure – the King's Speech set out some proposals that we believe will support our clients and contribute to a future without the need for foodbanks:

- A new deal for working people to tackle exploitative zero hours contracts
- The end to no fault evictions
- More decision making at a local level
- A bill to enable local leaders to take control of bus services.



We believe these are small but important steps towards tackling poverty and destitution. In addition, Prime Minister Kier Starmer has now launched a ministerial taskforce to begin work on a child poverty strategy. While the removal of the two-child benefit cap – something the Trussell Trust called for in its manifesto – remains controversial the new child poverty unit will look to address the root causes of poverty. The King's Speech however did not address the future of the Household Support Fund, and Trussell Trust is calling now for an extension to the scheme.

Sumi Rabindrakumar, Head of Policy and Research at Trussell Trust said: "We know change is needed now. While it may not have been for the King's Speech, the UK Government's first Budget is a time for urgent action to protect people's incomes. At the last count, the Trussell Trust's community of food banks provided 3.1 million food parcels across the UK in a single year. The Household Support Fund, which helps councils provide local crisis support ends in September. Winter awaits. Meanwhile, the public expect change and are likely to grow weary of announcements that feel remote from their daily lives.

"We know there are fiscal constraints. But there are relatively low-cost steps that would make a real difference to people's lives and ease the burden on our other creaking public services like health and education. Extending the Household Support Fund, blunting the impact of deductions from benefits and the benefit cap through a protected minimum floor in Universal Credit, and extending financial support for private renters are three simple, targeted and effective measures to help people keep their head above water.

"The UK Government says it stands for change. Let the people see it."

Helping Local People In Crisis

Newcastle Staffs Foodbank

Ukelymies while you shop!

The www.ukulymies.com played at **Morrisons** in Milehouse Lane on 6th July 2024 They were raising money to support Newcastle-Staffs Foodbank with the help of Irene and Pebbles!



They raised an incredible £254.80! Thank you so much for all your support, and the people who donated while they were there! If you missed them, or would just like to hear them again, they will be playing in Asda, Wolstanton on 7th September, 12-2pm.

New booking

We have a booking to play at ASDA Wolstanton on **7th September 12-2pm** to raise money for



Tesco Food Drive

We will be holding a food drive at Tesco in Kidsgrove, on Friday 9th August 2024. So keep an eye out for us on the day, and every donation matters, no matter how big or how small. It will all help those in our communities who need help.

If you would like to volunteer on the day, please contact our office on 07519 159061 or email info@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk Thank you!



Our donations have remained steady, and thanks go to all our donors who keep us topped up week by week, but the need has increased to the extent that our surplus is much reduced, and we are having to plug the gap by purchasing more and more to ensure that we can continue to provide balanced food parcels.

Our current shortages are below. If you are able to boost our stocks of any of these things, we would be really grateful. You could drop off at our new premises on Mondays between 2 and 4pm, or Wednesdays between 10am and 12noon – we'd happily show you around our new space too!

If you can share our appeals on social media too, that would be much appreciated!

Connect with us!

Instagram - @newcastlestaffsfoodbank

Twitter - @NewcStaffsFB

Facebook - @NewcastleUnderLymeBoroughFoodbank

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| Tinned Cold Meat | Tinned Fruit |
| Rice Pudding | Tinned Fish |
| Custard | Tinned Veg |
| Pasta Sauce | Noodles |
| Jam | Chocolate Bars |

We want to see a future where foodbanks aren't needed and we know that together, we can make that happen.

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