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Newsletter

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Volunteers needed for our upcoming food collection

Volunteers are needed to support us with our Summer Food Drive at Tesco, our dates for 2016 are:

Thursday June 30th 9am – 5pm

Friday July 1st 9am - 5pm

Saturday July 2nd 9am – 5pm

Tesco Kidsgrove, Liverpool Rd, Kidsgrove, Stoke-on-Trent ST7 1DX and Tesco Trent Vale 291 Newcastle Rd, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 6PL



Could you help for even an hour? Volunteers can hand out shopping lists, talk to shoppers or simply help stack food on the day.

If you can help with an hour or more at either Tesco Kidsgrove or Tesco Trent Vale please contact Steph on 07519159061 or Peter on 07599124886 or email info@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk

Thanks!

“ *There’s a deep sense of satisfaction when volunteering at a foodbank collection...* ”

Volunteers needed!

Join our team of volunteers. You can volunteer anything from a few hours a week... We really value any contribution you make, your time and skills could be just what we need. We want you to enjoy volunteering and there are lots of ways to get involved. Whatever role you choose; you will make a real difference to the life of someone in crisis.

Can you help at a local Foodbank?

Here’s an example of how you can help working in a foodbank centre: Meet clients and give out food parcels. Have an informal chat with clients over a cup of tea, to discuss their situation and signpost to further support.

Contact Steph on 07519159061 for more information or email volunteering@newcastlestaffs.foodbank.org.uk



IN OTHER NEWS



Thanks to the Coop Butt Lane for your amazing donation of 14 kg of Bananas! Your fantastic gift was appreciated by the visitors to Newcastle Foodbank. Laurie centre lead and volunteers pictured above



Anna from Kidsgrove foodbank handing out carbon monoxide monitors. Newcastle Staffs Foodbank are taking part in a pilot with Trussell Trust and the National Grid. We are providing clients with free carbon monoxide alarms for their homes.

Current Shortages

Custard
Long Life Fruit Juice
Tinned Fruit
Small Sugar
Small Coffee
Toiletries

Trussell Trust says that one million three-day food supplies in a year must not become the new normal

1,109,309 That's the amount of three-day emergency food supplies our network of 424 foodbanks gave out to people in crisis during 2015/16, with 415,866 of those having gone to children.

It's a 2% increase on the figures released this time last year, when we first crossed the one million mark. And it's happened again. One million three-day food supplies given out by our foodbanks every year is one million too many. This must not become the new normal. As a society, we need to listen to the experiences of people facing hunger and poverty, and work together to find solutions to this problem.

Kane and his wife Chelsea were both working professionals, but when his mental health deteriorated and there were complications with her pregnancy, they were both temporarily unable to work. Kane said:

"We never expected to need a foodbank, but our lives completely changed in two months. Just five minutes to breathe can really make all the difference, that's why foodbanks are such a lifeline."

Benefit delays and changes remain the biggest cause of foodbank use, which is reinforced by new research from the University of Hull that gives a fresh insight into UK hunger by mapping foodbank data against census data.

While The Trussell Trust foodbank figures prove that the numbers of people hitting a crisis where they cannot afford to buy food are still far too high, we want to thank you for your support in helping us respond to their crisis. *Best wishes*
The Trussell Trust team

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