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Annual Chester Tesco Collection - Call for Volunteers



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**

Reverse Advent Calendar

Want to support us this December? Why not try a reverse advent calendar! Add an item to a box for each day of advent this year and donate them at the end!

Visit the “news” section of our website for all the information needed including: the poster, shopping list of items needed and our opening hours over the holiday season.

<https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/2018/11/08/reverse-advent-calendar-2018/>

Volunteer Celebration

We had a great evening at St Thomas's Church, Ellesmere Port, celebrating and thanking all our fantastic volunteers for the wonderful work they do, week in and week out, to support those in need in our community. Special thanks to Win and Kathryn for putting on an amazing meal and local band Borderline for providing the night's entertainment.



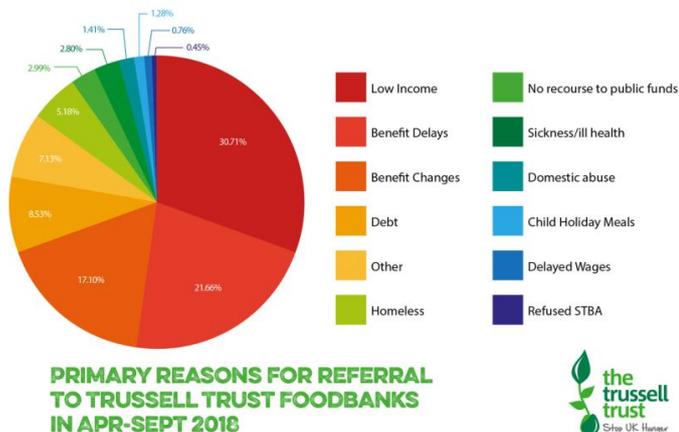
Trussell Trust Mid-Year Statistics

ACTION STILL NEEDED ON UNIVERSAL CREDIT WAITING TIME, AS NEW FIGURES SHOW A 13% INCREASE IN FOODBANK USE COMPARED TO THIS TIME LAST YEAR

The Trussell Trust's foodbank network provided 658,048 emergency supplies to people in crisis between April and September 2018, a 13% increase on the same period in 2017. The charity says if the five week minimum wait for a first Universal Credit payment is not reduced, the only way to prevent even more people being forced to foodbanks this winter is to pause all new claims for Universal Credit.

You can read the full article on the Trussell Trust Website:

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/2018/11/06/action-still-needed-universal-credit-wait/>



NUMBER OF THREE-DAY EMERGENCY FOOD SUPPLIES GIVEN BY TRUSSELL TRUST FOODBANKS



Trustee Job Vacancies

Do you have what it takes to help us develop our future transition plans? Are you willing to volunteer your time and experience for your local foodbank?

We are looking for two new Trustees with specific skill sets to join our existing dedicated team to help shape how our Foodbank moves forward. Specifically:

1. Chair of Trustees - for more information call Ian Oulton on 07872 591575

2. Trustee (oversight of Marketing and Communication activities) - for more information and/or call Holly White on 07545 814298

If you are interested, please email us with your CV and covering comments to admin@westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk

DEADLINE IS 19th NOVEMBER 2018

Ellesmere Port Giving Day



Ellesmere Port & Neston MP, Justin Madders has thanked local residents for their generosity after 170kg of food was donated by local residents to the West Cheshire Foodbank at his latest "Ellesmere Port Giving Day."

The event, which was held at the Ellesmere Port Asda store on Saturday 13th October, was held in response to our West Cheshire Foodbank "Harvest Appeal". A number of volunteers joined Justin at the event, including local Labour Party members and Councillor Mike Edwardson.

To read the rest of the article plus a comment from Justin, you can visit Justin's website:

<https://www.justinmadders.com/news/2018/10/25/justin-thanks-generous-residents-following-successful-foodbank-collection/>