
FOOD BANKS

How they work

During these challenging times of Covid-19, Foodbanks are all offering revised services and each foodbank will be slightly different and what they offer might vary over time. As the guideline for lockdown and social distancing are updated by the government daily, we would advise contacting the hub nearest to you for guidance and support in accessing their services.

From the Trussell Trust

Care professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers, CAB and police identify people in crisis and issue them with a foodbank voucher. Foodbanks partner with a wide range of care professionals who are best placed to assess and make sure that it is genuine. Some foodbanks also run a rural delivery service, which takes emergency food boxes to clients living in rural areas who cannot afford to get to a foodbank.

People cannot self-refer to receive food. Each food bank works with different front-line professionals, such as doctors, social workers and the citizens advice bureau. They make referrals to the food bank using a voucher.

There may be a limit to the number of times each person can use the foodbank.

Telephone: 01722 580 180

Email: enquiries@trusselltrust.org

Visit: www.trusselltrust.org

Useful links

Accessing vouchers:

Visit: <https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/emergency-food/food-vouchers/>

Food parcels:

Visit: <https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/emergency-food/food-parcel/>

The Community Emergency Foodbanks

Here is the link to their new referral system:

Visit: <https://forms.gle/gSFBamcVqNyqi2Yk7>

Please complete this and return to them. Any sensitive information i.e. addresses, and telephone numbers will be deleted after food has been delivered to a person's door. For the time being, they will be doing deliveries on Tuesdays and Fridays starting on Friday 3rd April. Please contact them if you have any questions.

Unfortunately, it is not possible for people to 'self-refer' through the contact details. All referrals must come through statutory and non-statutory agencies.

Telephone: 01993 810622

Mobile: 07935771843

Email: info@cefoxford.co.uk

Visit: www.cefoxford.co.uk (On their home page, it has the latest updated regarding COVID-19).

SOFEA

If you are genuinely in need of an emergency food package, we can direct you to one of our Community Larders.

Facebook: SOFEACommunityLarder

Email: communitylarder@sofea.uk.com

Some more information through their website: <https://www.sofea.uk.com/>

The aim is to help people through a crisis, so there is a limit of about three parcels delivered per person/family in any 12-month period (They are only able to help people with access to cooking facilities).

To use the foodbank, you will need to be referred by a professional from one of the following agencies **(it is not possible to self-refer)**:

- All Social services departments
- All Health centres/Surgeries
- Oxford City Council Support workers
- Thames Valley Police/Probation
- Housing Associations
- Charities working with vulnerable people
- Crisis Teams
- Children Centres
- Asylum Welcome/Refugee support groups
- Homeless support workers/charities
- Job Centre plus
- Employment training schemes
- Sheltered Housing schemes
- School Welfare Officers
- Advice Centres
- Churches

Cherwell & West Banbury Foodbank

Telephone: 01295 661304

Email: info@banbury.foodbank.org.uk

Visit: <https://banbury.foodbank.org.uk/>

Bicester Foodbank

Telephone: 01869 357181

Email: info@bicester.foodbank.org.uk

Visit: <https://bicester.foodbank.org.uk/>

North Oxfordshire Community Foodbank

Our aim is to provide food parcels to people within the Kidlington, Woodstock, Chipping Norton and Charlbury area.

Telephone: 07929 721172

Email: admin@northoxfordshirecommunityfoodbank.org.uk

Visit: www.northoxfordshirecommunityfoodbank.org.uk

Oxfordshire West Foodbank (Witney)

Telephone: 01993 890000

Email: info@witney.foodbank.org.uk

Visit: <https://witney.foodbank.org.uk>

To get you food vouchers these services can help:

Citizens Advice, Witney:

Visit: <https://citizensadvicewestoxon.org/home/contact/>

Telephone: 0300 330 9049

Connection Support, Witney:

Visit: <https://www.connectionsupport.org.uk/oxfordshire/>

Telephone: 01865 711267

Turning Point, Witney:

Visit: <http://wellbeing.turning-point.co.uk/oxfordshire/hubs/witney-hub/>

Telephone: 01993 849 405

Email: oxfordshire@turning-point.co.uk

Base 33, Witney:

Visit: www.base33.org.uk

Contact: <http://www.base33.org.uk/contact/>

South & Vale

Abingdon Emergency Foodbank

Referring agencies that hold vouchers explained when you make contact:

Telephone: 01235 539172

Email: foodbank@cca.uk.net

Visit: www.abingdonfoodbank.org/

Abingdon Foodbank North

Referral needed and food voucher, contact the foodbank for more details.

Address: Christ Church
Northcourt Road
Abingdon
OX14 1PL

Telephone: 07562 247443

Opening times: Tuesday and Friday 11-1

Email: info@abingdon.foodbank.org.uk

Abingdon Foodbank South

Referral needed and food voucher, contact the foodbank for more details.

Address:

Preston Road Community Centre

Midget Close

Abingdon

OX14 5NR

Opening times:

Wednesday: 13:30-14:30

Telephone: 07562 247443

Email: info@abingdon.foodbank.org.uk

Website for both foodbanks: <https://abingdon.foodbank.org.uk>

Didcot Emergency Foodbank

Visit: www.didcotbaptist.org.uk/mission/local-activities/emergency-foodbank.php

Contact the Church Office: 01235 813187.

Currently, they are running an answerphone response service.

Email: office@didcotbaptist.org.uk

You can use the contact form on their website too:

<https://www.didcotbaptist.org.uk/contact-us/-4254.php>

Current Referrers

To access food vouchers, you will need to have been referred via one of these agencies:

Housing Associations: A2 Dominion Housing; Greensquare Ltd Housing Association; Sovereign Housing Association; Stonham The Hagbournes.

Schools: All Saints Primary School; Aureus Primary School; Aureus Secondary School; Butterflies Pre-School at Stephen Freemans School; Gems Didcot Primary Academy; Harwell School; Ladygrove Primary School; Manor School; Northbourne School; Ridgeway Education

Trust (Didcot Girls School, St Birinus School, Sutton Courtenay Junior School); Stephen Freeman School; Willowcroft School.

Health providers: Didcot Health Centre (doctors); Early Intervention Service Oxford; Family Nurse Partnership; Oxford; Oxf Health Visitors @ Didcot Health Centre; Oxf Health Visitors @ Oaktree Health Centre; Woodlands Medical Centre; Older Adults CMHE (South Oxfordshire mental health services); South (Didcot) Adult Mental Health Team; Wallingford Hospital Community Midwives.

OCC/SODC: Didcot Children & Family Centre (OCC); OCC South Rapid Response Team (Adult Social Care); Oxfordshire Childrens Services (Children & Families Assessment); SODC: South & Vale Housing Advice Team; Tenancy Sustainment Team Oxford City Council; Thames Valley Community Rehabilitation Company (probation service).

Churches: All Saints Church; Didcot Baptist Church; Didcot Methodist; Fleet Meadow Baptist; Libby Hawkness-Smith, Gt Western Park Community Chaplain; St Matthews Harwell.

Voluntary Organisations (Adults): Age UK Oxfordshire; Christians Against Poverty (CAP); Connection Floating Support; Elmore Community Services; Migrant Help Victims of Slavery Support Service; MIND; Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Service; Red Cross Abingdon Refugee Support; Restore; Refuge: Reducing the Risk IDVA Services; Rethink Carers Support Services; Turning Point.

Voluntary Organisations (Children/Families): Balsam Family Trust; Home Start South Oxfordshire; South & Vale Carers - Be Free Young Carers; TRAIN.

Faringdon

The Faringdon Family Centre Foodbank is a practical, community-based project, organized by local churches. Referrals to the food bank are made by several agencies including the family centre and local churches. Faringdon Children's Centre, benefits agencies plus local schools & the health centre.

Contact details and addresses for local churches (including Faringdon Baptist Church) are available online:

Email: foodbank@ctfaringdon.org.uk

Opening and contact information

The food bank is open as normal on **Monday and Wednesday 10am to 12pm** in the Pump House. The building is locked so you need to call ahead. **Telephone:** 07548 535855. Please leave a message or text. **This number is monitored during opening hours only.**

The food bank is a referral service, so you can be referred by:

Faringdon Churches, Sovereign Housing, GP, Social Services, Citizens Advice, The Place or Wastage Independent Advice Service.

Aylesbury Foodbank (4 locations)

Telephone: 01296 395514

Email: info@aylesbury.foodbank.org.uk

Visit: <https://aylesbury.foodbank.org.uk>

Here are the opening times and locations for their foodbank centres:

<https://aylesbury.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>

Everyone who comes to the foodbank for emergency food, needs to have a valid foodbank voucher.

During the time of the coronavirus outbreak, if you unable to access the usual means of obtaining a foodbank voucher, please contact Bucks Local Emergency Support Team, either at here:

<https://www.bucksc.gov.uk/services/business-and-benefits/apply-for-local-emergency-support/>

Telephone: 01296 382 414

During office hours, or on their out of hours number in an **emergency, Telephone:** 0800 999 7677.

Thame Area Foodbank

The Thame foodbank provides emergency supplies of essential food items to those in our community who are struggling financially.

In these times of Covid-19, we would recommend contacting them once you have your food vouchers or checking on their website for updates.

Sharing LifeLine:

Telephone: 030020 10212 / 07541 299010

Email: info@sharinglifetrust.org

Visit: www.sharinglifetrust.org/foodbank/

They recommend downloading the foodbank app, via the app store to get the most recent updates.

Working in partnership with CAB, Thame Town Council, churches, and the children's centre.

Wantage & Grove Foodbank

Wantage and Grove Food Bank is a practical, community-based project organised by local churches which provides food parcels to those in our area. The Food Bank is intended to provide short-term emergency help to people who find themselves for whatever reason (for example job-loss, benefit problems, ill-health etc.) unable to feed themselves or their families.

Visit: <https://www.wantageandgrovefoodbank.org.uk/>

Address: Wantage Methodist Church, Newbury Street, Wantage, Oxfordshire OX12 8DA

How to get a food parcel if you are an individual living in Wantage, Grove or nearby area:

If you need a food parcel, you must first contact or visit one of the 'referral agencies' listed below, giving your name, address and contact number if you have one. You will be asked for a brief reason why you need the parcel and when you will be at home to receive it.

Referral Agencies

Telephone: 01235 765348

Email: help@wantageadvice.org.uk

Social Services

Job Centers

Your doctors' surgery

Your health worker

Your local church: **Visit:** www.wantageandgrovechurchpartnership.org.uk

Charities working with people/families in need

Apply for a food parcel

Email: wantageandgrovefoodbank@gmail.com

The Food Bank will need

- The client's name
- Their address and contact number if possible
- The number of adults and children to be catered for
- A brief reason for the parcel
- Whether the client will need a repeat parcel in a week's time
- An idea of when the client is at home to receive the parcel

Wantage and Grove Food Bank will usually try to deliver the parcel within twenty-four hours, but not on Saturdays or Sundays.

Referring agencies may like to receive the Wantage and Grove Food Bank news emails, which can be requested from:

Email: wantageandgrovefoodbank@gmail.com.