

Need Project Report

May 2013



"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat"

[Matthew 25:35]

Serving Jesus in His most distressing disguise

This report covers the work of The Need Project which has been involved in working across Central Bedfordshire in food provision



Purpose

This report has been compiled to provide our supporters and referral agencies an overview of the extent and growth rate of the project this year.

The information provided maintains our clients confidentially, but does reveal the shocking statistics on the levels of food poverty we with your support are seeking to address across our region.

Who we are

The Need Project exists to provide a Christian response for people in our communities who are facing various situations of need.

The project is run by members of Kings Baptist Church Stotfold and Flitwick Baptist Church.

We respond to situations of need via confidential referrals processes from multiple agencies and care workers across central Bedfordshire.

All our delivery teams are CRB checked, approved by the leadership teams of the partner churches and have signed confidentiality agreements.

Our Aim

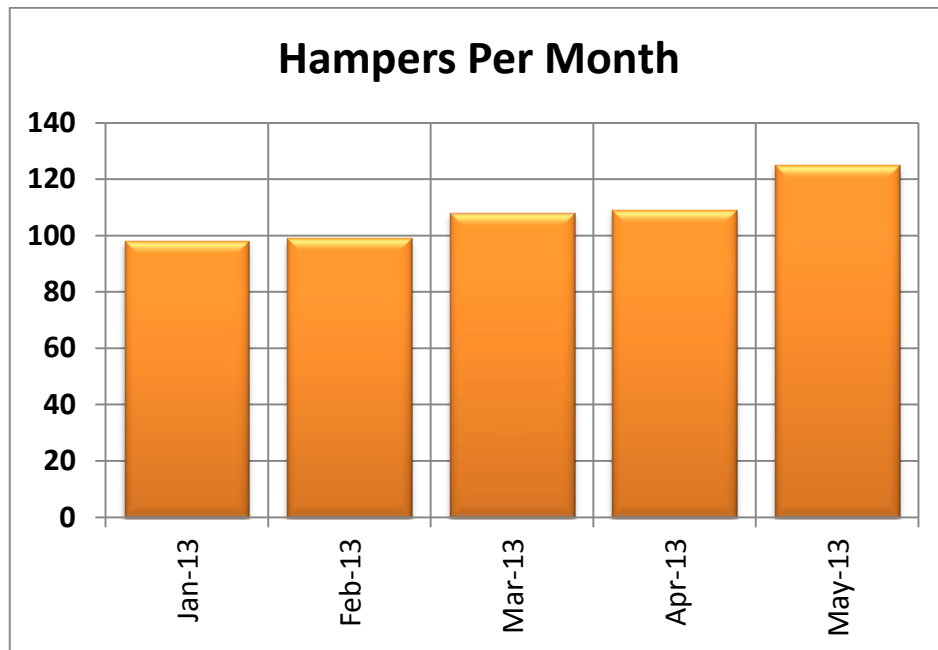
We, through God's grace and provision, commit ourselves to be Christ to all who receive from us, all who listen to us and all who see us, so that the love of Jesus is received and not just heard about. Through Jesus we can do all things.

How we operate

The Need Project has a system of networks that have been developed as the project has grown. We rely on the network of donors who generously support the project with food and funds, and the network of care workers and agencies that connect us with hungry people who we bring your food too.



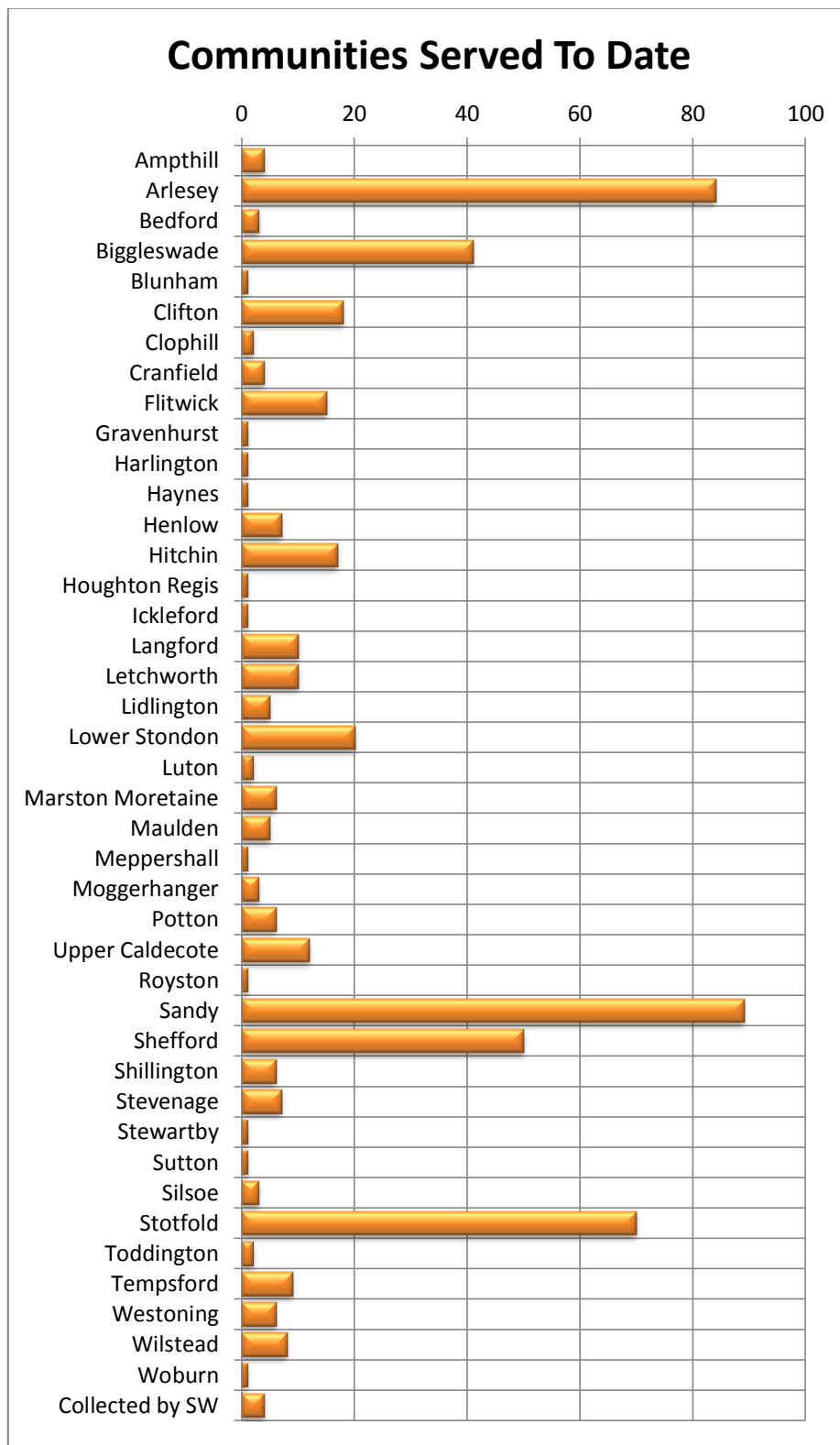
How much have we taken out?



Overall these figures represent a huge 124% increase since last year. We fully expect this awful trend will continue to rise. This is a very sad indictment on our society in 2013 when children and families do not know where their next meal is coming from.

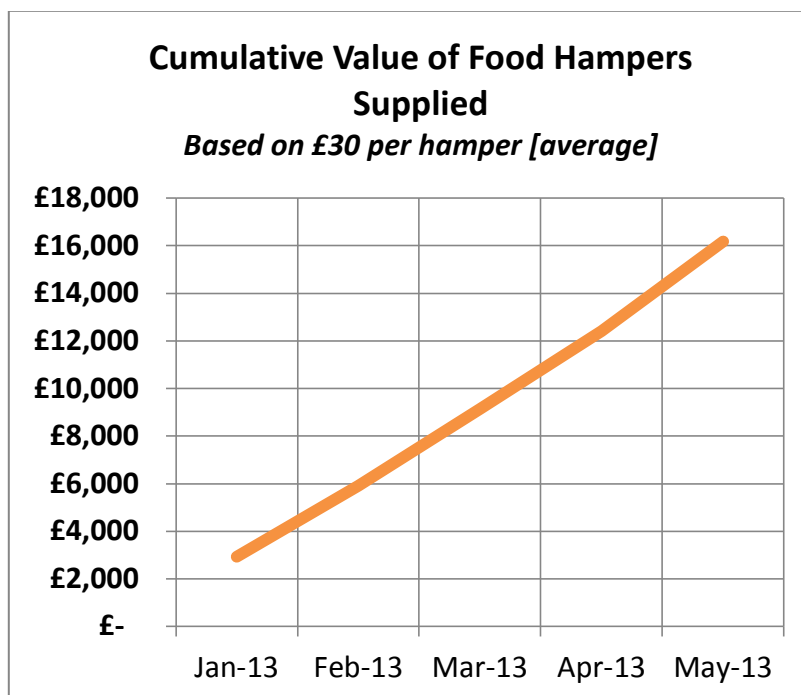
Without the grace of God and your help these people would go hungry.

Where we have been?



You can see that we have covered a lot of ground across Central Bedfordshire and beyond this year, you will also see where the hotspots are.

What is the value of all this food?



This figure is over £16,000 so far this year, and is but one measure of your support, whether you have donated 1 tin or 1 tonne of food your continued generosity and the grace of God alone enables us to meet the needs of our neighbours.

On behalf of the Need Project Team, thank you.

Please pass this report on to anyone who would be interested in the work of the Need Project.

You can contact The Need Project on:
Gordon Hamilton, Mob: 07952 765 302

PS: As the welfare reforms are being rolled out across the UK, Central Bedfordshire Council has put together an information pack to help those involved.

You can access this via this link:

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/money-and-benefits/apply-for-benefits/localwelfareprovision/localwelfareprovision.aspx>