

# Need Project Report

## January 2014



***"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.

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 Flitwick Baptist Church, Sandy Baptist Church and Shefford Baptist Church.

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

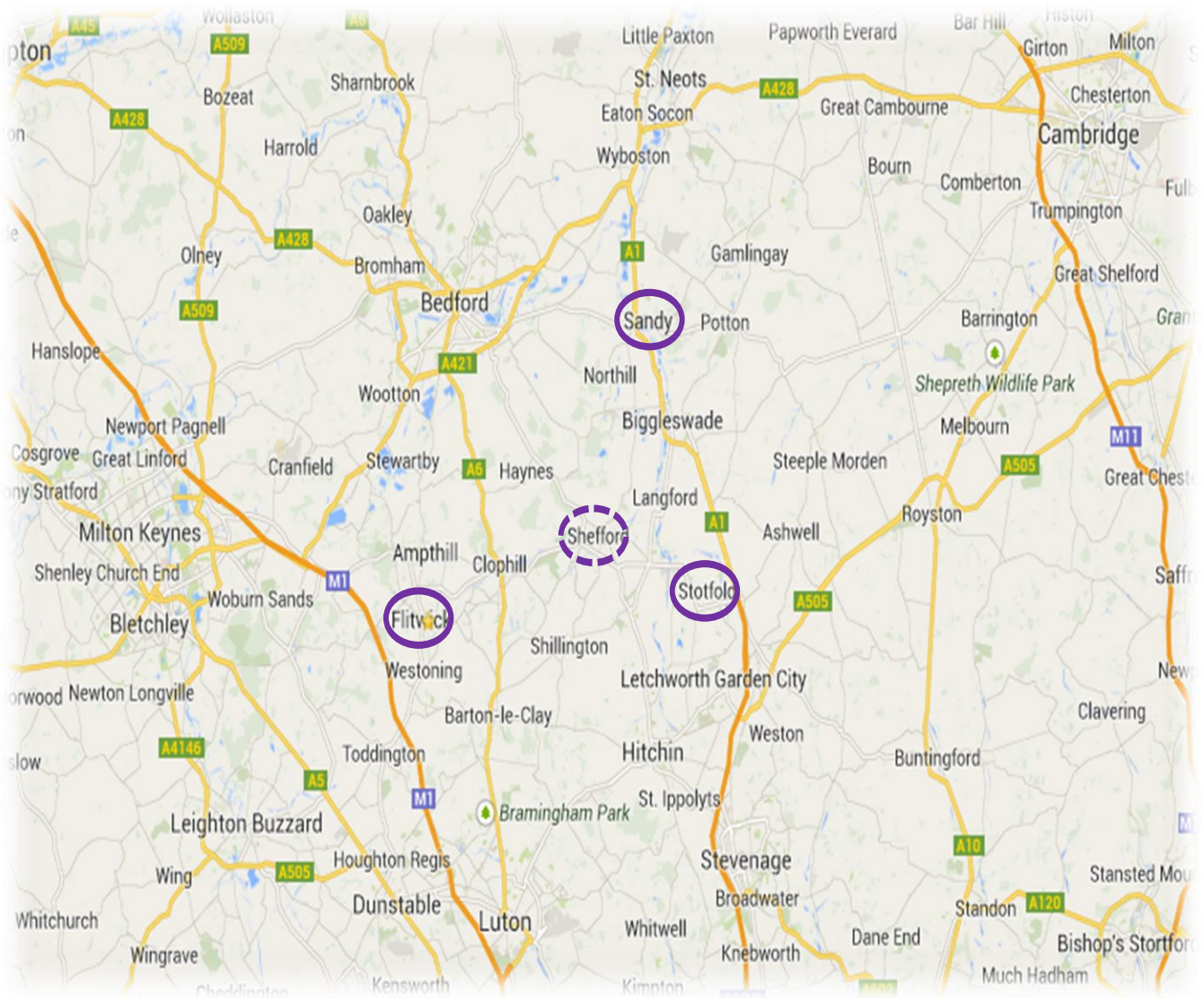
All our delivery teams are CRB checked, approved by the leadership teams of the partner churches and have signed confidentiality agreements.

## ***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.

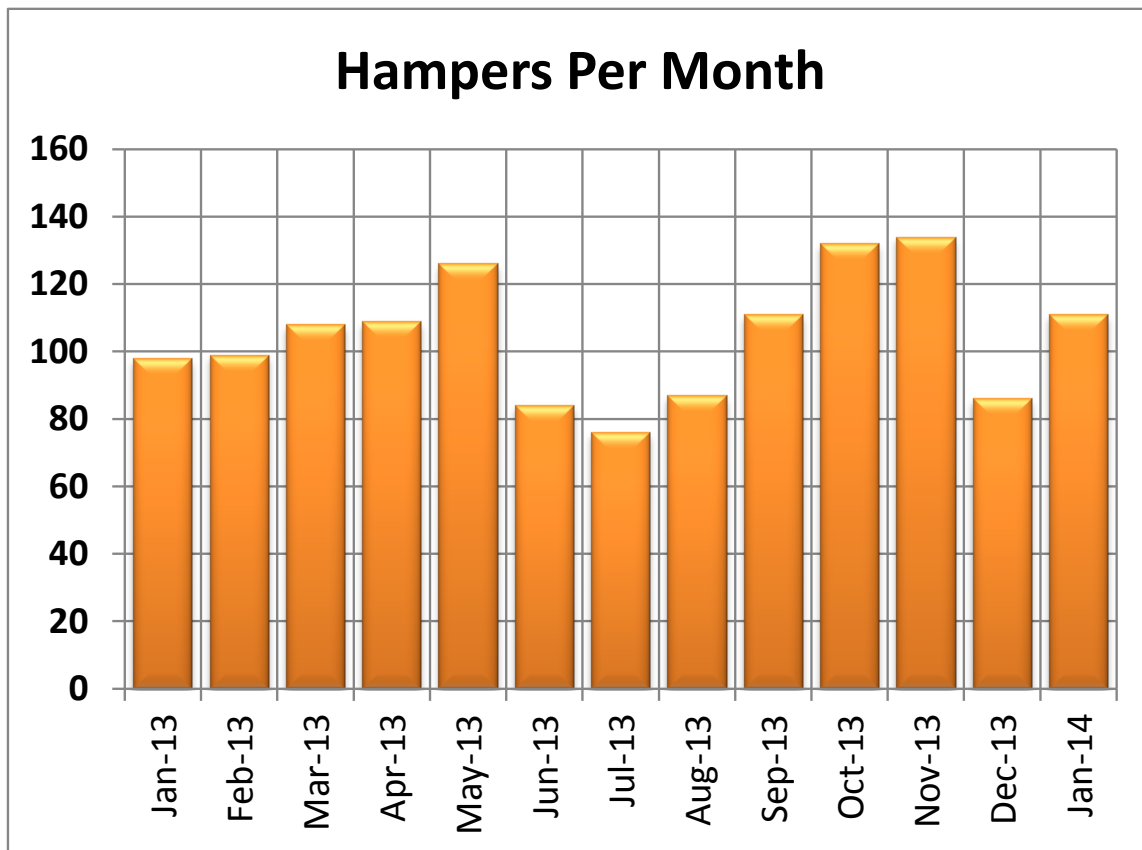
## How we operate

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.



Currently we have three distribution “hubs” highlighted on the map, with a fourth “Shefford” due to start soon.

## How much have we taken out?



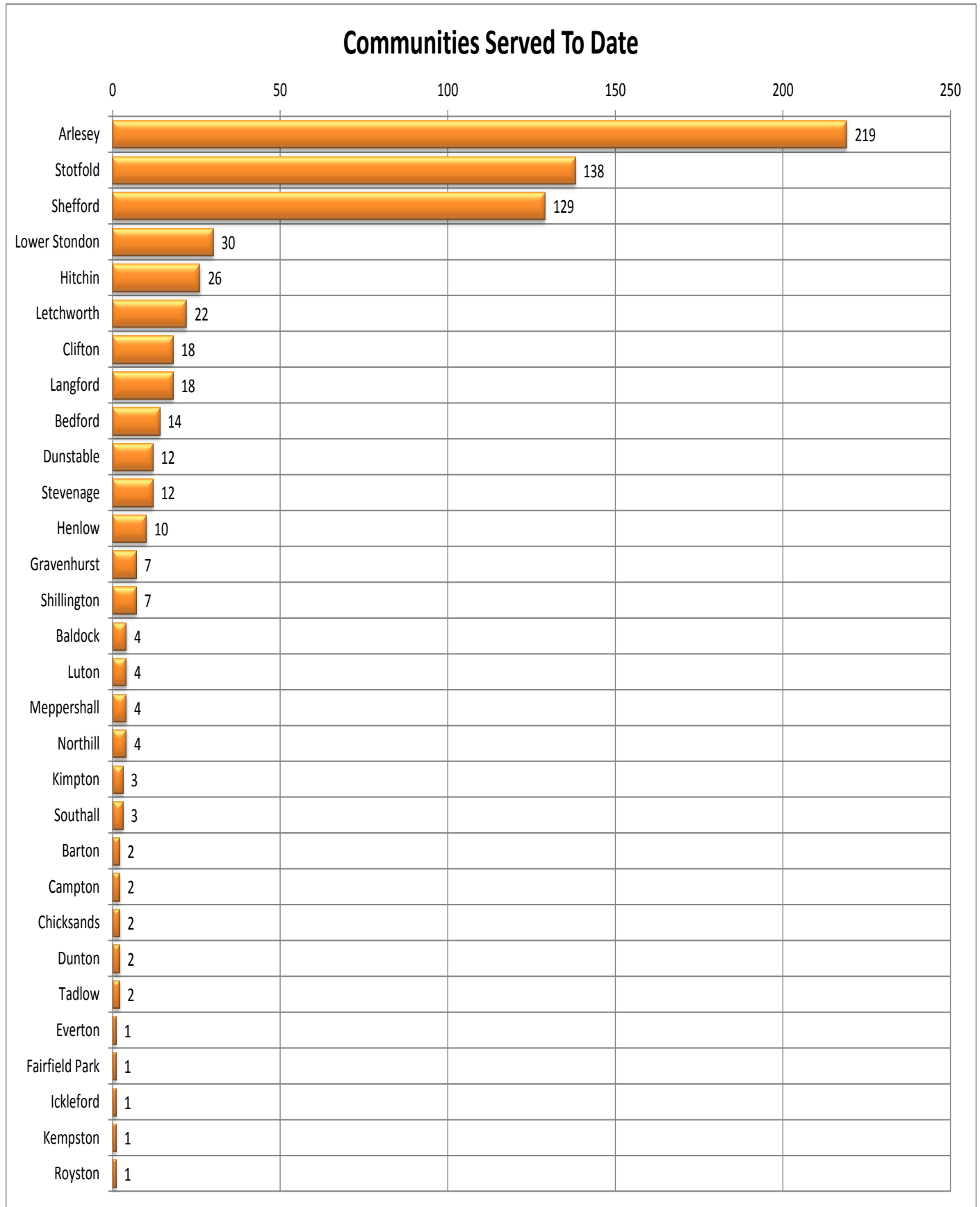
The December 2013 data does not include the Christmas Hampers, which amounted to 280 in total which is roughly £12,600 worth of food. We are amazed at God's wonderful provision through you that made such a difference to many many families across our region.

The table below shows the growing need, with a running average of 74% increase.

	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14
KBC	90	87	93	98	102	68	68	78	94	118	113	256	85
FBC	8	12	14	11	33	16	8	9	18	14	21	40	27
<b>Totals</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>112</b>
<b>% Growth</b>	<b>123%</b>	<b>148%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>137%</b>	<b>141%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>14%</b>

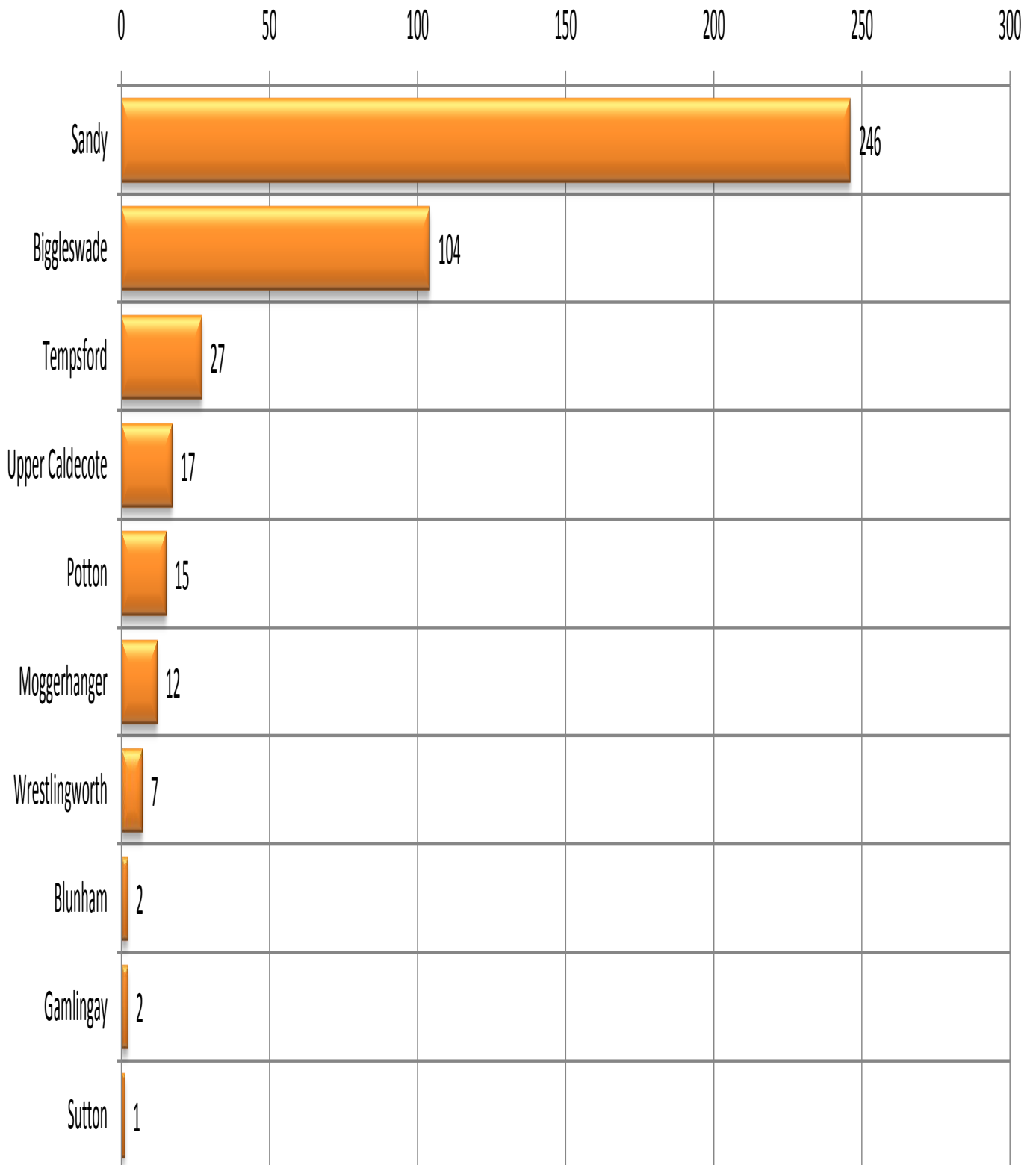
# Communities Served By Each Distribution Hub from January 2013.

## Stotfold



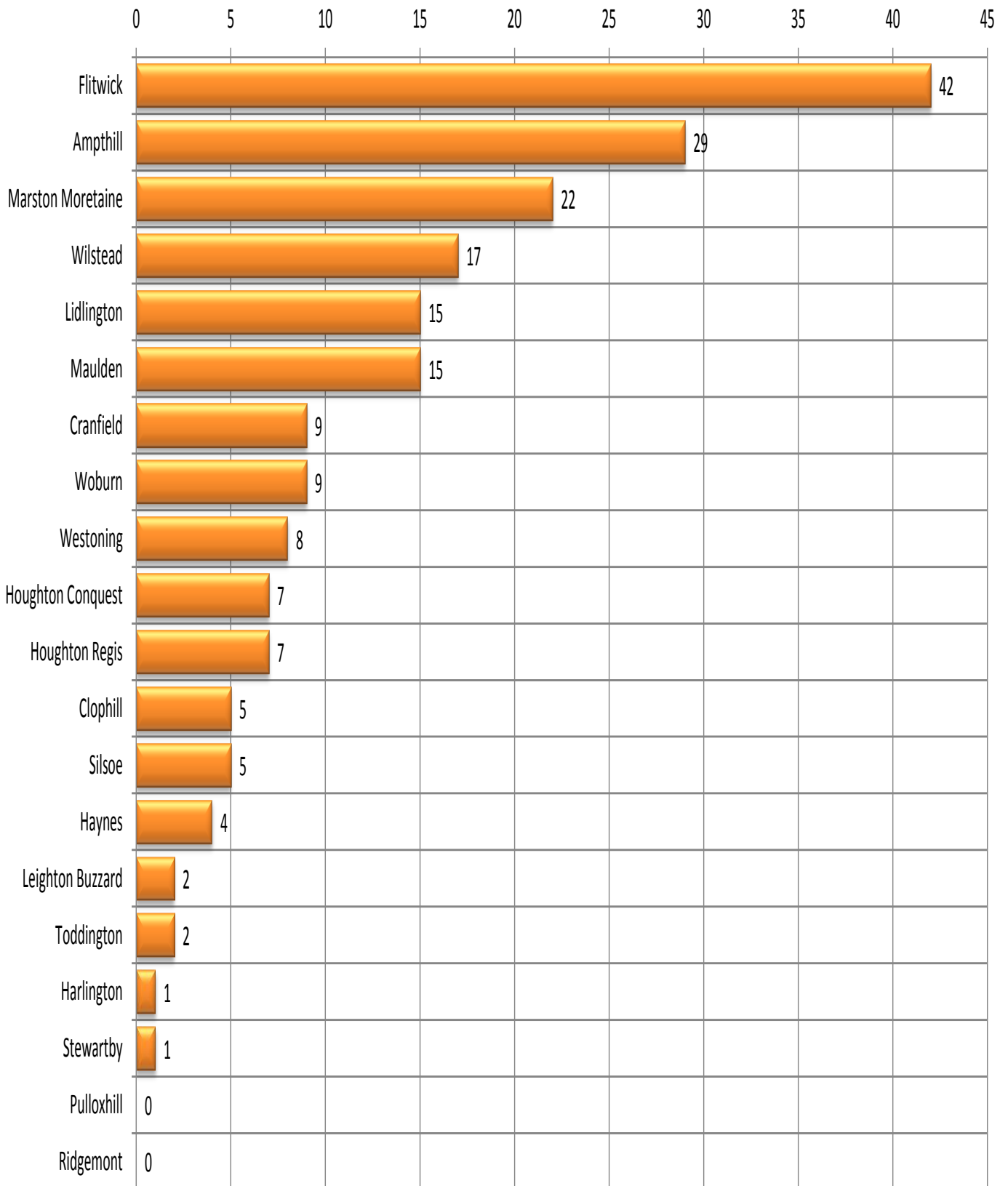
# Sandy

## Communities Served To Date

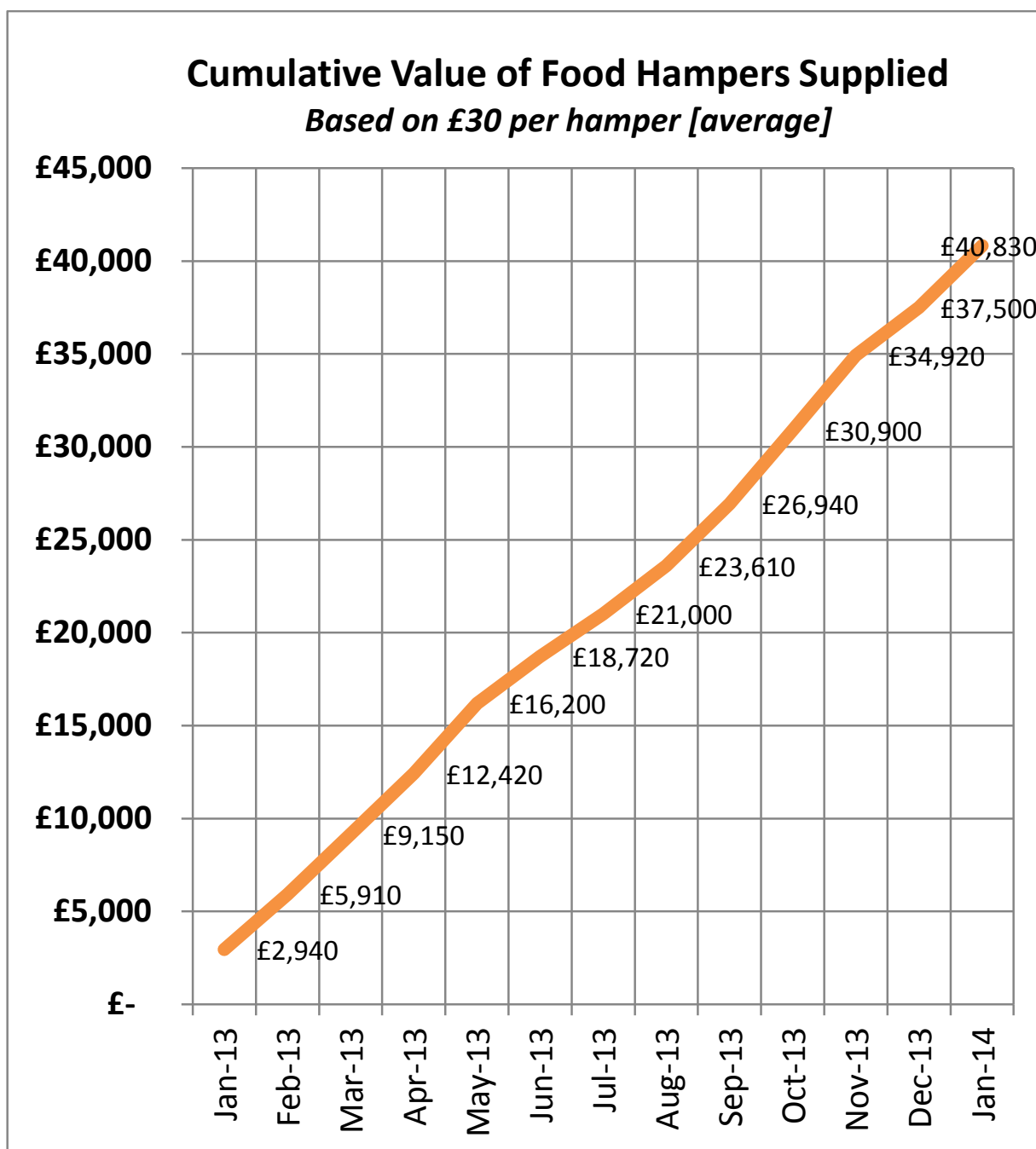


# Flitwick

## Communities Served To Date



## Value of the Food Given Out



## Adults & Children Served

Month / Year	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Σ
Adults	161	107	103	110	160	166	159	115	146	1227
Children	135	100	107	108	126	165	124	109	129	1103



## ***New Referral Form***

As part of our ongoing improvement plans we will be asking all our referral agencies to use our new form [in draft] which is shown below.

### **Need Project Referral Form**



#### **Agency Details**

<b>Referring Agency:</b>	
<b>Referring Agent's Name:</b>	
<b>Telephone / Mobile Number:</b>	
<b>e-mail address:</b>	
<b>Date of Referral:</b>	

#### **Client's Details**

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Telephone / Mobile Number:</b>	
<b>Number of Adults:</b>	
<b>Number of Children:</b>	
<b>Other Information:</b>	

#### **Reasons for Referral [please indicate the primary reason below✓]**

<b>Financial Problems</b>		<b>Bedroom Tax</b>	
<b>Benefits Reduced / Stopped</b>		<b>Unemployment</b>	
<b>Sanctions Applied</b>		<b>Other Factors</b>	

On completion please e-mail this form to Gordon Hamilton:  
[gjh161955@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gjh161955@hotmail.co.uk)

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This will help us to process the referrals more efficiently and enable us to compile the primary reported reasons for food poverty across our region.

We plan to launch the new form from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2014 and begin to provide the statistics showing the causes of need from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014.

If there any suggestions to improve the form please let us know.

### ***As well as food...***

We have this month given away the following items which were donated free of charge to us.

<b>Items</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Items</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Three-Piece Suite	1	Fridge Freezer	1
Two-Piece Suite	1	Fridge	1
Dining Table & Four Chairs	1	Freezer	1
Coffee Tables	2	Duvets	6
Dining Table	1	Pillows	8
Single Bed	3	Sofas	3
Double Bed	1	Microwaves	2
Double Mattress	1	Vacuum Cleaner	1
Chest of Drawers	1	Nest of Tables	1
Baby Buggy	1	Cutlery & Plates	1
Baby's Travel System	1	Large Sacks of Dogfood	5
Electric Cookers	2	Mens' Clothes	3
		Bars of Soap	30

We are very grateful for all the items donated, and are waiting to see how the Lord may develop this aspect of the project.

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

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