

Need Project Report

March 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.

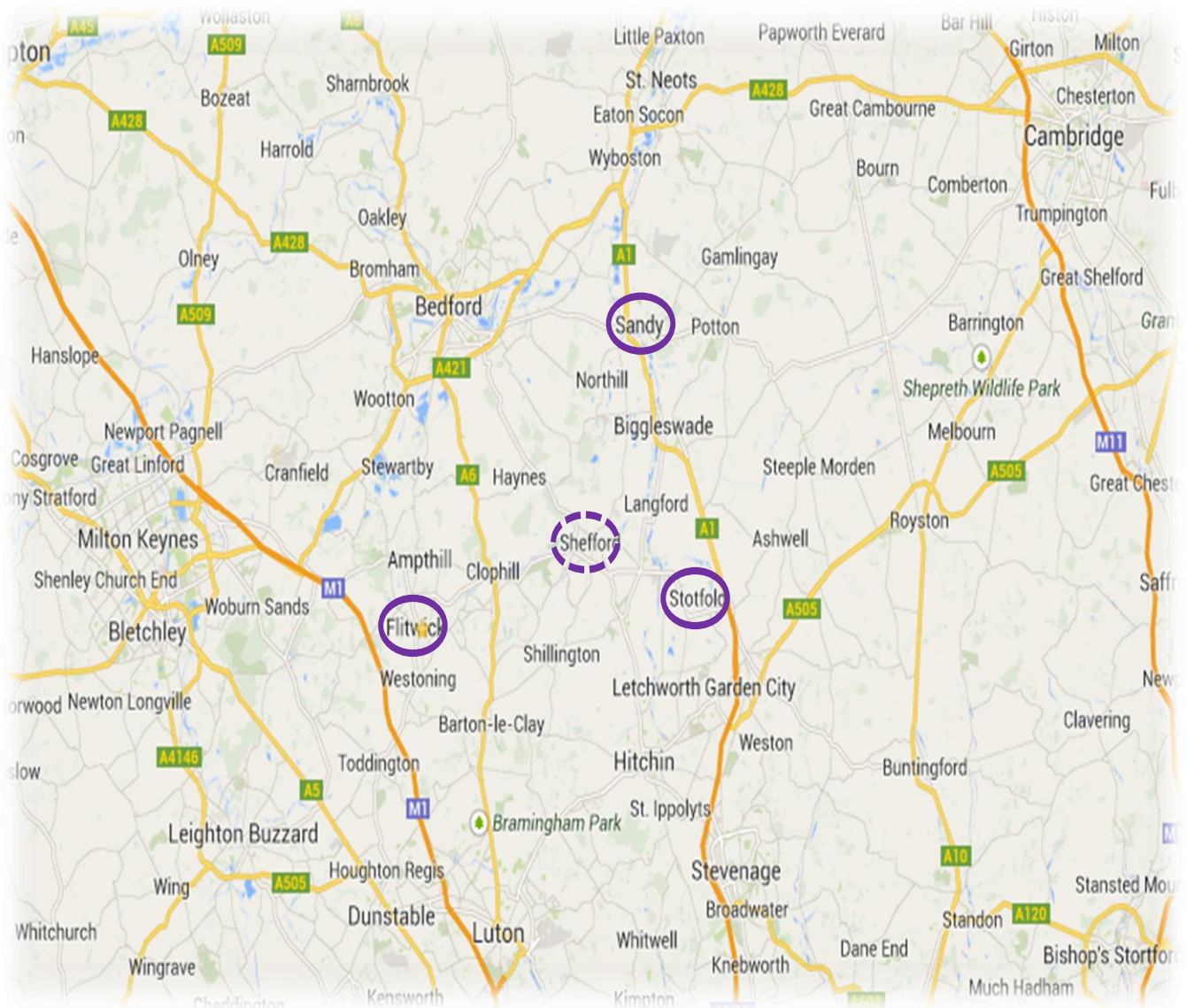
All our delivery teams are DBS checked, approved by the leadership teams of the partner churches and have signed confidentiality agreements.

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.



Shefford Hub

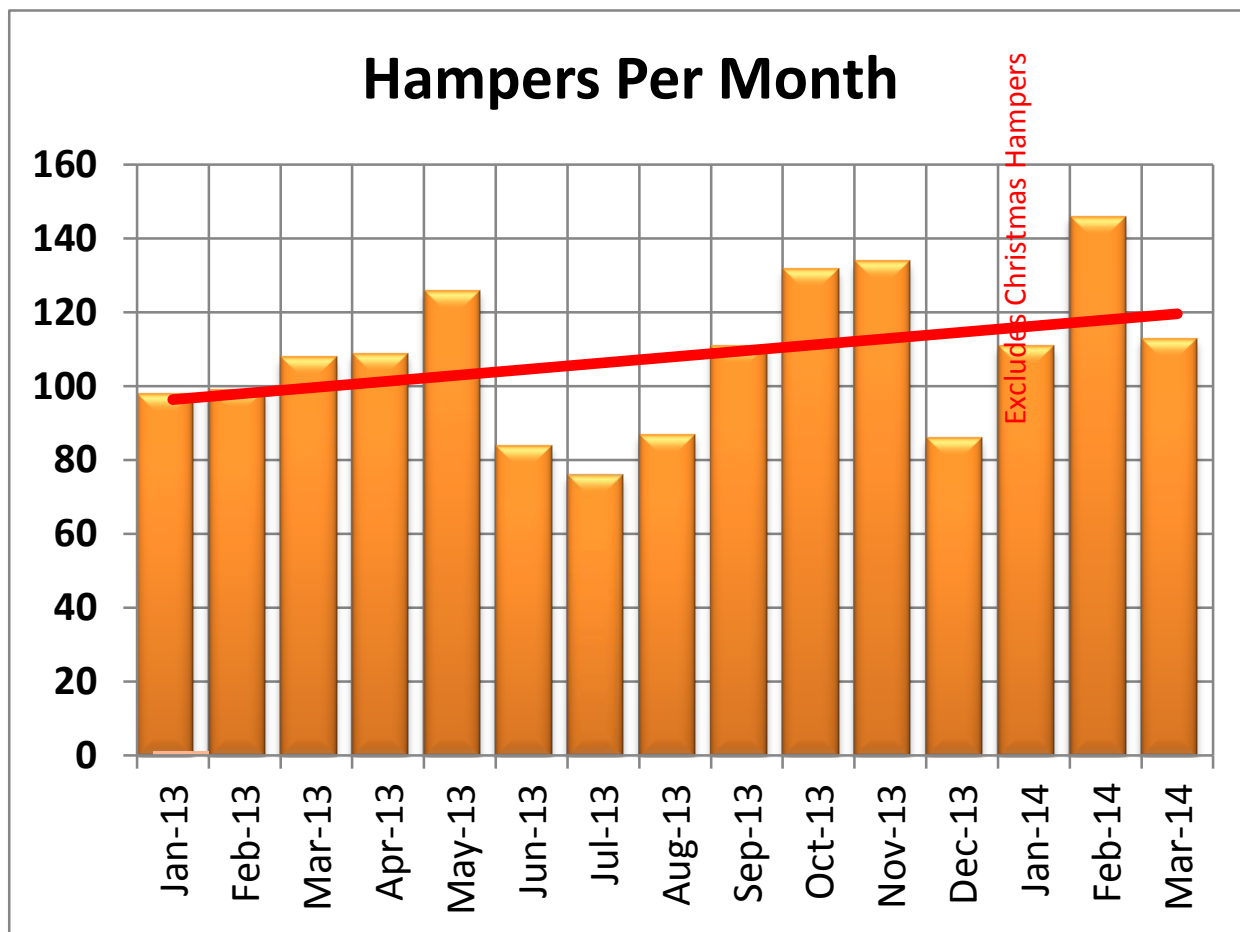
From April 2014 the Shefford Hub is fully operational – for which we praise God.

Updated Referral Process

We have a new referral form which we have sent out with this report. The form now has the secure e-mail address that has been set up to ensure all our clients are served in a timely and secure manner. The e-mail address is:

admin@theneedproject.co.uk

How much have we taken out?



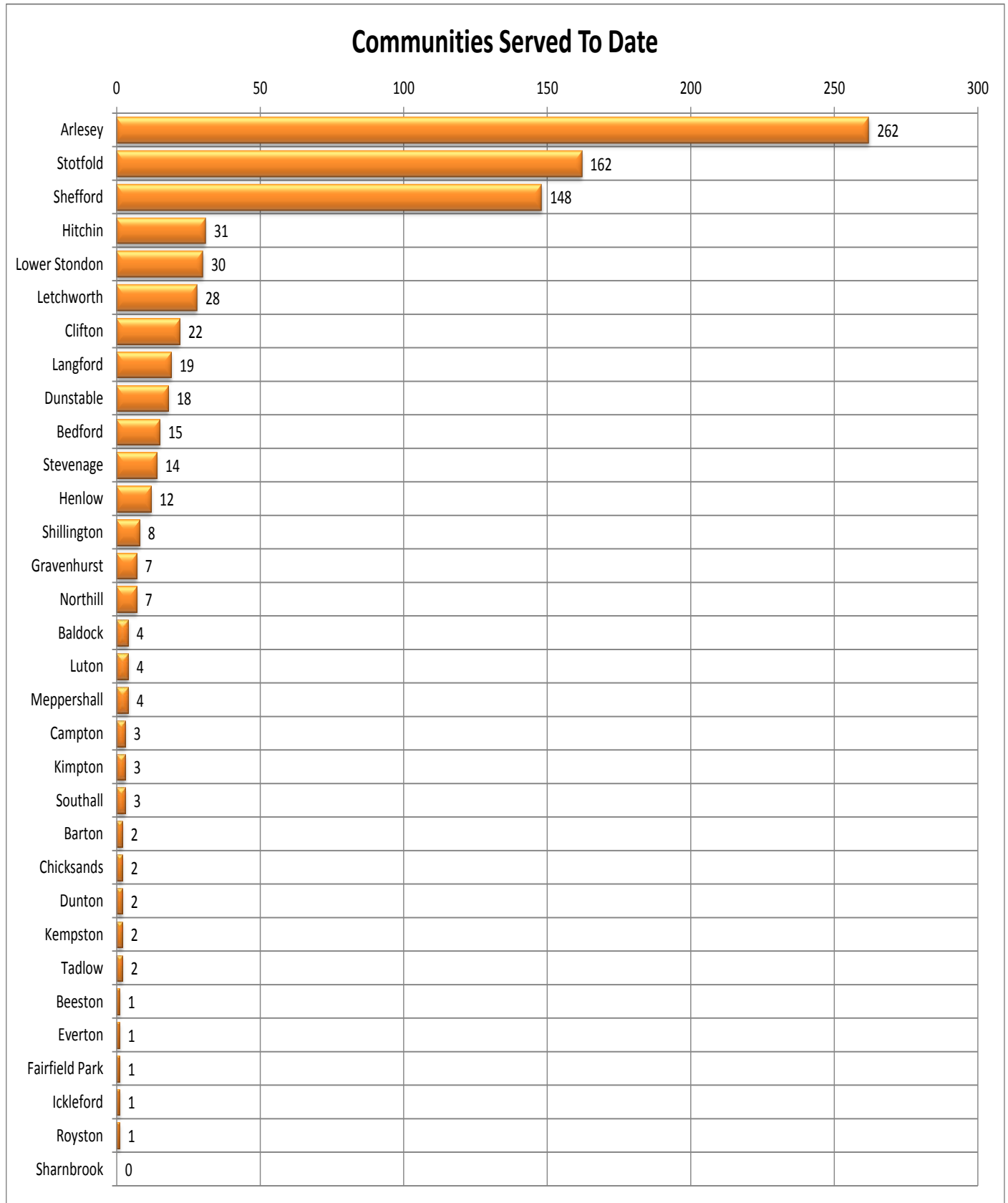
The data above shows a continuing growth trend in the number of people we have been called to serve.

Please note that the December 13 figures do not include the Christmas Hampers

To be able to meet that increasing demand we have the privilege of partnering with multiple donors and food providers whose ongoing generosity is a cause of praise to our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

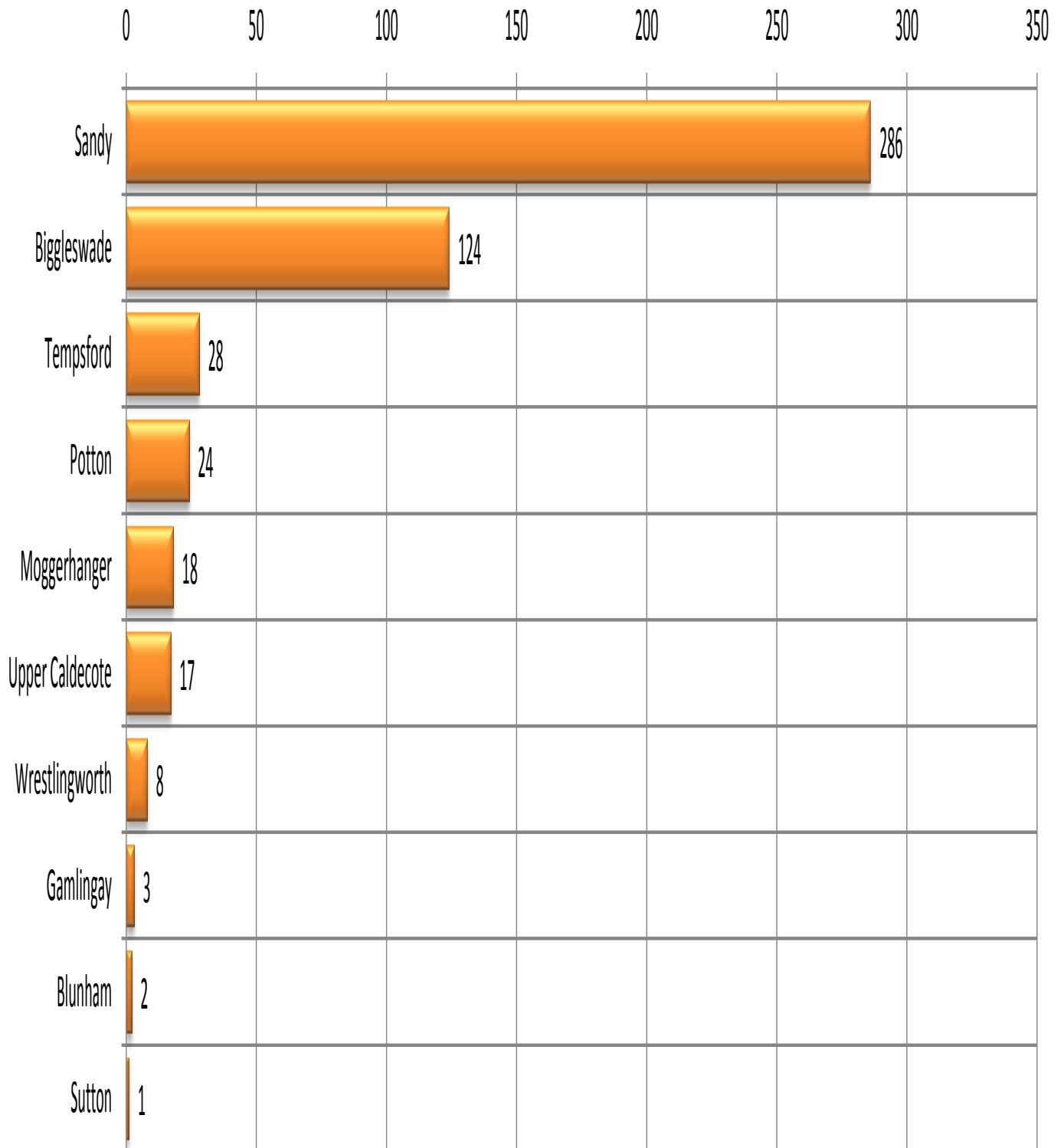
Communities Served By Each Distribution Hub from January 2013.

Stotfold

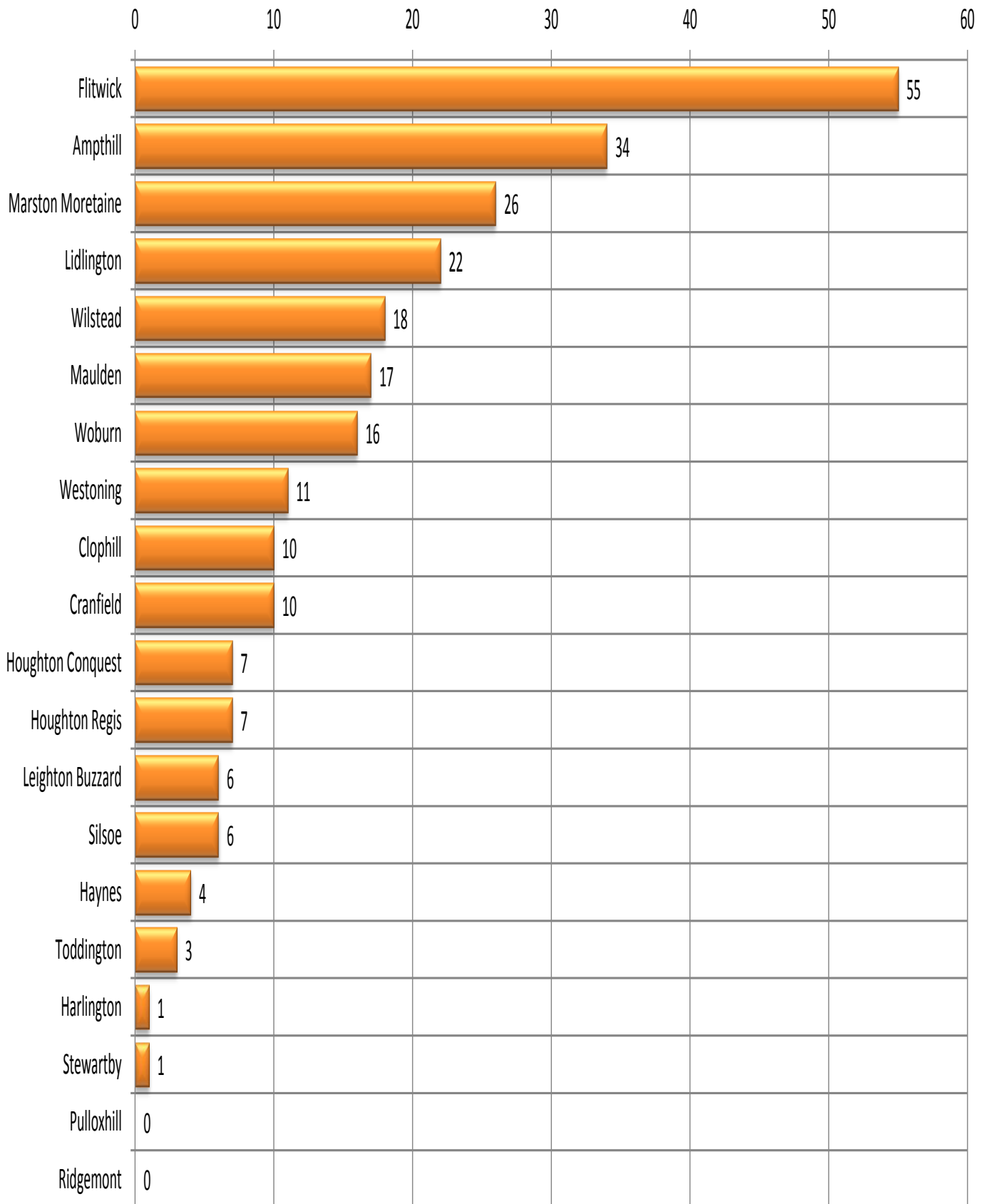


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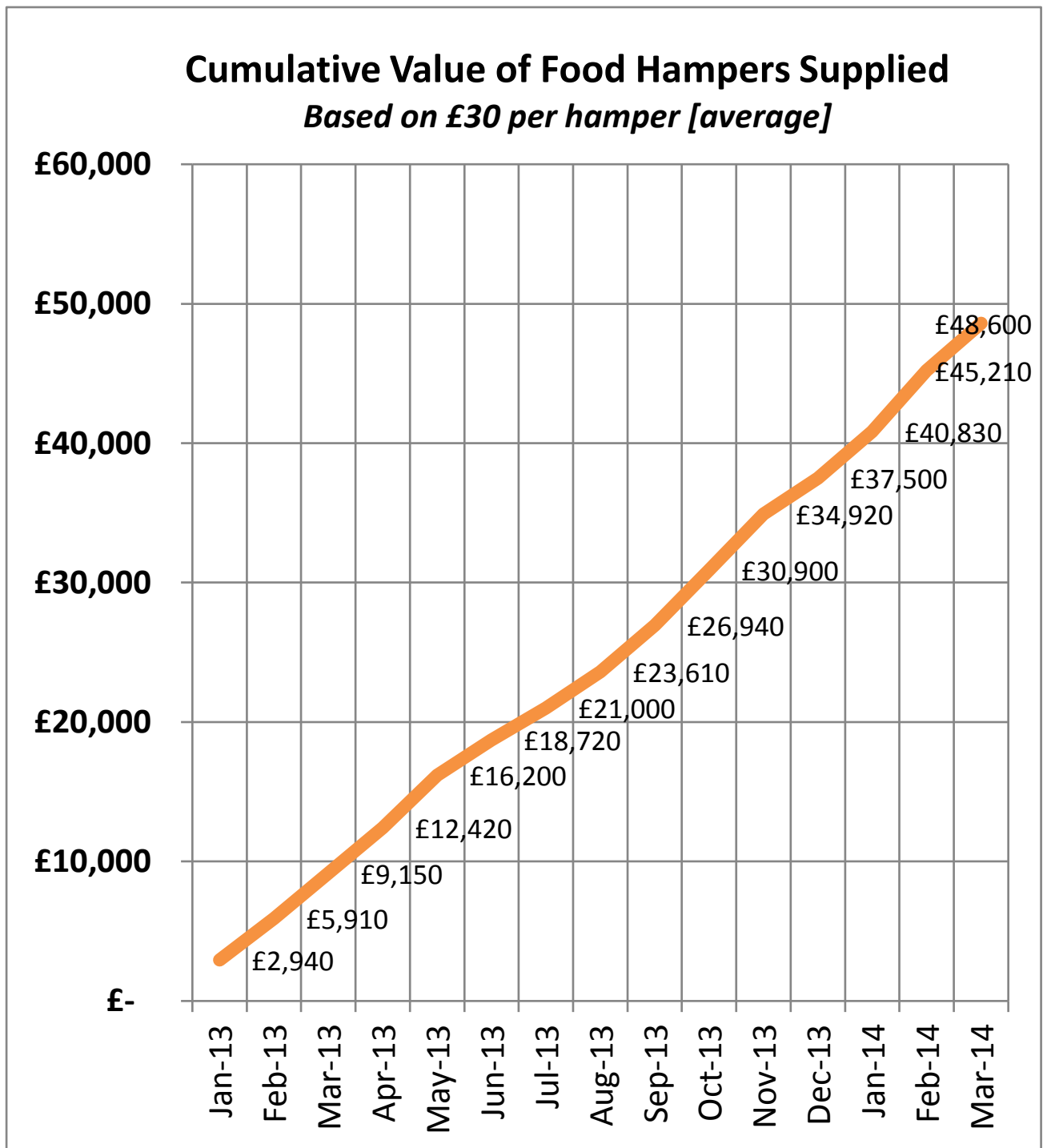
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Value of the Food Given Out

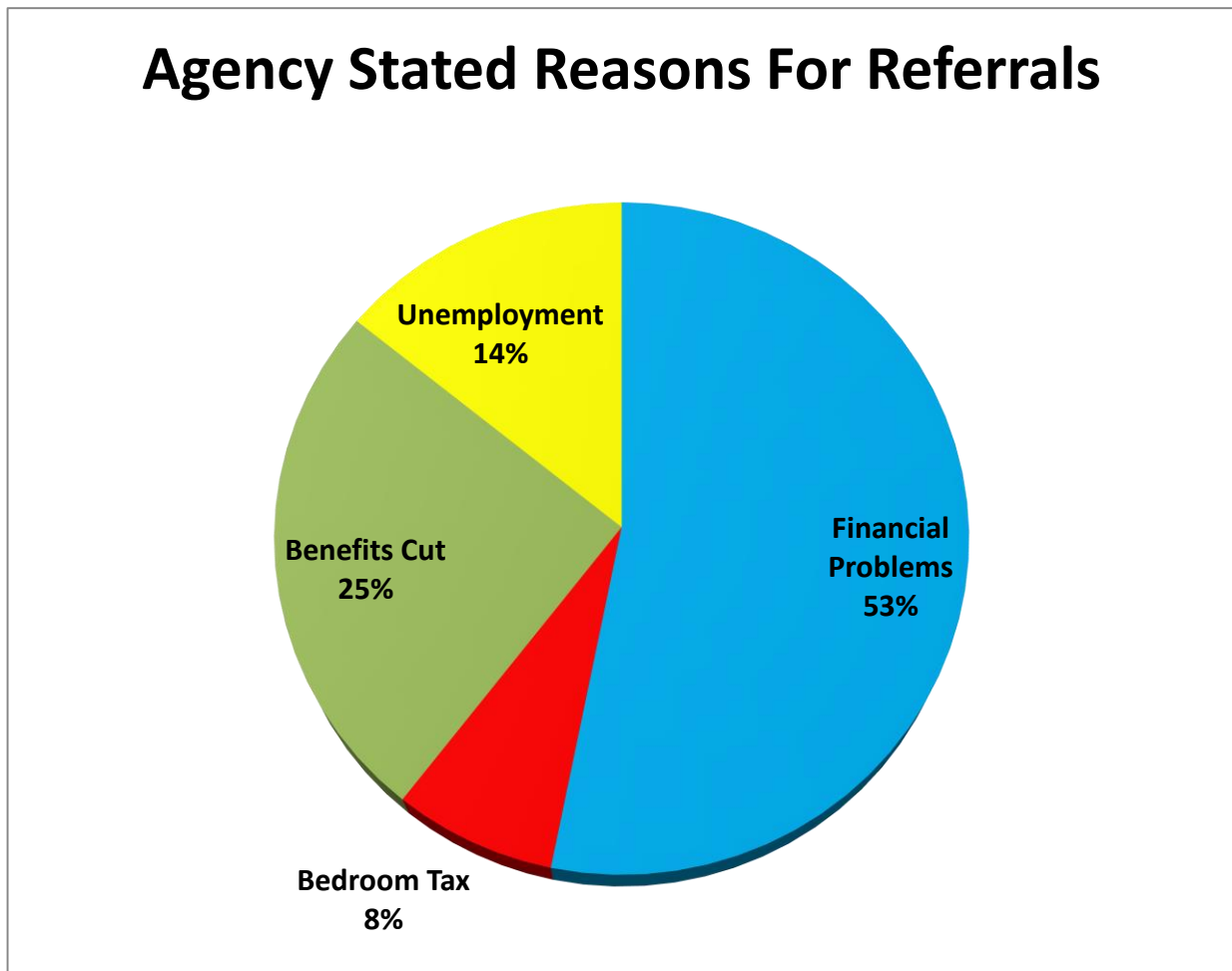


Adults & Children Served

	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Σ
Adults	161	107	103	110	160	166	159	115	146	205	155	1587
Children	135	100	107	108	126	165	124	109	129	160	103	1366

Agency Stated Reasons For Referrals

As we mentioned previously we have been provided with the reasons our clients need your help in their circumstances, the chart below shows the main reasons given. As with all statistics they only show numbers not the heartbreak behind them which your kindness goes a long way to heal them.



As well as food hampers...

We are now supporting the Night Owl homeless bus (which operates across Central Bedfordshire) with food, sleeping bags and various other items for this vital life-line to those of our community who have no place at the moment to call home.

We are also partnering with Aragon Housing Association in providing food for their Community Café in Shefford which meets every Thursday lunchtime.

And by God's grace we also provided...

Sofas x 3	Sideboard x 1
Fridge Freezer x 1	TV Cabinet x 1
Dining Tables & Chairs x 3 sets	Dressing Table x 1
Pots, Pans & Cutlery x many	Mirror x 1
Coffee Table x 1	Kettle x 1
Cooker x 1	Toaster x 1
Bookcase x 1	Computer Desk x 1
Children's Clothes x lots	Pet Food
Double Bed x 1	Double Mattress x 1
Single Bed x 2	Baby Buggy x 1
Wardrobe x 1	Computer x 1
Bottled Water x 100 [Night Owl]	

Finally

The Need Project Trust Board has been established and we applied to the Charity Commission so we can operate as Charity. One of our goals is to raise the funds so we can employ Gordon on a full-time basis. We will keep you updated on how this progresses.

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

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