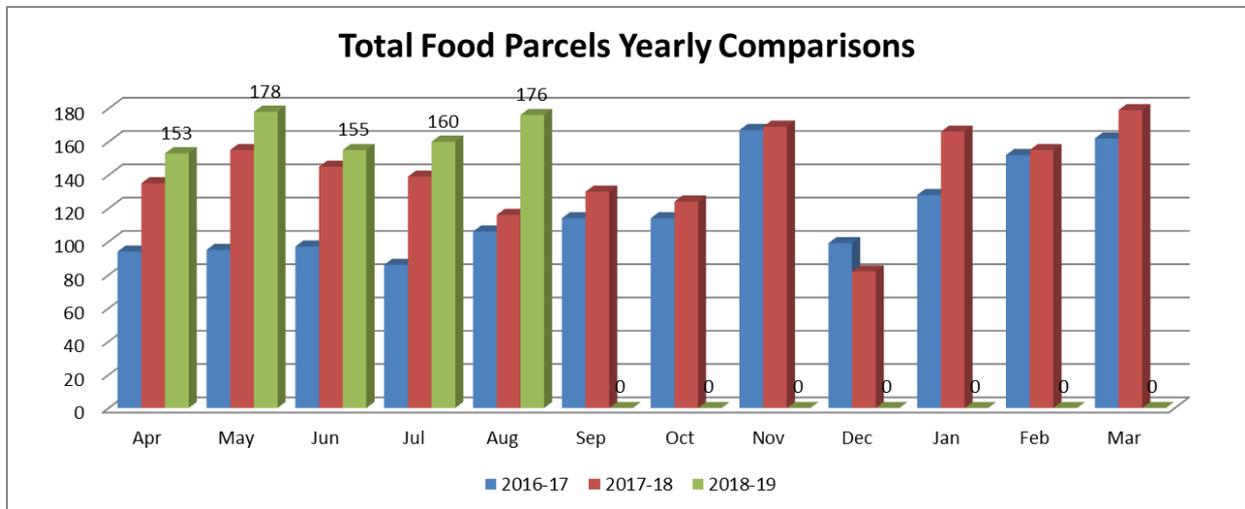




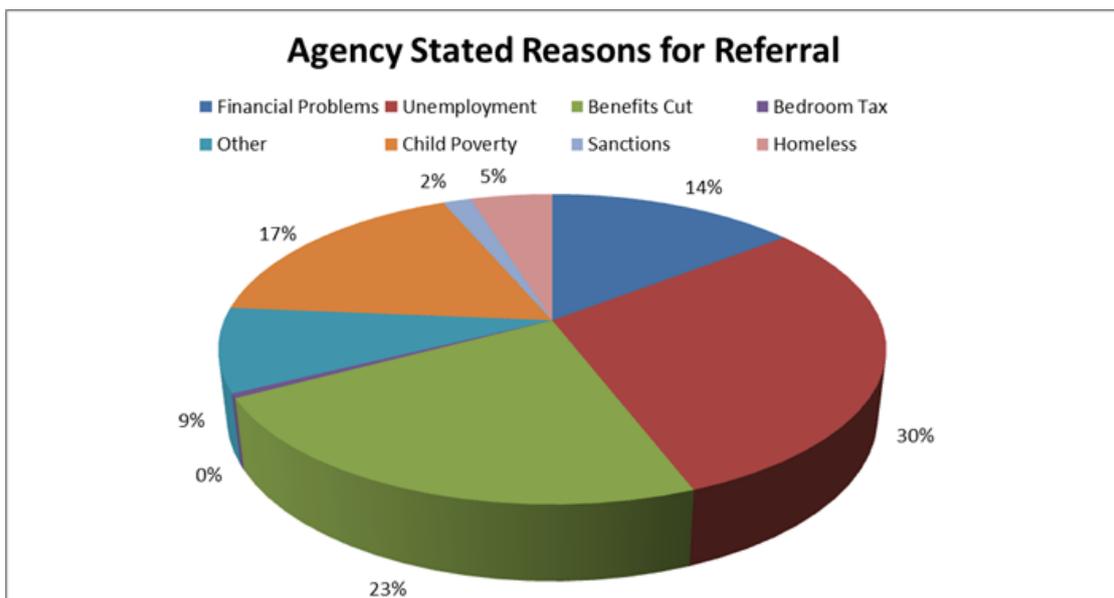
**"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat" [Matthew 25:35]**  
*Serving Jesus in His most distressing disguise*

## **Need Project Report**

### **August 2018**



This month (August) is often quieter with less referrals when people are on holiday. This year the demand has been higher than any previous, actually the second highest number of referrals in any month so far this year.



## Statistics

Hubs Summary	Total to Date	Monthly Average
Flitwick	164	33
Sandy	147	29
Stotfold	186	37
Shefford	87	17
Biggleswade	76	15
Marston	18	4
Out of Area	145	29
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We are continually looking for food donations to cope with the number of referrals we get each month. The amount of donated food has decreased over the last year, affecting not just us but other food banks as well. Sometimes we have to resort to buying food just to keep going. You can help if you are prepared to donate tins, jars or packets of long shelf life items. There are collection points in a lot of supermarkets and several churches collect food too.

Total value to date at £45 per parcel	<b>£ 36,990.00</b>
Total value this month at £45 per parcel	<b>£ 7,200.00</b>

Children	Age 0-4	Age 5-10	Age 11-17	Adults
<b>Totals (yr)</b>	370	376	145	900

## Furniture, Furnishings and White Goods

Items	Totals		Actual Items Includes	Totals
White Goods	15		Cookers	0
Beds, single, double, bunk	39		Fridges/ Freezers	5
Bedroom Furniture, Furnishings	25		Suites/Sofas	10
Lounge Furniture, Furnishings	46		Washing Machines	2
Misc &, Baby Equipment	21		Microwaves	8
Bedding	52		TV's DVD Players	6
<b>Estimated Value</b>	<b>£ 8,150.00</b>			

Many of the requests for furniture, household items and white goods have to be turned down because we don't have items requested at that time. If you have any items that you no longer need, do consider letting us know and we will arrange collection.

We were able to give items this month with an estimated second hand value of £1,145.

### *There's a Cost.*

None of this could happen without funds so we are actively seeking funds through grants and donations.

Would you consider donating something on a regular basis? If you can and are willing, please let our Administrator (Dave Marchant) know and he will tell you how to do it e-mail:

[admin@theneedproject.co.uk](mailto:admin@theneedproject.co.uk) .

Lots of small monthly donations can become a big amount of funding every month. Annual or one-off donations are good too. Together we can make a difference.

## ***Our objectives***

To relieve persons in Central Bedfordshire and the surrounding area that are in poverty or financial hardship in such ways as the Trustees from time to time think fit, in particular, but not exclusively by:

1. Providing food parcels to support individuals and families who are experiencing food deprivation.
2. Providing other items to meet immediate and essential needs, as resources allow.
3. Developing other forms of support to meet immediate need and alleviate financial hardship.

## ***Our values***

We are a Christian organisation motivated by Jesus' teaching on poverty and injustice. We operate according to Christian principles of compassion, honesty, integrity, openness, kindness and care of all people, regardless of backgrounds or beliefs (or none). We are passionate about inclusion and being non-judgemental is central to what we do. We believe that everyone has the right to have food on their plate, dignity, skills, a chance to work and hope for the future.

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

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