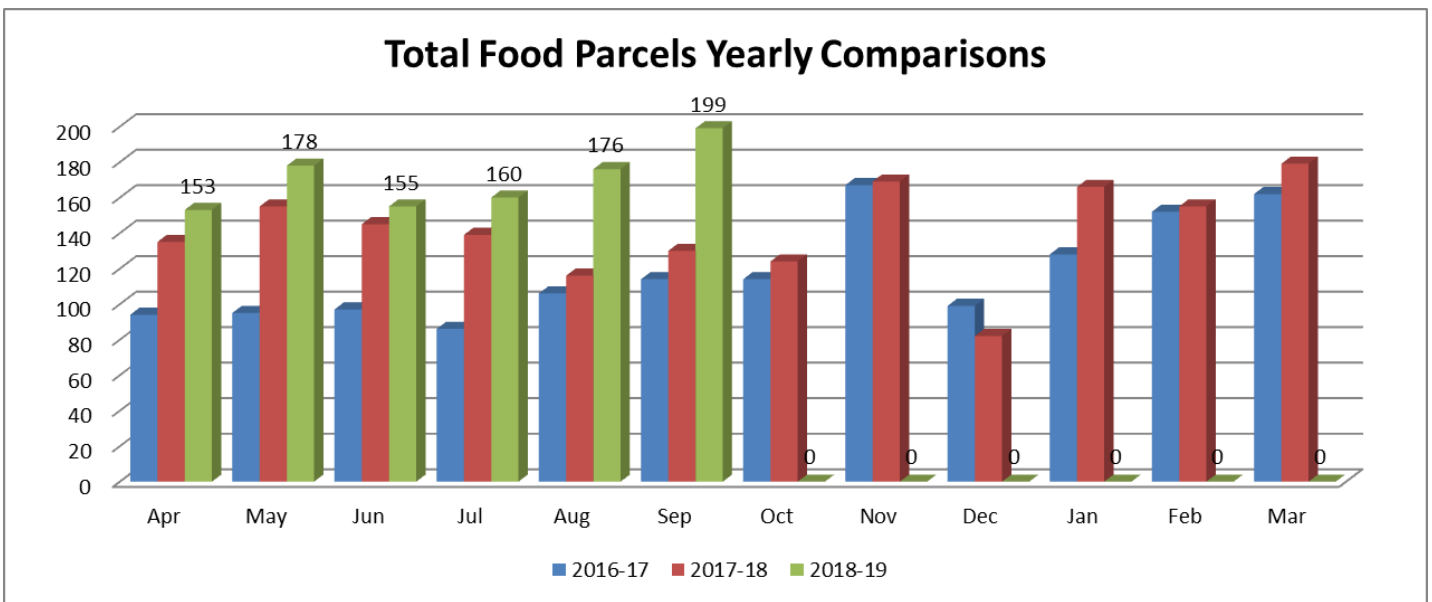


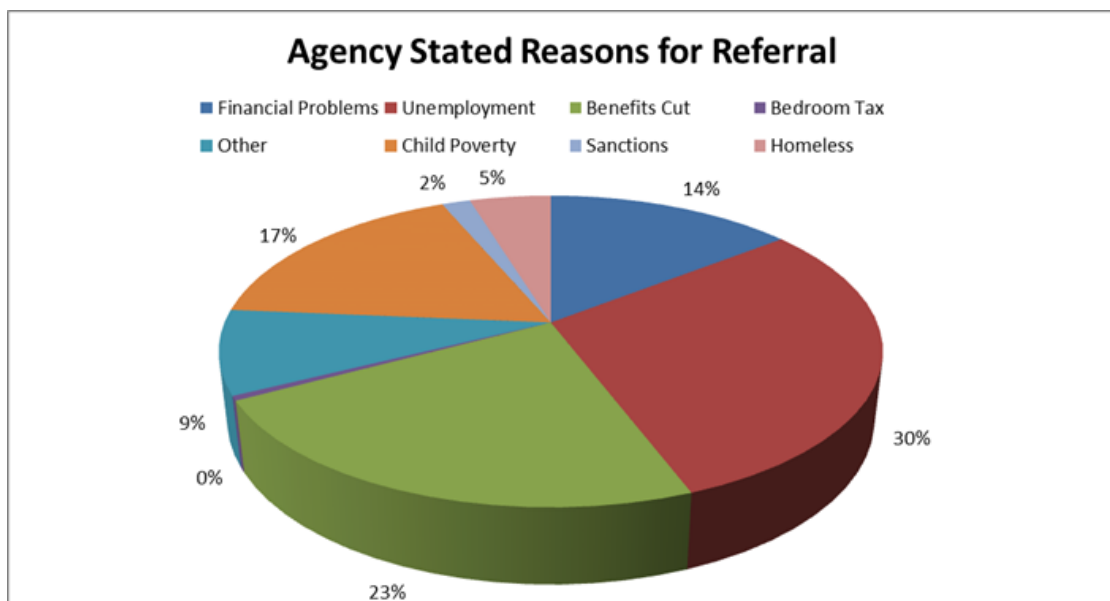


"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat" [Matthew 25:35]
Serving Jesus in His most distressing disguise

Need Project Report September 2018



September has been the busiest month for us with the number of food parcel referrals being the highest since we started. Just one short of 200 and you can see that every month this year has been higher than previous years.



Statistics

Hubs Summary	Total to Date	Monthly Average
Flitwick	198	33
Sandy	185	31
Stotfold	231	39
Shefford	114	19
Biggleswade	105	18
Marston	23	4
Out of Area	166	28
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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	£ 45,945.00
Total value this month at £45 per parcel	£ 8,955.00

People	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTAL
Adults	210	250	216	223	238	296	0	0	0	0	0	0	1433
Children	85	231	185	265	268	304	0	0	0	0	0	0	1338

Children	Age 0-4	Age 5-10	Age 11-17	Adults	Total
Totals (yr)	589	107	50	1433	2179

Furniture, Furnishings and White Goods

Items	Totals	Actual Items Includes	Totals
White Goods	19	Cookers	2
Beds, single, double, bunk	43	Fridges/ Freezers	6
Bedroom Furniture, Furnishings	29	Suites/Sofas	12
Lounge Furniture, Furnishings	57	Washing Machines	3
Misc &, Baby Equipment	23	Microwaves	8
Bedding	55	TV's DVD Players	6
Estimated Value	£ 9,400.00		

We were able to give items this month with an estimated second hand value of £1,250.

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.

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 .

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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