

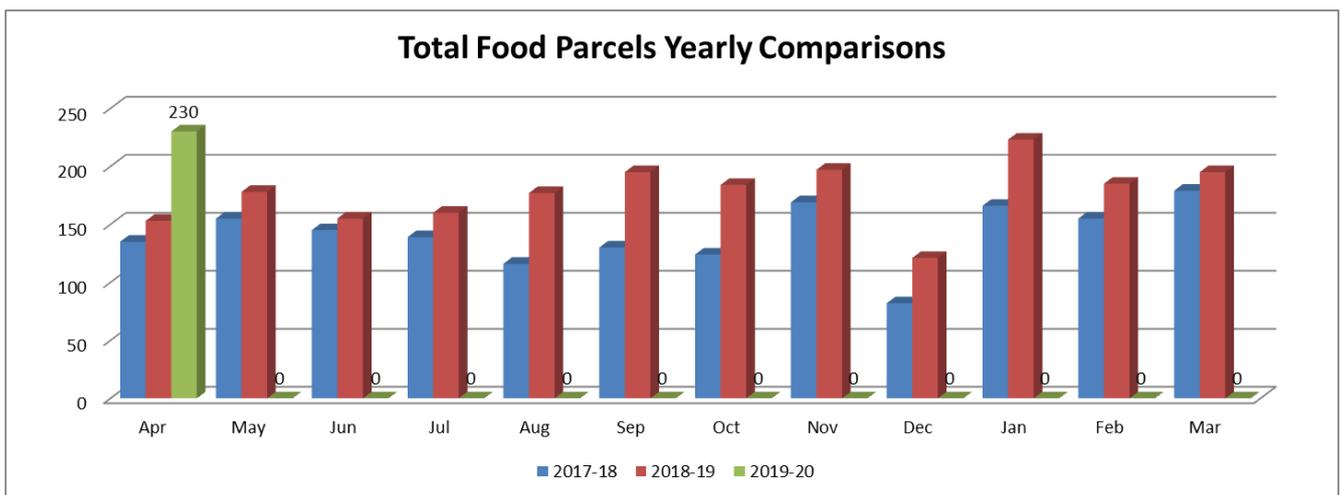


***"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat"***  
***[Matthew 25:35]***

***Serving Jesus in His most distressing disguise***

## ***Need Project Report***

### ***April 2019***



***It's another new financial year for the Need Project  
 And we've already set another record month of food parcels (230!).***

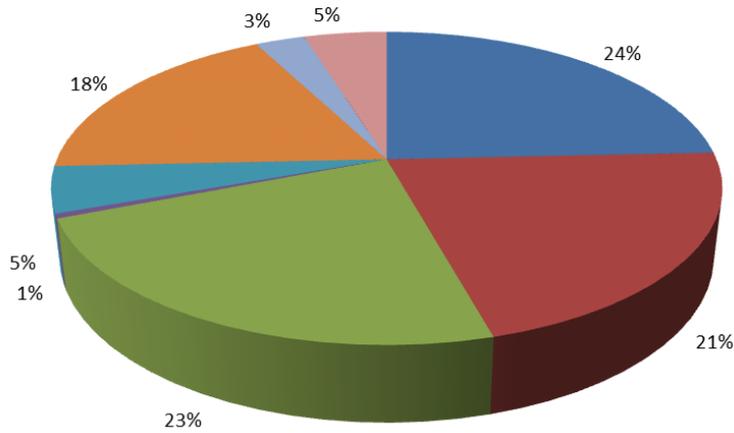
In business terms, it shows the need for the service we provide, but in social terms it seems things are getting worse. Universal Credit has had a significant impact due to people having to wait about five weeks with no income. Almost half of the referrals we get are due to unemployment or benefits cut/stopped.

We might not be able to fix the system, but we can do our bit by ensuring people in need are fed. The agencies and partners that most of our referrals came from are:

Grand Union	NHS	Herts	Cent Beds	CAB	Children Centers
22	15	9	62	7	51

## Agency Stated Reasons for Referral

■ Financial Problems  
 ■ Unemployment  
 ■ Benefits Cut  
 ■ Bedroom Tax  
 ■ Other  
 ■ Child Poverty  
 ■ Sanctions  
 ■ Homeless



## Statistics

Hubs Summary	Total to Date	Monthly Average
Flitwick	37	37
Sandy	47	47
Stotfold	67	67
Shefford	21	21
Biggleswade	23	23
Marston	15	15
Out of Area	20	20
	230	

Total value to date at £54 per parcel	£ 12,420.00	Christmas Parcels at £70 per parcel	£ -
Total value this month at £54 per parcel	£ 12,420.00	Overall Total Year from April to Date	£ 12,420.00

Children	Age 0-4	Age 5-10	Age 11-17	Adults	Total
<b>Totals (yr)</b>	122	123	78	316	<b>639</b>
<b>Christmas</b>	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>



## ***Furniture, Furnishings and White Goods***

<b>Items</b>	<b>Totals</b>		<b>Actual Items Includes</b>	<b>Totals</b>
White Goods	10		Cookers	1
Beds, single, double, bunk	8		Fridges/ Freezers	2
Bedroom Furniture, Furnishings	7		Suites/Sofas	0
Lounge Furniture, Furnishings	8		Washing Machines	1
Misc &, Baby Equipment	6		Microwaves	6
Bedding	7		TV's DVD Players	3
<b>Estimated Value</b>	<b>£ 1,950.00</b>			

### ***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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