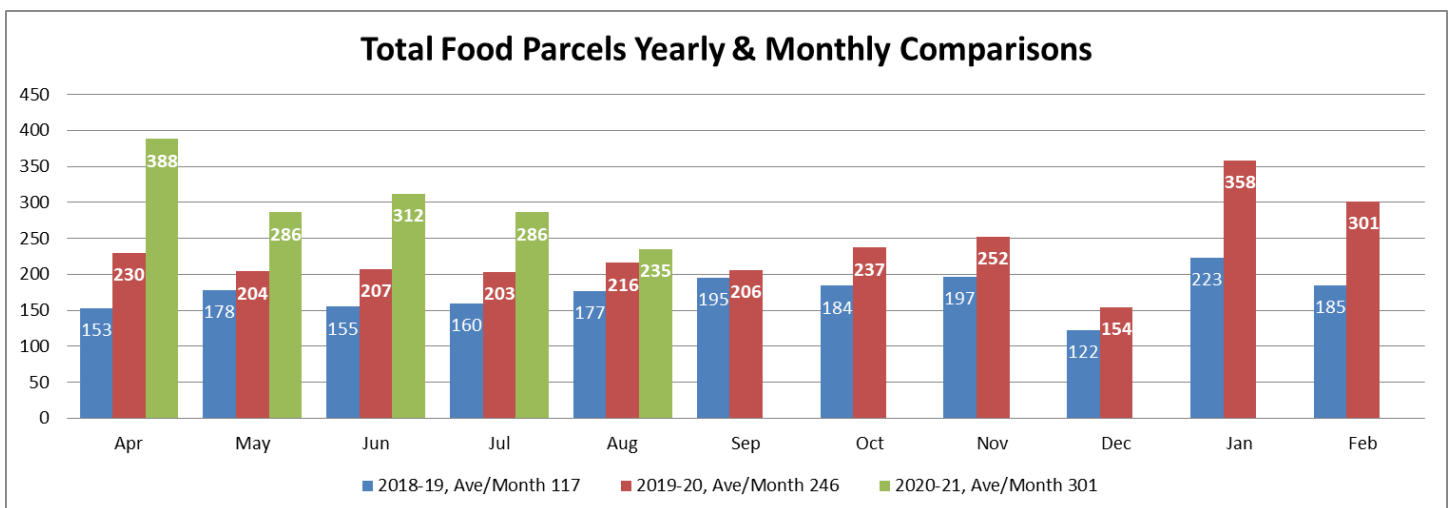




***"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat"***  
**[Matthew 25:35]**

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

## ***Need Project Report*** ***August 2020***



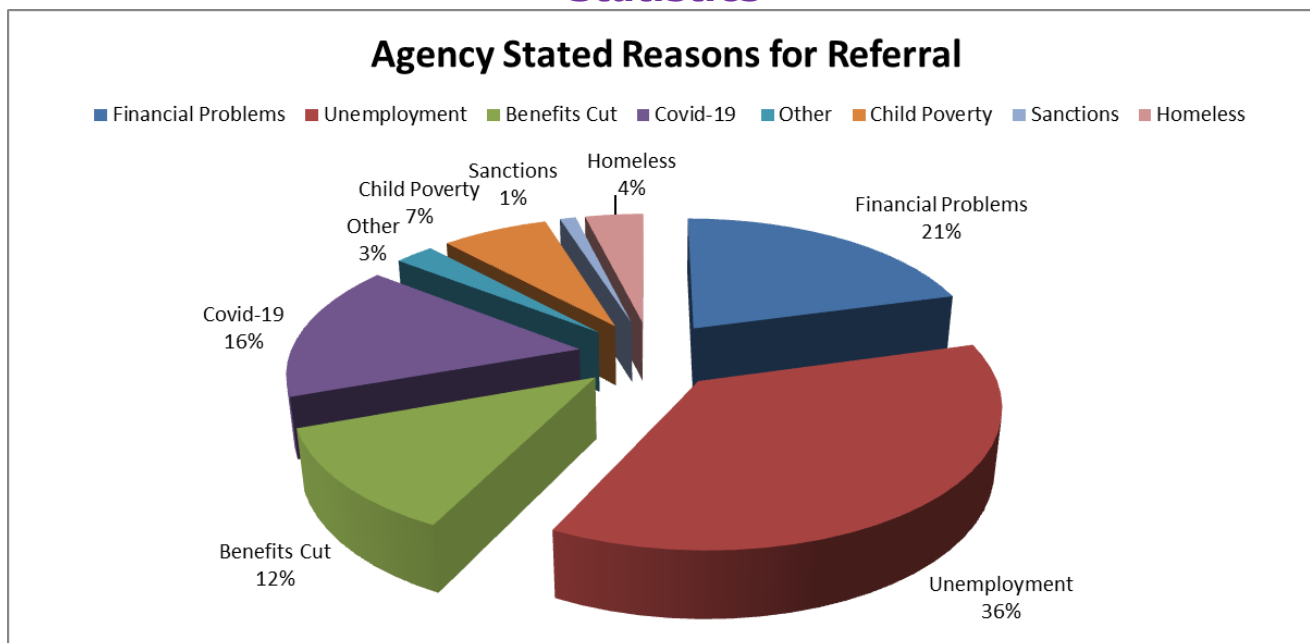
In addition we gave out over 50 bags of essential items in the final week of July to families struggling with holiday hunger. We were also in a position to support a food charity which in the past had helped us greatly by giving basic items that we had surplus of.

The agencies and partners that most of our referrals came from are:

Grand Union	NHS	Herts	Cent Beds	CAB	Child'n Cent's (Cent Beds)
20	9	38	51	5	19

Most came from Central Beds Council, **70** including Childrens Centres. Other agencies that sent us referrals, but not counted specifically include schools, job centres, welfare organisations, charities and churches.

## Statistics



Although not reported or noted as Covid-19, it has continued to be that many of the unemployed and financial problems were probably due to lock-down and jobs lost plus benefits not paid out yet.

Hubs Summary	Total to Date	Monthly Average
Flitwick	187	37
Sandy	339	68
Stotfold	224	45
Shefford	165	33
Biggleswade	165	33
Marston	52	10
Out of Area	377	75
	<b>1509</b>	

Total value to date at £54 per parcel	<b>£ 81,378.00</b>	Christmas Parcels at £70 per parcel	<b>£ -</b>
Total value this month at £54 per parcel	<b>£ 15,444.00</b>	Overall Total Year from April to Date	<b>£ 81,378.00</b>

Children	Age 0-4	Age 5-10	Age 11-17	Adults	Total
Totals (yr)	764	644	494	2312	<b>4214</b>
Christmas	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>

*I just wanted to send an email to thank you all. Yesterday my car was absolutely filled to the brim with food parcels, bags of clothes, shoes and bedding all from yourselves, which I delivered to 5 families within Hertfordshire. I can't even begin to describe the difference you make to the families I deliver the parcels to. I have been collecting parcels from yourselves and delivering them to families for almost a year now and it is clear what a massive help these food parcels make to a family. When I took the clothes and the food to the family yesterday, the children were overjoyed and SO excited. They were looking through the parcels, trying on clothes, slippers, hats to show us and were smiling from ear to ear. Mum was so thankful for the clothes for the children and this is one less stress for her. The children now all have coats to be able to go outside in this rain! (June 2020)*

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

<b>Items</b>			<b>Actual items includes</b>		
White goods	1	£ 80.00	Cookers	0	£ -
Beds	0	£ -	Fridges/freezers	0	£ -
Bedroom furniture	0	£ -	Suites/sofas	0	£0
Lounge furniture	0	£ -	Washing machines	1	£ 80.00
Misc & baby equip	2	£ 165.00	Microwaves	0	£0
Bedding	0	£ -	TV's / DVD players	0	£ -
<b>Estimated value</b>		<b>£ 245.00</b>	<b>Estimated value</b>		<b>£ 80.00</b>

<b>Tot Est Value for Month</b>	<b>£ 245.00</b>
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<b>Tot Est Value Year to date</b>	<b>£ 3,040.00</b>
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August has been a much quieter month as far as furniture and furnishings has gone.

It is usually quieter during the summer holiday period. .

### ***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) .

### ***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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