

The Meon Valley Foodbank

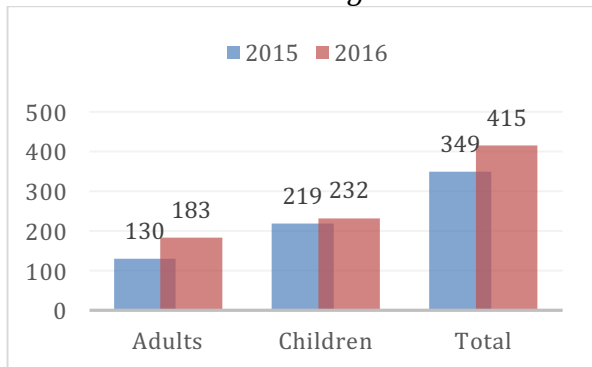
Started in February 2015 the Food Bank is a church-led community project that aims to enable the community to support local people who are at crisis point with the provision of food. We provide a week's supply of dried and tinned food and other provisions donated by churches, individuals, charities and businesses. Our motivation is to reflect the love and grace of Jesus in our difficult and challenging world.

What we have done to date

Much of our work in 2015 was devoted to establishing the Food Bank including collection channels for the community to donate food; a voucher referral system - we only provide food to people who have been referred to us after vetting by local referral agencies; and a Food Bank Office at the Youth Hall in Bishop's Waltham from where most people collect their food.

2016 has been a year of consolidation and the number of people we supported has increased from 349 to 415, demonstrating the need for a food bank in the Meon Valley.

We provided support to 415 people, 66 more than in 2015 and including 232 children ...



The Food Bank Office is currently based at the Youth Hall in Bishop's Waltham



Future of the Youth Hall

In the Summer the Youth Hall Trustees informed us of proposals for the redevelopment of the Malt Lane site and a new youth hall. The current youth hall provides an ideal base for the food bank and will continue to be available to us at least until July 2018. Temporary accommodation will then be needed from that date. The Food Bank Committee has started making enquiries to find alternative accommodation and would welcome any suggestions.

We are especially grateful to

- Our volunteers who check, sort and pack food, and provide tea and chats when people collect their food
- Bishop's Waltham Youth Club for providing accommodation at a much reduced rent
- Meon Valley Lions who use their mini bus to transport donated food and deliver food to people who are unable to collect it
- Numerous organisations and individuals who have donated food and money



Annual Report 2016

Meon Valley Food Bank				
Receipts and Payments Account				
Year to 31 December 2016				
	Year to 31 December 2016	Year to 31 December 2016	Notes	Year to 31 December 2015
	£	£		£
Receipts				
Donations received		£1,510		£3,775
Payments				
Rent	£795		1	£1,161
Equipment	£234		2	£471
Posters & stationery	£0			£160
Redecorations	£0			£69
Phone top up cards	£30			£35
Food bank items	£114			£72
Miscellaneous	£158		3	£175
	£1,332	£1,332		£2,143
Surplus receipts less payments		£179		£1,632
Cash brought forward at 1 January		£1,632		£0
Total		£1,811		£1,632
Represented by cash balances held				
- Barclays Bank		£1,725		£1,615
- Petty cash		£86		£17
		£1,810		£1,632
Notes				
1	Rent paid in 2016 until June 2017			
2	Equipment expenditure for strengthening shelving and purchase of storage boxes			
3	Includes £50 donation to Roberts Centre, annual website fee (£48) and thank you Christmas gifts to volunteers (£50)			
Accounts prepared by Adrian Rutter, Treasurer, Meon Valley Food Bank				
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If you would like more information or are interested in helping please visit our website at www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk, telephone us on 07956 375447 or email us at mvfb2015@outlook.com