



## Storrington foodbank

A Storrington **foodbank** opened at the Children and Family Centre in West Street in March 2014. This distribution outlet is currently open once a week between 10a.m. and 12noon on Thursdays. In the period to July 2017 the Storrington food bank has seen over 250 clients and provided food for 450 adults and 253 children.

This Storrington outlet is part of a **foodbank** programme for the whole of the Horsham district. This has been set up by Horsham Matters, who are working alongside the Trussell Trust to establish their **foodbank** programme for the Horsham district.

### How does a foodbank work?

Food is donated by or collected from a variety of sources including:

- Individuals
- Groups
- Churches
- Schools
- Supermarkets

**Foodbank** staff do not make assessment of needs; local agencies directly involved with caring for people are invited to refer clients for support, using a voucher system. Referral agencies include, among others,

- Citizens Advice Bureaux
- Housing Associations (e.g. Saxon Weald, Southdown Housing Association)
- Health visitors
- Social workers
- Churches (e.g. St. Mary's Church Storrington, Storrington Chapel, Trinity Methodist Church, St Peter and St Pauls Church Ashington)
- Doctors surgeries (e.g. Glebe Surgery, Pulborough Medical Group)
- Schools (e.g. Storrington First School, St. Mary's Primary School Pulborough)
- Debt Advisers (e.g. Liaise)
- Children and Family Centres (e.g. Little Footsteps Storrington)
- Probation Services
- Community mental health teams

Foodbank vouchers are exchanged for 3 days' worth of food at the **foodbank** centre. These crisis provision parcels are given for up to a maximum of 3 occasions, by which time the advice and direction to relevant agencies should have help to reduce the demand and allayed the crisis. At the

**foodbank** distribution centre the client is offered a hot drink and a biscuit and the opportunity to talk informally. Volunteers can signpost to a range of support services in the borough.

The food bank in Storrington is run by a team of local volunteers, for more information, or if you would like to become involved in this initiative, either with the regular food distribution, or with the occasional local supermarket collections, then please contact Stuart Spinney either by email at [sspinney@outlook.com](mailto:sspinney@outlook.com) or by telephone on 01798 812918.



### **The Trussell Trust**

The Trussell Trust works to empower local communities to combat poverty and exclusion in the UK and Bulgaria. They work with the people that society forgets, providing practical help through sustainable projects and enabling each person to realise that they are valued. Their vision is to build communities where people of all backgrounds are included and have the opportunity to live in dignity with hope for the future.

They are a Christian organisation motivated by Jesus' teaching on poverty and injustice. They operate according to Christian principles of compassion, honesty, integrity, openness, kindness and care of all people, regardless of backgrounds or beliefs. They believe in turning faith into practical action, living out God's love for the poor.

'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' Matthew 25:35-36

Whilst they are a Christian organisation, they serve people of all faith groups and beliefs or none. They are passionate about inclusion and being non-judgemental is central to what they do. They believe that everyone has the right to have food on their plate, dignity, skills, a chance to work and hope for the future.