

People Matter

People Matter continues to run the foodbank on Friday mornings at the community centre. We have been busy but not seen any significant increase yet following the withdrawal of the universal credit uplift. We are expecting to get busier this winter when the impact of increasing fuel prices hits.

Food stocks are holding up very well, we had harvest donations from local churches and schools and our Tesco box continues to be well supported. Our funds also remain healthy.

In previous years we have done Christmas food hampers accompanied in some cases by Tesco vouchers. This year we are changing things slightly with more emphasis on vouchers. The Christmas food will be given out during December as it comes in, rather than saving it for the hampers. We felt that the hampers were a bit overwhelming for some of our clients and were very labour intensive at a busy time of year. We have applied for a grant to fund the vouchers and have just heard that we have been successful.

We have been working closely with Chat and also with the newly started Willand Food Pantry. Links have also been made with other food providers in Mid Devon.

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