

# **Need Project Report**

## **April 2014**



***"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat"***

***[Matthew 25:35]***

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

***This report covers the work of The Need Project which has been involved in working across Central Bedfordshire in food provision***



## ***Purpose***

This report has been compiled to provide our supporters and referral agencies an overview of the extent and growth rate of the project.

The information provided maintains our clients confidentially, but does reveal the shocking statistics on the levels of food poverty we with your support are seeking to address across our region.

## ***Who we are***

The Need Project exists to provide a Christian response for people in our communities who are facing various situations of need.

The project is run by members of Kings Baptist Church Stotfold Flitwick Baptist Church, Sandy Baptist Church and Shefford Baptist Church.

We respond to situations of need via confidential referrals processes from multiple agencies and care workers across central Bedfordshire.

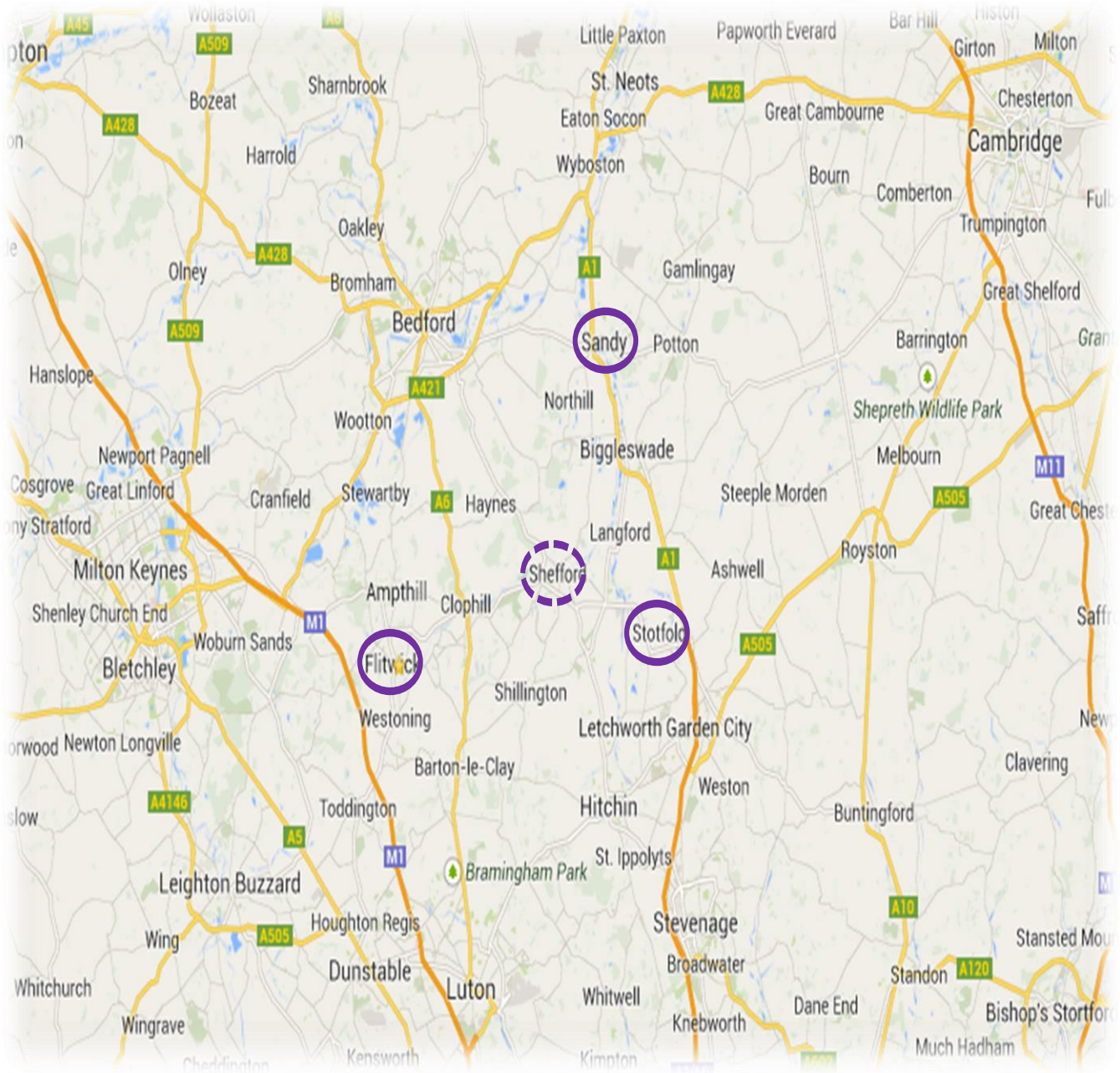
All our delivery teams are DBS checked, approved by the leadership teams of the partner churches and have signed confidentiality agreements.

## ***Our Aim***

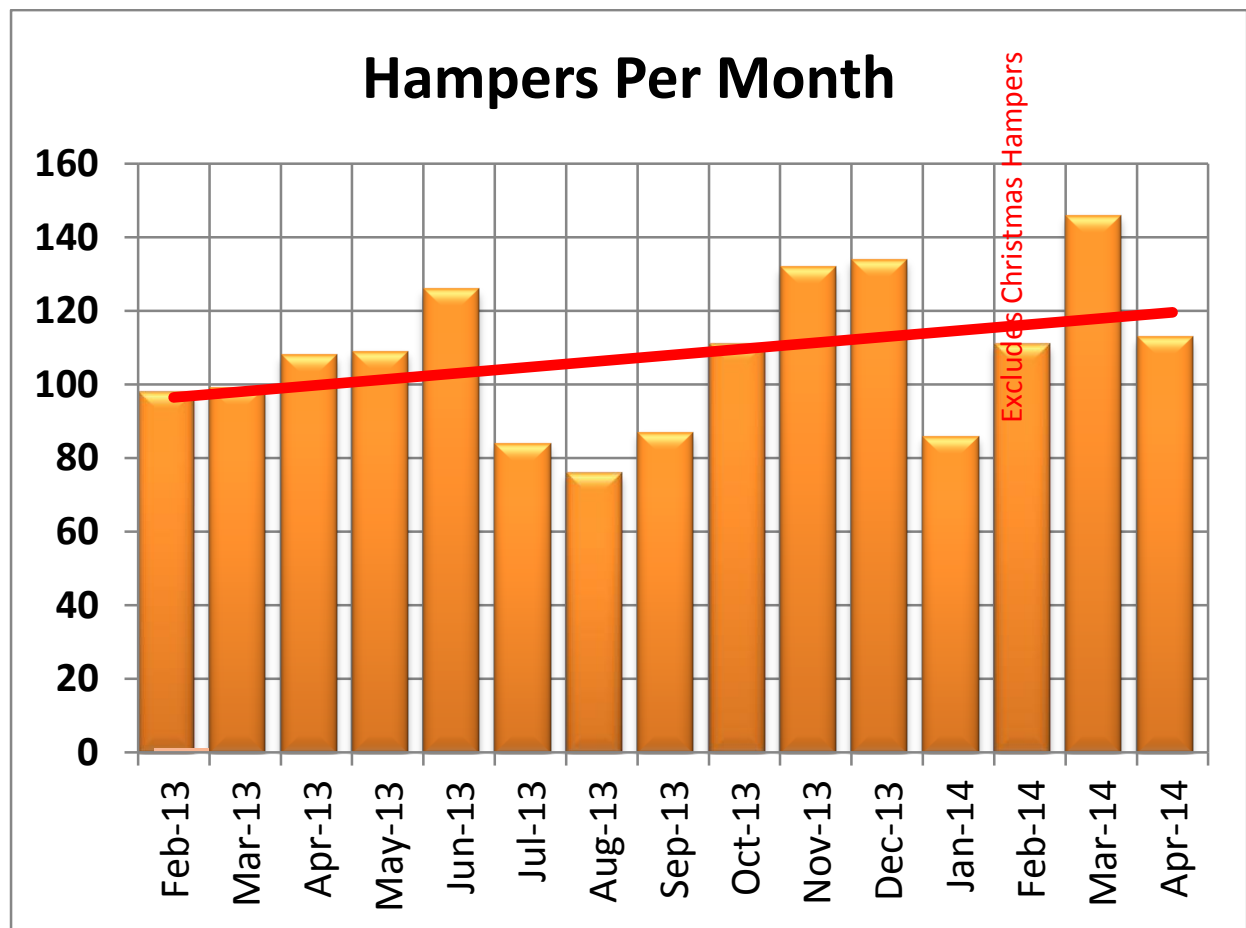
We, through God's grace and provision, commit ourselves to be Christ to all who receive from us, all who listen to us and all who see us, so that the love of Jesus is received and not just heard about. Through Jesus we can do all things.

## How we operate

The Need Project has a system of networks that have been developed as the project has grown. We rely on the network of donors who generously support the project with food and funds, and the network of care workers and agencies that connect us with hungry people who we bring your food too.



## How much have we taken out?



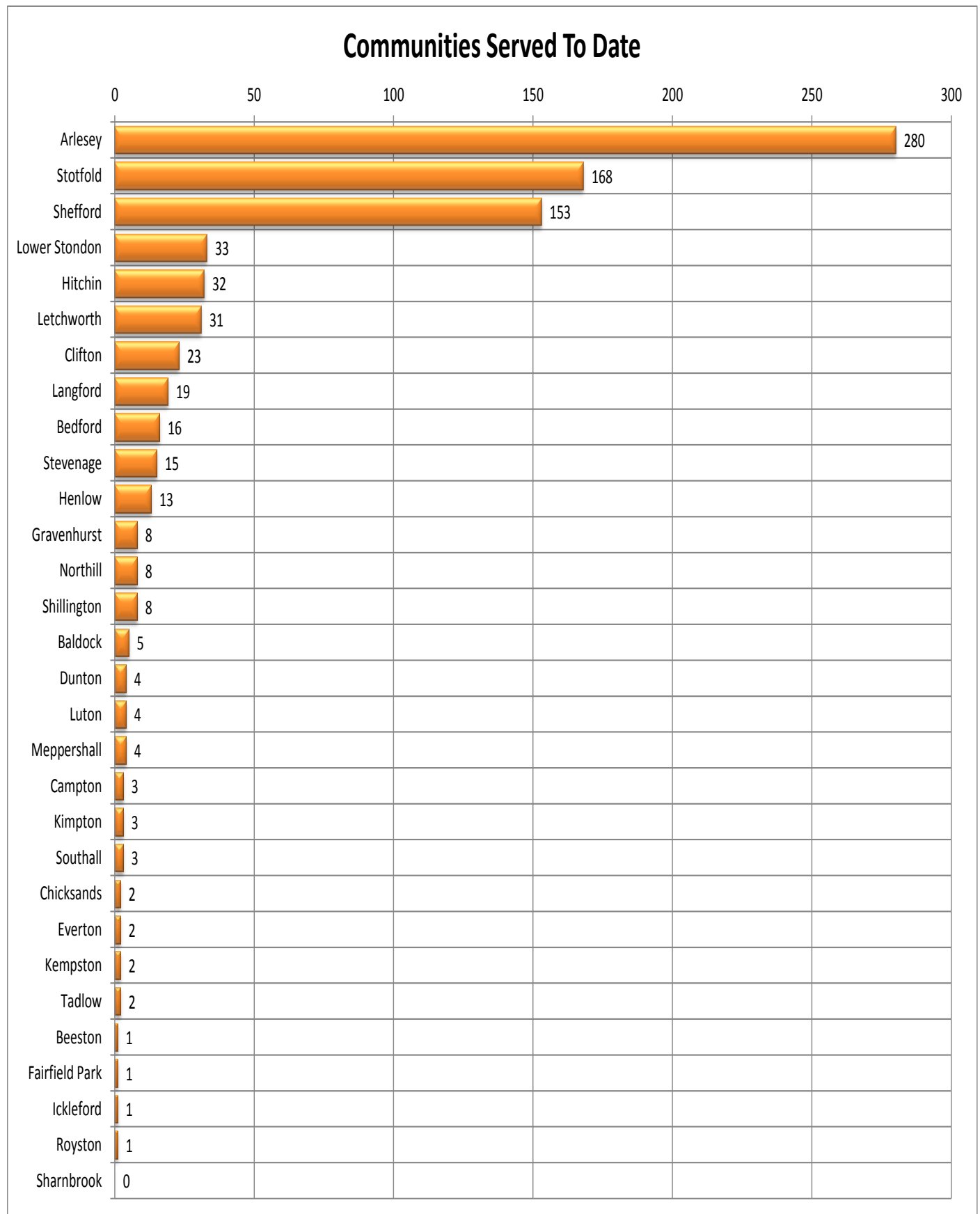
The data above shows a continuing growth trend in the number of people we have been called to serve.

Please note that the December 13 figures do not include the Christmas Hampers

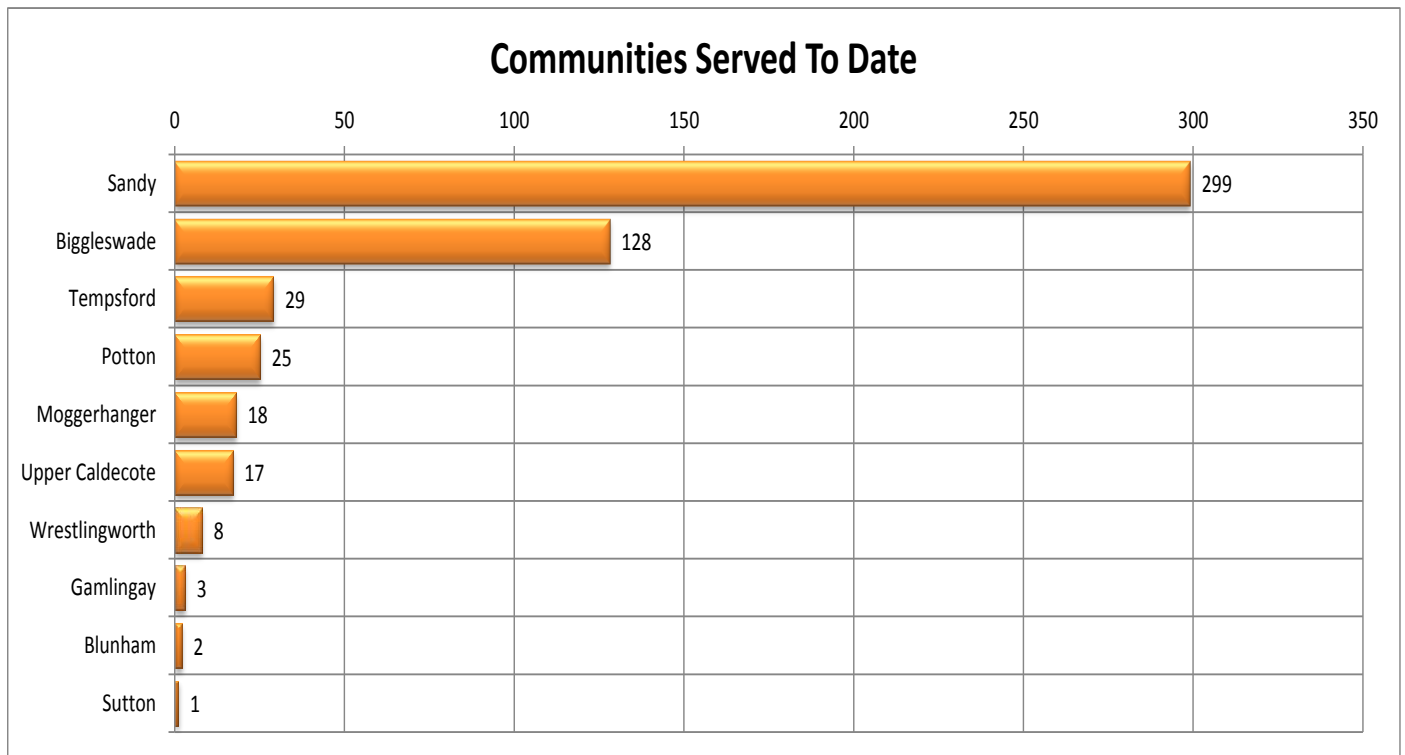
To be able to meet that increasing demand we have the privilege of partnering with multiple donors and food providers whose ongoing generosity is a cause of praise to our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

# Communities Served By Each Distribution Hub from January 2013.

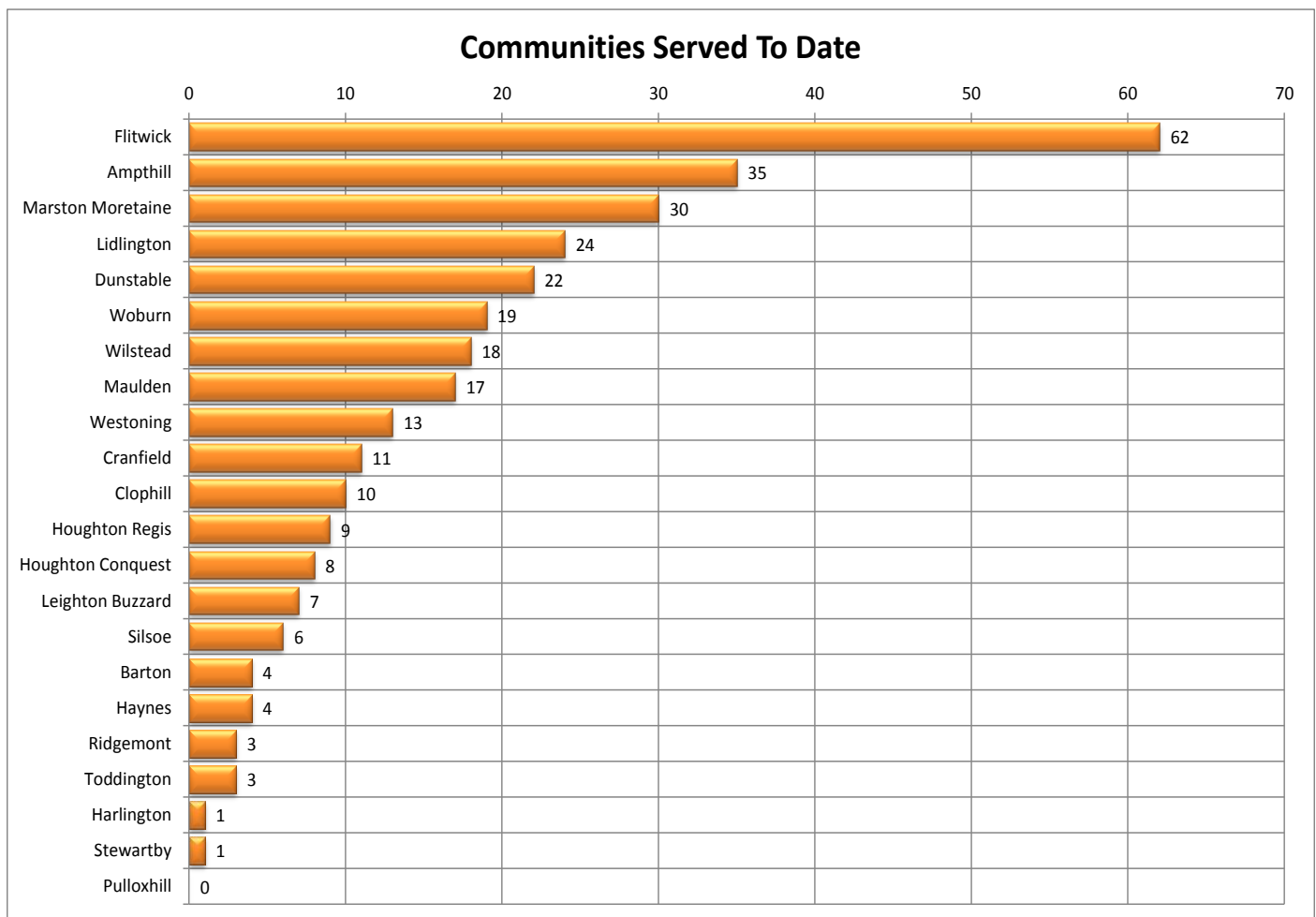
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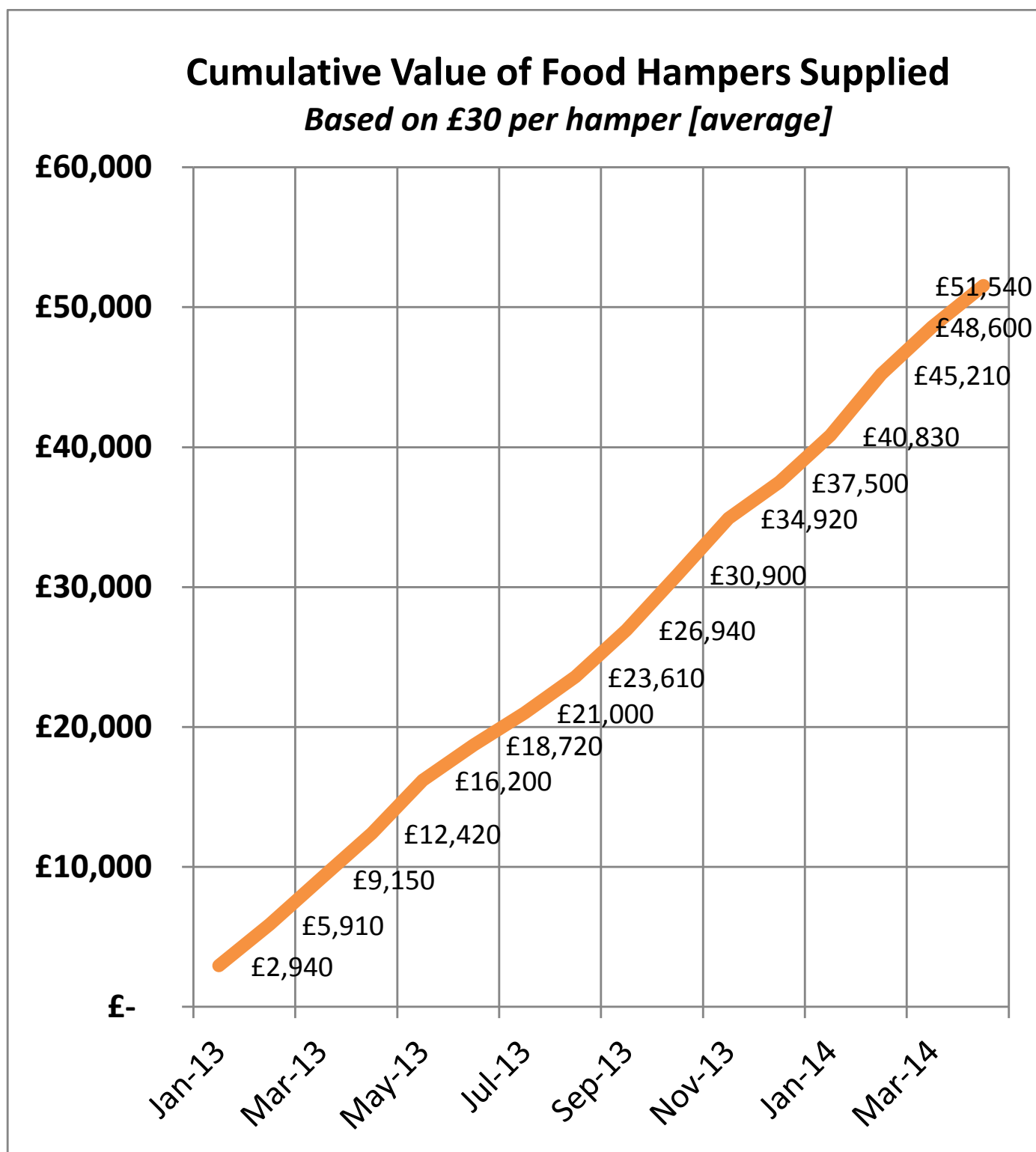
## Sandy



## Flitwick



## Value of the Food Given Out

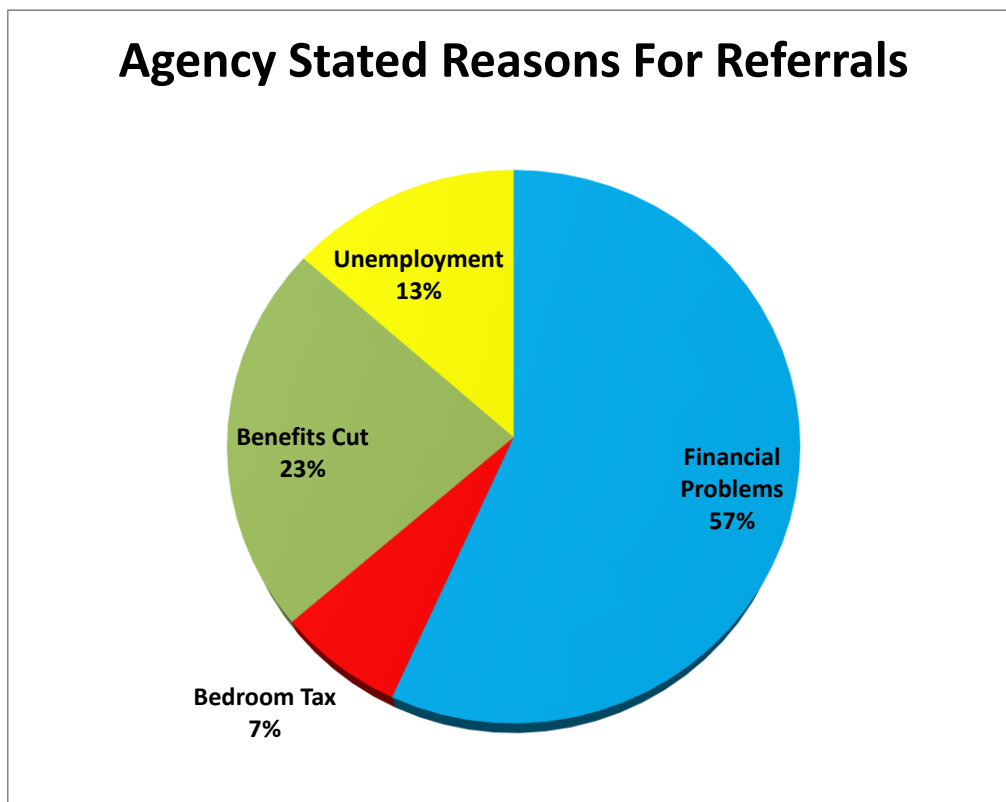


## Adults & Children Served

	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	Σ
Adults	161	107	103	110	160	166	159	115	146	205	155	129	1716
Children	135	100	107	108	126	165	124	109	129	160	103	96	1462

## ***Agency Stated Reasons For Referrals***

As we mentioned previously we have been provided with the reasons our clients need your help in their circumstances, the chart below shows the main reasons given. As with all statistics they only show numbers not the heartbreak behind them which your kindness goes a long way to heal them.



## ***News Items***

Wootton Baptist Church are now actively collecting food for the project, we thank God for them joining with us.

We held a very successful day in Letchworth on Saturday 26 April, which was well attended and many clients were served on the day.

The project has also helped Central Beds Team at Bedford Court in Houghton Regis set up a food store so they can serve their local clients directly. The store has enough food for approximately 25 hampers, and the stock levels will be maintained going forward.

## ***And by God's grace we also provided...***

Single Bed x 1

Sofa x 1

Stair Gates x 3

Table + 4 Chairs x 1

Chest of Drawers x 1

TV Cabinet x 1

Baby Buggy x 1

Pots & Pans

Double Bed x 1

Cutlery

Fridge-Freezer x 1

Baby Clothes

Bedside Table x 1

## ***One big thanku letter***

*Hi gordon its xxx, i just want to say a big thanku for everythin u have done - i got the cat food thanku so much and i'm so happy with the table and chairs its made such a big difference and gave me a big boost that i needed so i cant thank u enough for that and everythin else as i was in a really bad state b4 i saw u with no food and really depressed and u made a really big difference not just with the items but mentally if that makes sense to u, ur a really good man an inspiration and have a heart of gold! It would b really nice if u have time sometime to come have a cuppa with me and sit at my new table lol god bless x*

## ***Finally***

The Need Project Trust Board has been established and we applied to the Charity Commission so we can operate as Charity. This action continues and we have some hoops to jump through today.

The goal to raise funds to support Gordon full-time on the project is progressing; but we still have a shortfall and are looking to the Lord to meet this need.

Please pass this report on to anyone who would be interested in the work of the Need Project.

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