

Need Project Report

March 2016



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

[Matthew 25:35]

Serving Jesus in His most distressing disguise

"No one has
ever become
poor from
giving"
- Anne Frank

***March 2016 Report
(Annual Report)***

This Financial Year Food Parcels

A total of 1,222 food parcels were delivered this year with an average cost at £40 per parcel the total value was £48,880.

At Christmas the value of each food parcel was about £60 bringing the total value to **£55,280**.

Statistics

Food Parcels per Month 2015



Cumulative Value of Food Delivered @ £40 per Parcel

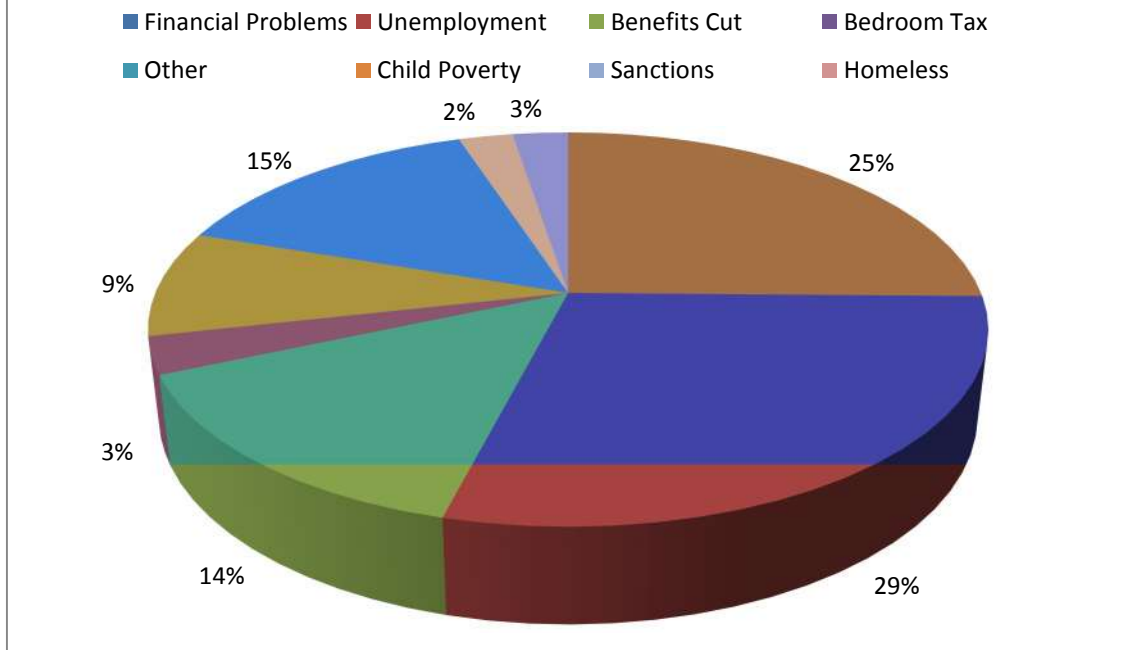


Adults & Children Served

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTAL
Adults	182	152	171	166	110	140	137	131	118	144	153	157	1761
Children	163	146	193	194	129	115	140	123	121	150	187	215	1876

Total for the year - 3,637 adults and children

Agency Stated Reasons for Referral



The figures behind the chart for this year were:

Financial Problems	406	Other	140
Unemployment	462	Child Poverty	237
Benefits Cut	232	Sanctions	40
Bedroom Tax	49	Homeless	41

Communities Served By Each Distribution Hub

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTALS
Stotfold	18	24	35	37	28	21	16	19	5	12	21	19	255
Arlesey	15	14	12	14	8	8	9	8	6	14	13	22	143
Bedford	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	5
Beeston	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	1	0	1	7
Fairfield Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hitchin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ickleford	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kimpton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Royston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sharnbrook	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Southall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tadlow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kempston	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STOTFOLD HUB	<i>Average per month for StotfoldHub</i>												34.17

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTALS
Sandy	11	10	11	20	9	15	18	20	8	8	17	17	164
Potton	3	3	2	4	3	1	2	0	0	3	2	2	25
Blunham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Everton	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Gamlingay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Moggerhanger	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	3	0	10
Sutton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tempsford	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Wrestlingworth	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
SANDY HUB	<i>Average per month for Sandy Hub</i>												17.50

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTALS
Flitwick	8	7	8	6	3	6	9	2	5	6	2	6	68
Maulden	2	1	0	0	0	2	4	2	2	3	1	0	17
Wilstead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3
Barton	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	5
Houghton Conquest	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	5
Silsoe	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Westoning	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Clophill	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	2	1	9
Amphill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harlington	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Haynes	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Pulloxhill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ridgmont	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toddington	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
Woburn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FLITWICK HUB	<i>Average per month for Flitwick Hub</i>												10.08

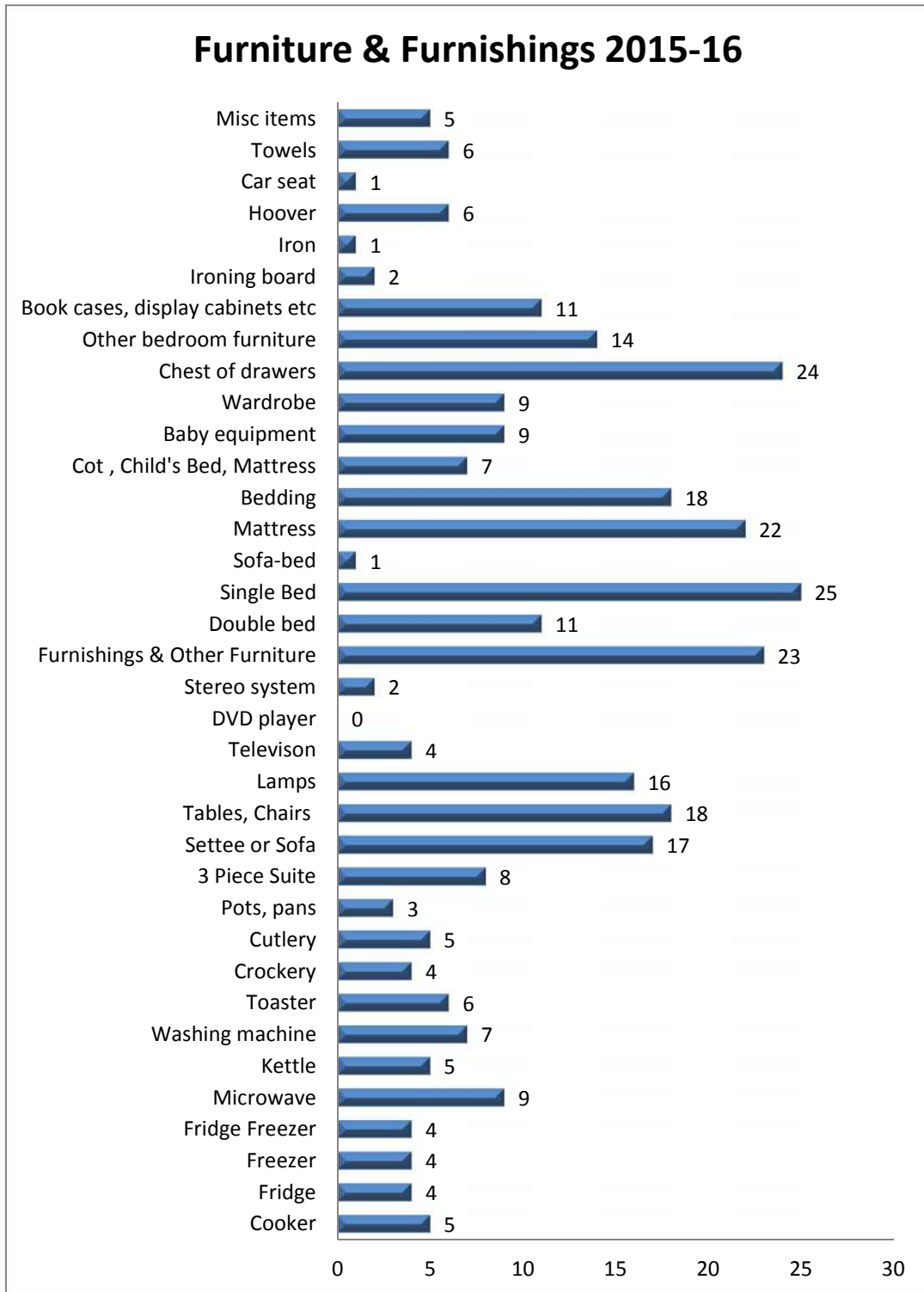
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Shefford	21	12	11	14	10	9	8	11	13	12	9	6	136
Langford	2	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Campton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chicksands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clifton	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	2	1	9
Gravenhurst	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Henlow	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Lower Stondon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4
Meppershall	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Shillington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3
SHEFFORD HUB	<i>Average per month for Shefford Hub</i>												13.67

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTALS
Marston Moretaine	1	3	2	3	1	3	2	4	2	0	2	3	26
Lidlington	7	0	1	0	0	4	1	0	1	1	0	0	15
Cranfield	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	2	2	3	2	3	17
Stewartby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wootton	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
MARSTON HUB	<i>Average per month for Marston Hub</i>												5.08

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	TOTALS
Biggleswade	15	15	10	13	9	15	12	6	9	9	13	16	142
Dunton	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	6
Upper Caldecote	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
Northill	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Biggleswade Hub	<i>Average per month for Biggleswade Hub</i>												12.67

Out of Area	5	4	10	5	5	5	3	8	14	8	12	13	92
<i>Includes Dunstable, Stevenage, Baldock, Leighton Buzzard and others.</i>													

Furniture



March furniture conservative estimate of second-hand values was just under **£1,660**.

Purpose

This report has been compiled to provide our supporters and referral agencies an overview of the extent and growth rate of the project, and demonstrate the public benefits of this 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 Central Bedfordshire exists to provide a Christian response for people in our communities who are facing various situations of need.

The project is overseen as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and run by members of five “hubs”; Kings Baptist Church Stotfold, Flitwick Baptist Church, Sandy Baptist Church, Shefford Baptist Church and Vale Community Church (Baptist) in Marston Moretaine.

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 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.

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 take food too.

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

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