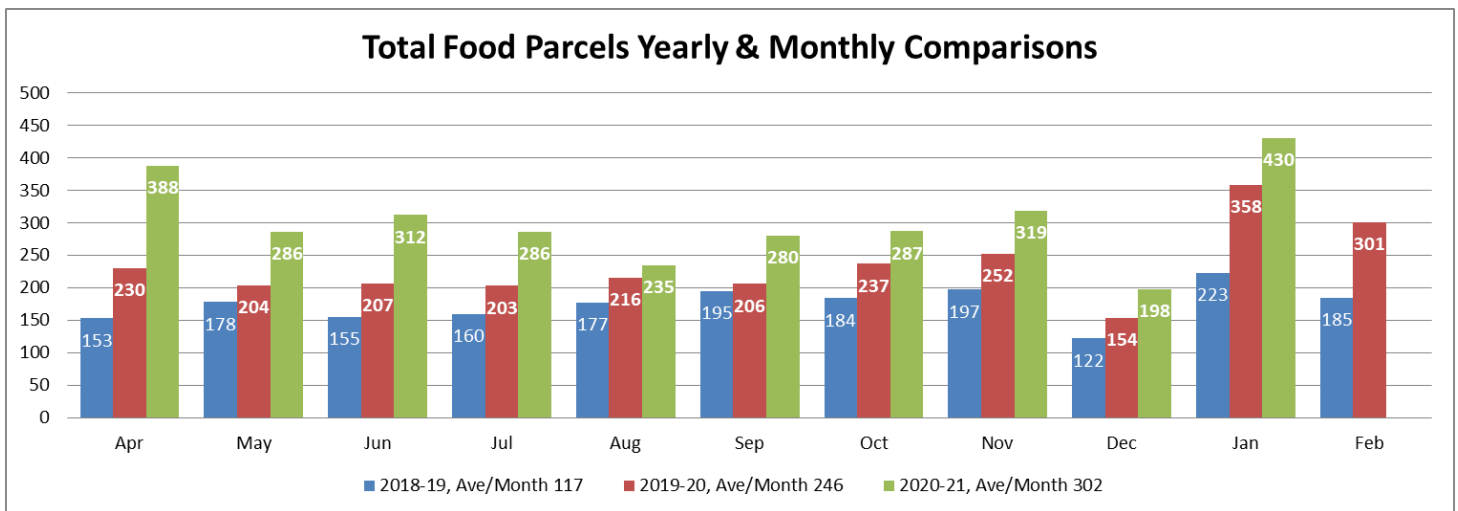




"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat"
[Matthew 25:35]

Serving Jesus in His most distressing disguise

Need Project Report ***January 2021***

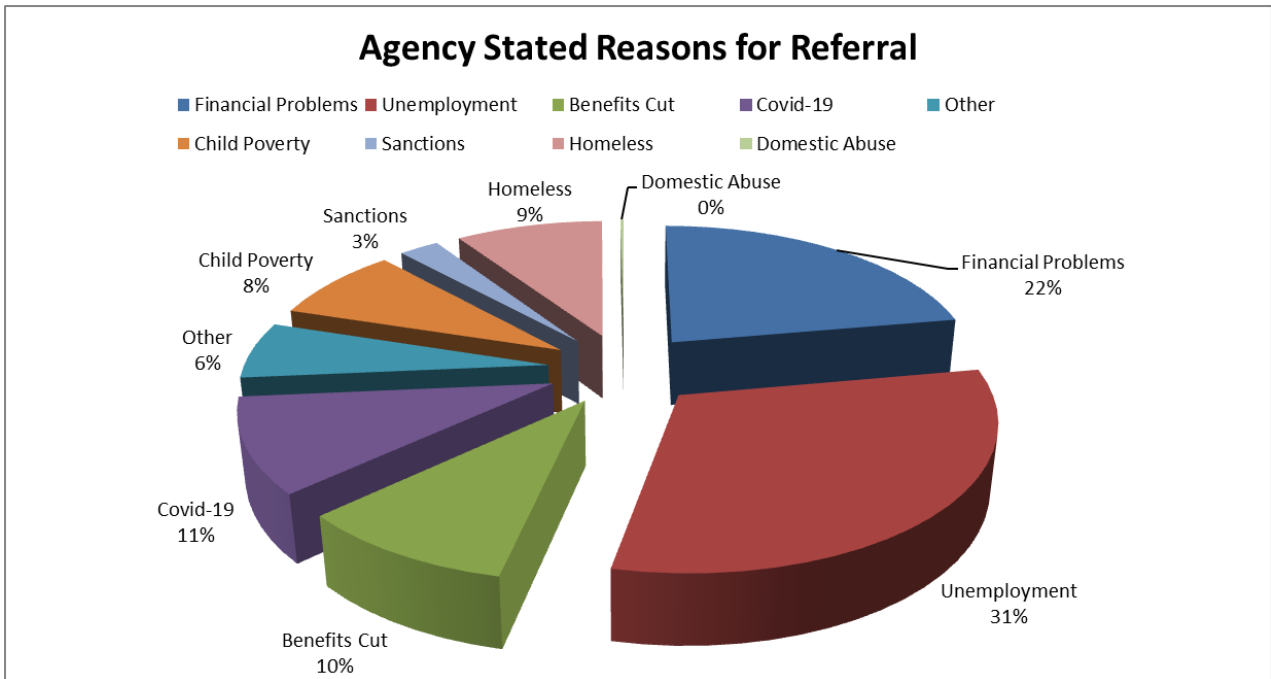


What a strange year this has been – but there’s hope on the horizon that 2021 will see proper control of Covid-19. We might be living with it for the future though.

*January has seen yet another record level of referrals, the most in any month since we started this project over five years ago. **Big thanks to all our volunteers** who have continued to deliver food parcels, even with fewer volunteers available.*

Our administrator (Dave) hasn’t had any time off since 2019. He is also a volunteer. Did you know that any referrals received after 15:30 are probably not going to get processed till the next working day. If that’s on a Friday, it won’t be till the following Monday as none of us work weekends. Some weekend deliveries do happen because we have some amazing volunteers, but it’s not expected. Our target time is within 48 hours (working days).

Statistics



Hubs Summary	Total to Date	Monthly Average
Flitwick	359	36
Sandy	814	81
Stotfold	425	43
Shefford	364	36
Biggleswade	328	33
Marston Moretaine	112	11
Out of Area	581	58
	2983	

Total value to date at £54 per parcel	£ 163,134.00	Christmas Parcels at £70 per parcel	£ 66,080.00
Total value this month at £54 per parcel	£ 23,220.00	Overall Total Year from April to Date	£ 229,214.00

Children	Age 0-4	Age 5-10	Age 11-17	Adults	Total
Totals (yr)	1901	1918	1814	5845	11478
Christmas	388	463	346	1287	2484



Furniture, Furnishings and White Goods

Items			Actual items includes		
White goods	1	£ 80.00	Cookers	0	£ -
Beds	5	£ 195.00	Fridges/freezers	0	£ -
Bedroom furniture	4	£ 110.00	Suites/sofas	1	£ 40.00
Lounge furniture	11	£ 230.00	Washing machines	1	£ 80.00
Misc & baby equip	6	£ 75.00	Microwaves	0	£ -
Bedding	0	£ -	TV's / DVD players	1	£ 40.00
Estimated value		£ 690.00	Estimated value		£ 160.00

Tot Est Value for Month	£ 870.00
Tot Est Value Year to date	£ 9,100.00

Despite restrictions on being able to supply furniture, we were still able to supply some families with furniture etc. Due to lockdown, and restrictions, collection of donated items is not possible, and then there's maintaining safe distance when delivering. We have had to turn down a few requests during January.

There's a Cost.

None of this could happen without funds so we are actively seeking funds through grants and donations.

Would you consider donating something on a regular basis? If you can and are willing, please let our Administrator (Dave Marchant) know and he will tell you how to do it e-mail:

admin@theneedproject.co.uk .

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.

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

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