



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

## Need Project Report July 2025

**660 parcels provided in 20 working days.**

**515 top-up-bags collected from our Pop-up sites.**

**£48,050**

is the estimated value of the food for the month of July 2025.

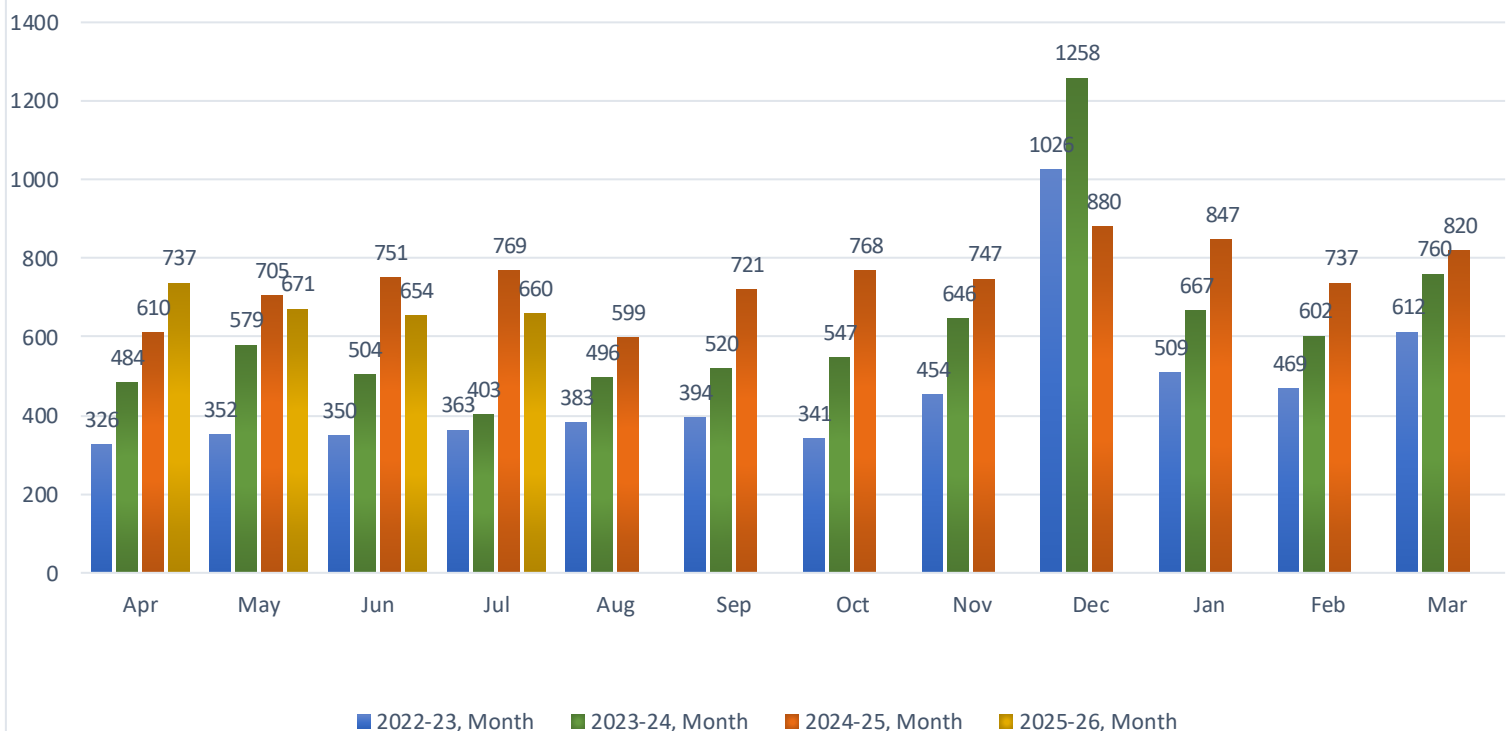
**£6,602.50**

Is the average monthly cost to run the charity (Rent, Insurance, Fuel, Van, Staff related expenses)

In July 2025 we delivered 660 food parcels. A review of our procedures has resulted in increased efficiencies which reflects in the top up bags rising and the parcels levelling out.

This month with your help. We have managed to make a difference to 1666 adults, 280 pensioners and 1508 children. This includes our best before food that we give away..

### Total Food Comparisons

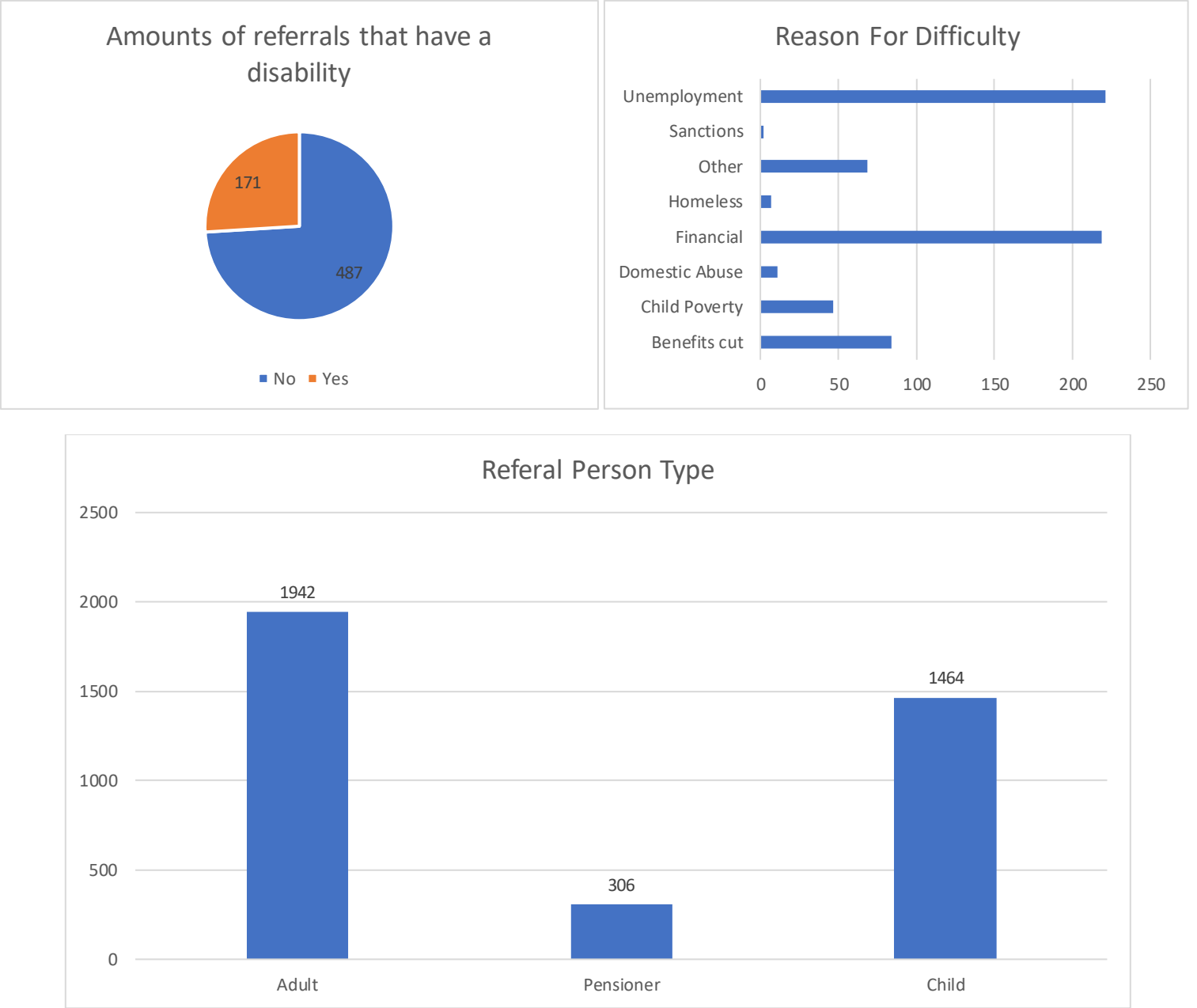


Percentage change 2021 - 2025												
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
2022-23, Month	326	352	350	363	383	394	341	454	1026	509	469	612
2023-24, Month	484	579	504	403	496	520	547	646	1258	667	602	760
2024-25, Month	610	705	751	769	599	721	768	747	880	847	737	820
2025-26, Month	737	671	654	660								
% increase 2022 - 23	48.47%	64.49%	44.00%	11.02%	29.50%	31.98%	60.41%	42.29%	22.61%	31.04%	28.36%	24.18%
% increase 2023 -24/25	26.03%	21.76%	49.01%	90.82%	20.77%	38.65%	40.40%	15.63%	-30.05%	26.99%	22.43%	7.89%
% increase 2025	20.82%	-4.82%	-12.92%	-14.17%								

People	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	TOTAL
Adults	945	1112	1942	1242	1559	1942	2098	1995	2067	1384	1871	2010	19222
Children	733	875	1464	1060	1141	1467	1530	1362	1641	1018	1196	1550	14304

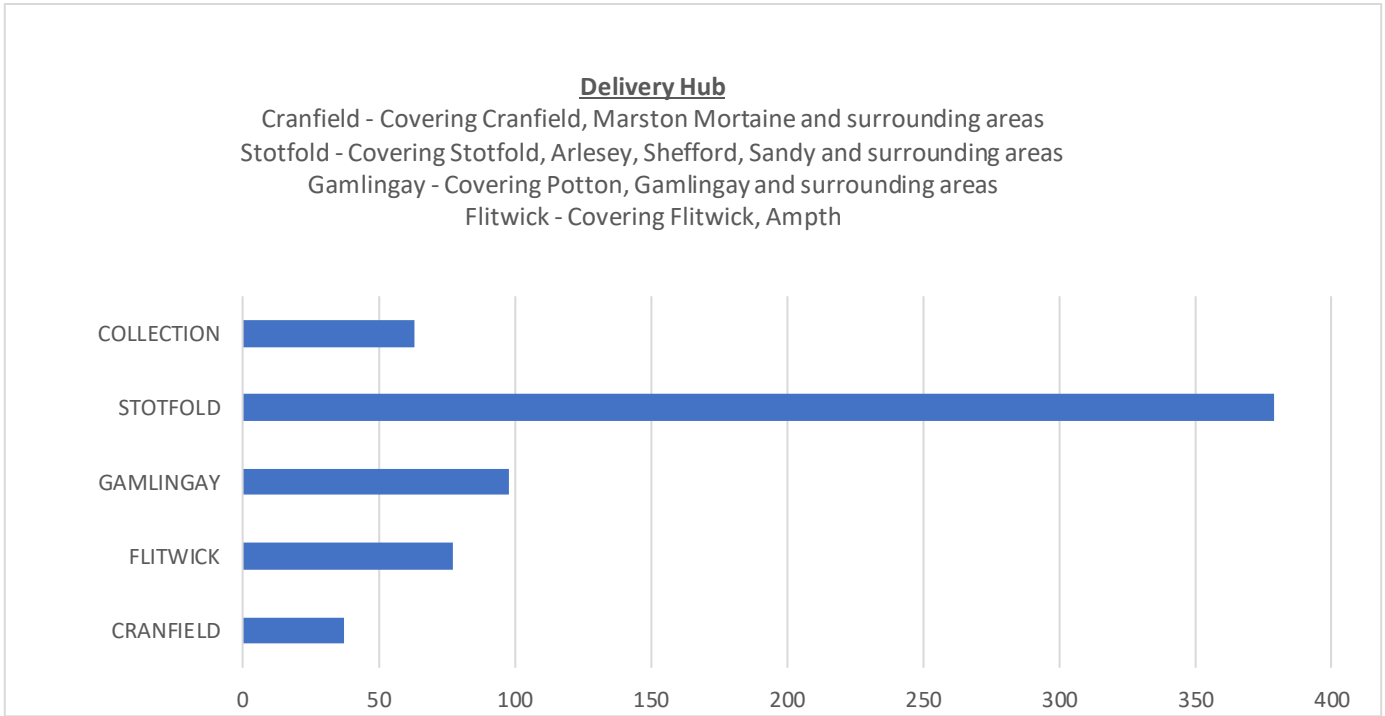
Total value to date at £65 per parcel (Aug24 - July 25)	£ 648,385.00		Total value to date at £65 per parcel (May 25)	£ 48,050.00
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The reasons people are being referred for food parcels & how many have a disability



Distribution of parcels per postcode

Villages within postcode areas	Number of parcels referred to these postcodes
AL8: Welwyn Garden City	1
CB23: Cambourne	5
LU5 and 7: Dunstableand Leighton Buzzard	6
MK17: Salford, Aspley Guise, Hulcote, Woburn Sands, Woburn, Eversholt, Milton Bryan, Tingrith, Potsgrove	0
MK40: Bedford	1
MK43: Cranfield, Marston Moretaine, Upper/Lower Shelton, Lidlington, Ridgmont,Husbourne Crawley, Brogborough	48
MK44: Blunham, Moggerhanger	22
MK45: Ampthill, Barton-Le-Clay,Clophill, Flitton, Flitwick,Gravenhurst, Greenfield, Haynes, Houghton Conquest, Maulden, Millbrook, Pulloxhill, Sharpenhoe, Silsoe, Steppingley,Gravenhurst, Westoning	96
SG1: Stevenage	2
SG4: Kington	2
SG5: Fairfield, Fairfield Park, Hexton, Hiogham Gobion, Holwell, Letchworth, Pirton, Shillington,Stotfold,	56
SG6: Arlesey, Letchworth	15
SG7: Baldock, Hinxworth	2
SG12: Ware	1
SG15: Arlesey	36
SG16: Henlow, Letchworth, Lower Stondon,	40
SG17: Campton, Chicksands, Clifton, Meppershall, Shefford	63
SG18: Biggleswade, Edworth, Ickwell, Langford, Lower Caldecote, Northill, Old Warden, Southill, Stanford, Upper Caldecote	78
SG19: Beeston, Everton, Gamlingay, Gransden, Hatch, Pottton, Sandy, Sutton, Tempsford, Wrestlingworth	186



**PLEASE NOTE OUR REFERRAL BUSINESS HOURS BELOW.  
THE REFERRAL SYSTEM WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE OUTSIDE OF THESE HOURS.**

Monday	7.00am – 6.00pm
Tuesday	7.00am – 6.00pm
Wednesday	7.00am – 6.00pm
Thursday	7.00am – 6.00pm
Friday	7.00am – 12.00pm
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

**££££££ We  your help ££££££**

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?

Visit <https://theneedproject.org/donate/> for further information.

We would like to say a big **'Thank You'** to those who make donations regularly.



***Around £750 per month is being spent on fuel alone, collecting food and delivering food parcels in the villages around rural Central Bedfordshire. That is equal to £9000.00 a year!***



### ***Our objectives***

To tackle food poverty throughout Central Bedfordshire and surrounding areas, by providing food parcels to support individuals and families, via our referral system.

### ***Our values***

We are a Christian organisation motivated by Jesus' teaching on poverty and injustice. 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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