



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

## **The Need Project Report December 2025**

**820 parcels provided in 17 working days.**

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

**£81,850**

*is the estimated value of the food for the month of December 2025.*

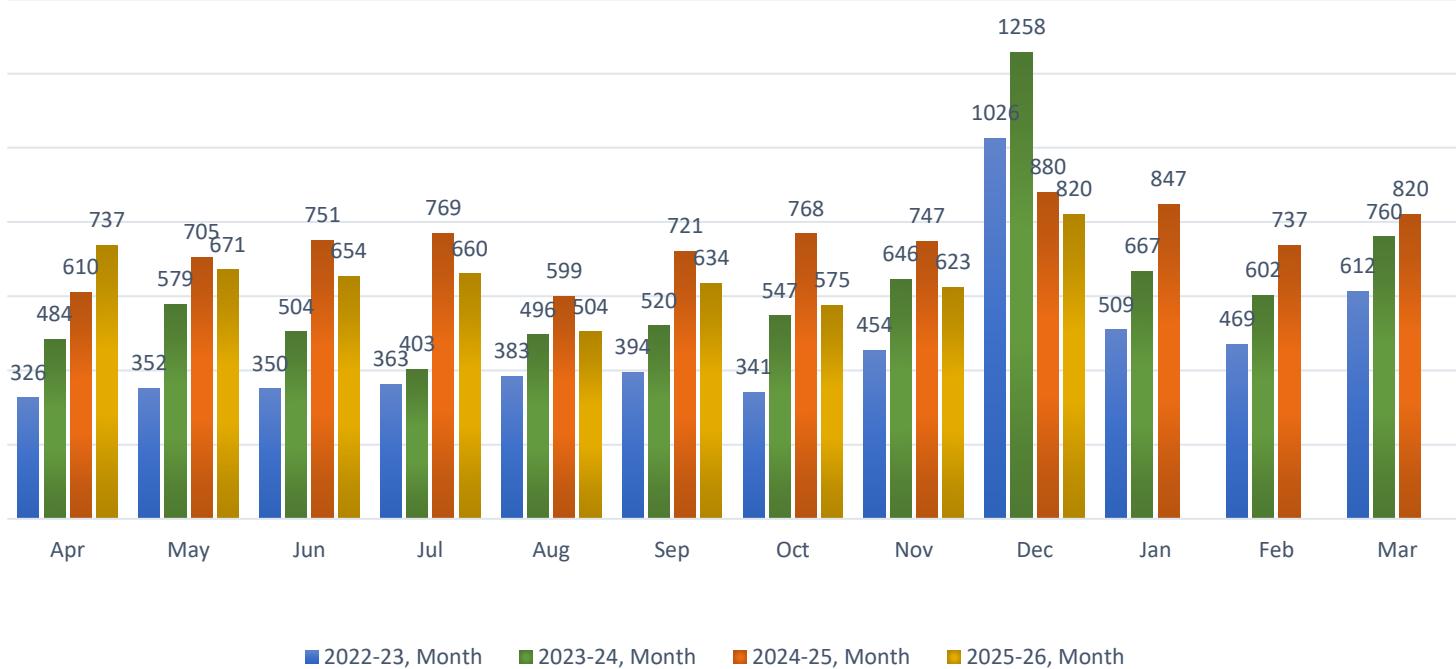
**£6,602.50**

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

*In December 2025 we delivered 820 food parcels and 395 top up bags. A review of our procedures has resulted in increased efficiencies which reflects in the top up bags rising and the parcels levelling out. Although even with the improved procedures our month to month (November 2025 to December 2025) 'parcels provided' comparison shows the demand for our services remains as high as ever.*

*This month with your help. We have managed to make a difference to 1635 adults, 355 pensioners and 1583 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	504	634	575	623	820			
% 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%	-15.86%	-12.07%	-25.13%	-16.60%	-6.82%			

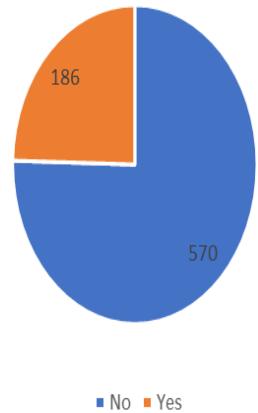
People	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	TOTAL
Adults	945	1112	1942	1242	1601	1994	1788	1842	1990	1384	1871	2010	18776
Children	733	875	1464	1060	1074	1440	1312	1380	1583	1018	1196	1550	13952

Total value to date at £65 per parcel + £95 per parcel for December 2025 (January 25 - December 25) **£ 598,495.00**

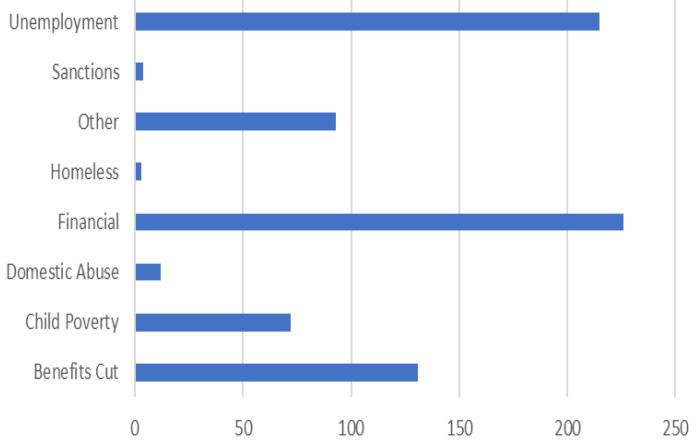
Total value of this months parcels at £95 for December 2025 **£ 81,850.00**

## The reasons people are being referred for food parcels & how many have a disability

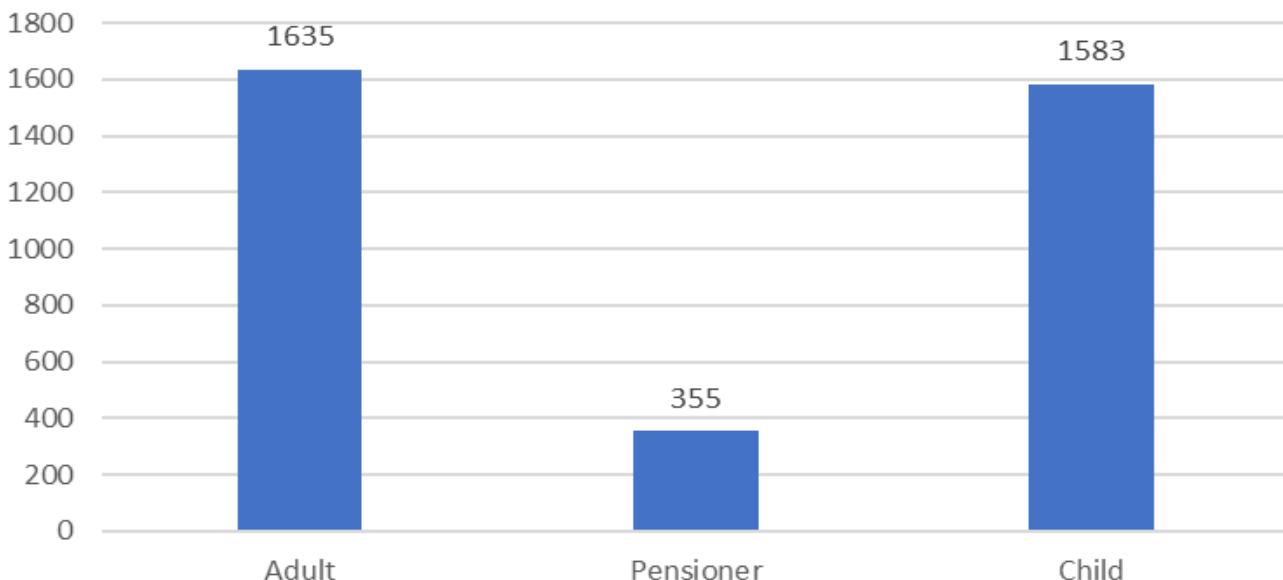
Amounts of referrals that have a disability



Reason For Difficulty



Referral Person Type



## Distribution of parcels per postcode

Villages within postcode areas	Number of parcels referred to these postcodes
AL7: Welwyn Garden City	1
CB23: Cambourne	4
EN10: Broxbourne	2
LU5, 6& 7: Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard	10
MK17: Salford, Aspley Guise, Hulcote, Woburn Sands, Woburn, Eversholt, Milton Bryan, Tingrith, Potsgrove	4
MK43: Cranfield, Marston Moretaine, Upper/Lower Shelton, Lidlington, Ridgmont, Husbourne Crawley, Brogborough	59
MK44: Blunham, Moggerhanger	19
MK45: Ampthill, Barton-Le-Clay, Clophill, Flitton, Flitwick, Gravenhurst, Greenfield, Haynes, Houghton Conquest, Maulden, Millbrook, Pulloxhill, Sharpenhoe, Silsoe, Steppingley, Gravenhurst, Westoning	83
SG1 & 2: Stevenage	9
SG4 & SG5: Fairfield, Fairfield Park, Hexton, Hiogham Gobion, Holwell, Letchworth, Pirton, Shillington, Stotfold, Hitchin	64
SG6: Arlesey, Letchworth	25
SG7, 8 & 9: Baldock, Hinxworth	5
SG12: Ware	1
SG15: Arlesey	31
SG16: Henlow, Letchworth, Lower Standon,	38
SG17: Campton, Chicksands, Clifton, Meppershall, Shefford	80
SG18: Biggleswade, Edworth, Ickwell, Langford, Lower Caldecote, Northill, Old Warden, Southill, Stanford, Upper Caldecote	126
SG19: Beeston, Everton, Gamlingay, Gransden, Hatch, Potton, Sandy, Sutton, Tempsford, Wrestlingworth	195

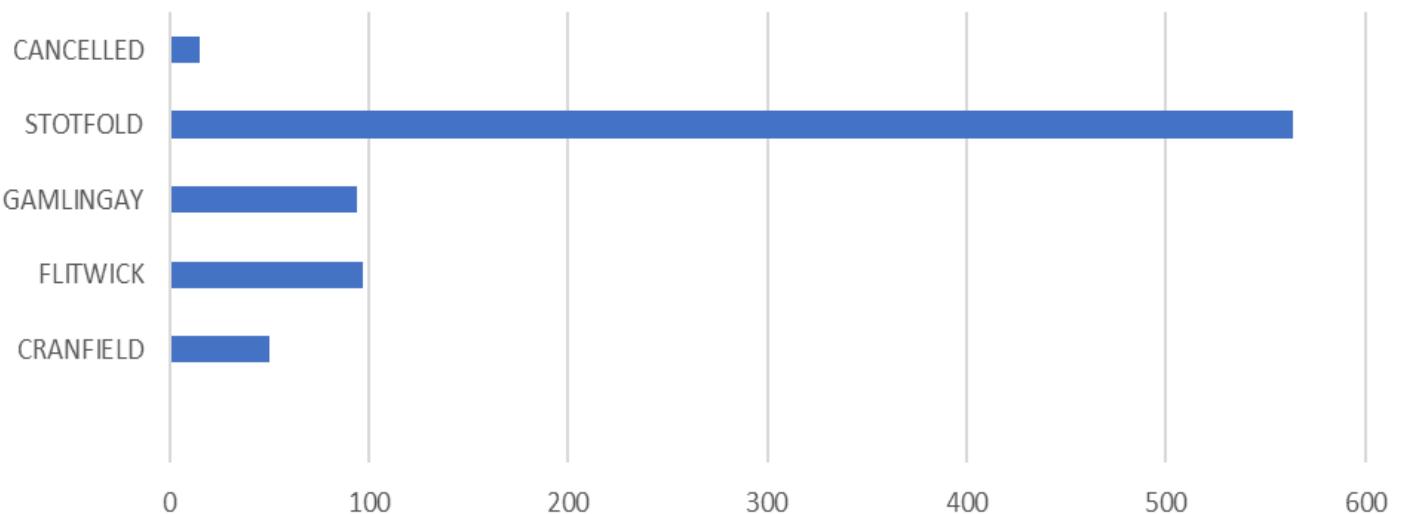
### Delivery Hub

Cranfield - Covering Cranfield, Marston Mortaine and surrounding areas

Stotfold - Covering Stotfold, Arlesey, Shefford, Sandy and surrounding areas

Gamlingay - Covering Potton, Gamlingay and surrounding areas

Flitwick - Covering Flitwick, Ampth



**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



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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