



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

The Need Project Report November 2025

623 parcels provided in 20 working days.

456 top-up-bags collected from our Pop-up sites.

£45,055

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

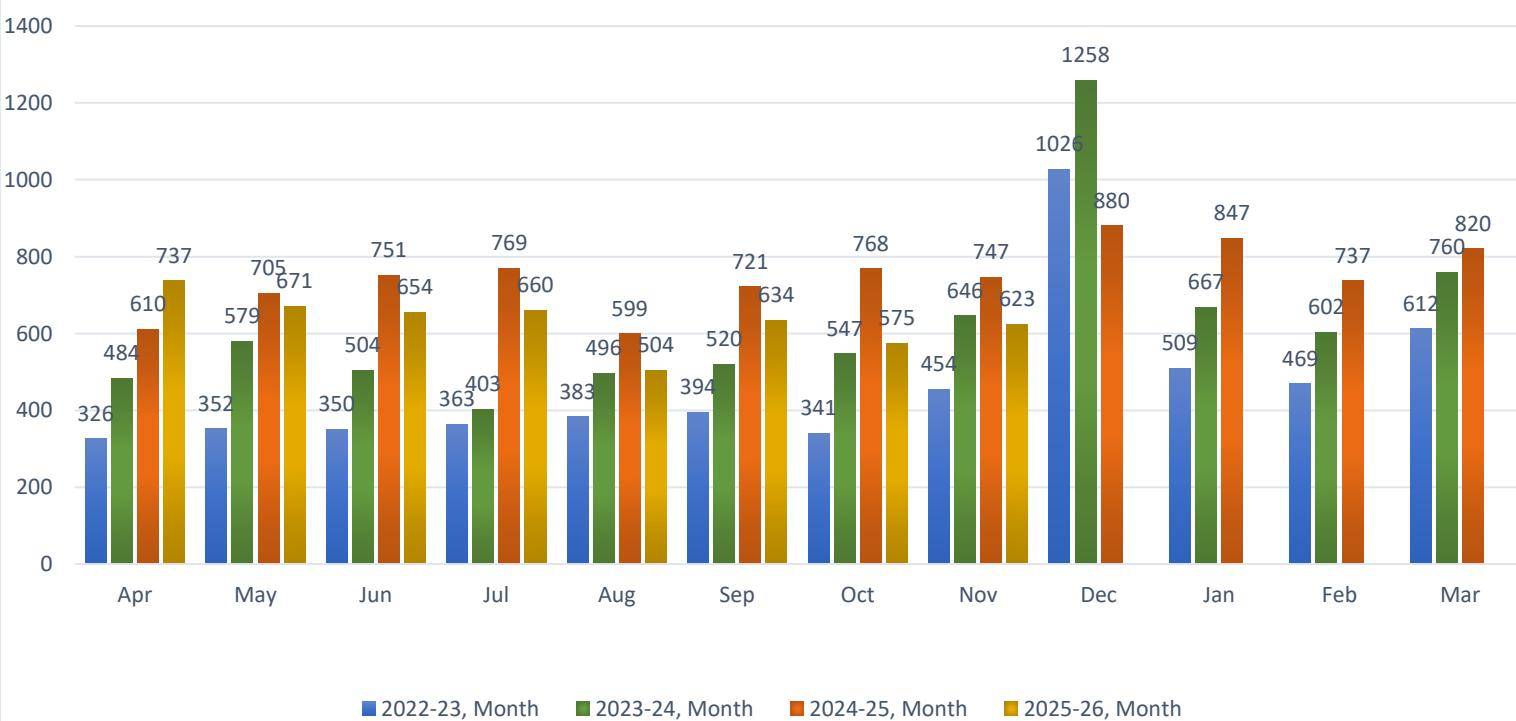
£6,602.50

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

In November 2025 we delivered 623 food parcels and 456 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 (October 2026 to November 2026) '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 1556 adults, 286 pensioners and 1380 children. This includes our best before food that we give away.

Total Food Comparisons



| Percentage change 2021 - 2025 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 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 | | | | | |
| % 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% | | | | | |

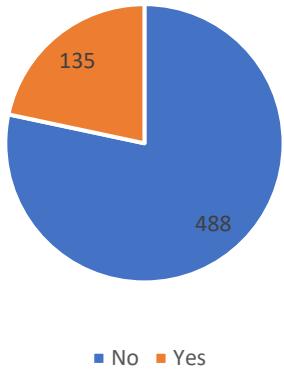
| People | Apr-25 | May-25 | Jun-25 | Jul-25 | Aug-25 | Sep-25 | Oct-25 | Nov-25 | Dec-24 | Jan-25 | Feb-25 | Mar-25 | TOTAL |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| Adults | 945 | 1112 | 1942 | 1242 | 1601 | 1994 | 1788 | 1842 | 2067 | 1384 | 1871 | 2010 | 18853 |
| Children | 733 | 875 | 1464 | 1060 | 1074 | 1440 | 1312 | 1380 | 1641 | 1018 | 1196 | 1550 | 14010 |

Total value to date at £65 per parcel
(November 24 - October 25) **£ 598,495.00**

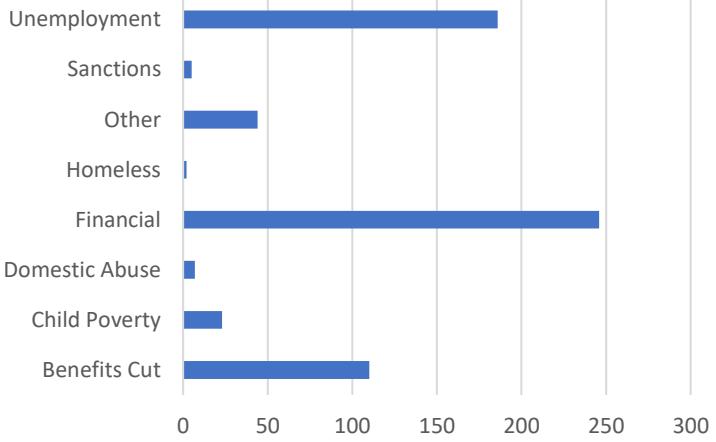
Total value to date at £65 per parcel (Sep 25) **£ 45,055.00**

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

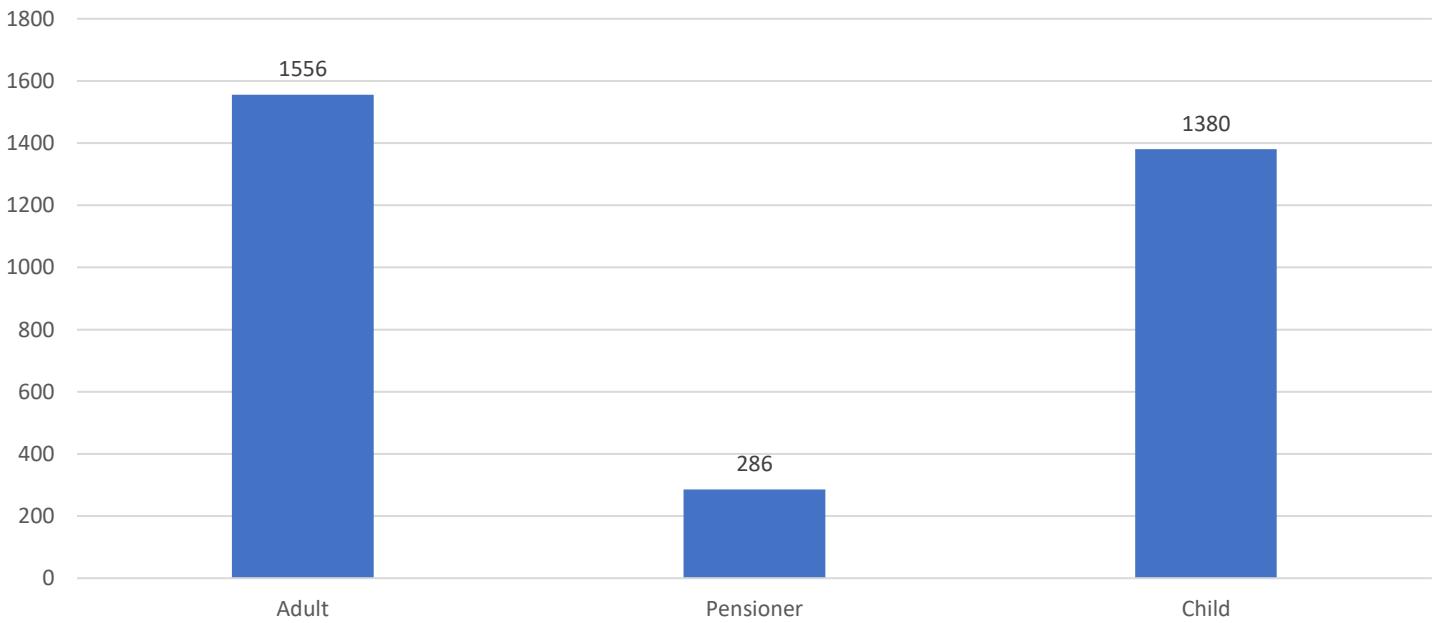
Amounts of referrals that have a disability



Reason For Difficulty



Referral Person Type



Distribution of parcels per postcode

| Villages within postcode areas | Number of parcels referred to these postcodes |
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| CB23: Cambourne | 6 |
| EN10: Broxbourne | 1 |
| LU5, 6& 7: Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard | 1 |
| MK17: Salford, Aspley Guise, Hulcote, Woburn Sands, Woburn, Eversholt, Milton Bryan, Tingrith, Potsgrove | 1 |
| MK43: Cranfield, Marston Moretaine, Upper/Lower Shelton, Lidlington, Ridgmont, Husbourne Crawley, Brogborough | 45 |
| MK44: Blunham, Moggerhanger | 15 |
| MK45: Ampthill, Barton-Le-Clay, Clophill, Flitton, Flitwick, Gravenhurst, Greenfield, Haynes, Houghton Conquest, Maulden, Millbrook, Pulloxhill, Sharpenhoe, Silsoe, Steppingley, Gravenhurst, Westoning | 82 |
| SG1 & 2: Stevenage | 8 |
| SG5: Fairfield, Fairfield Park, Hexton, Hiogham Gobion, Holwell, Letchworth, Pirton, Shillington, Stotfold, | 44 |
| SG6: Arlesey, Letchworth | 16 |
| SG7, 8 & 9: Baldock, Hinxworth | 4 |
| SG15: Arlesey | 32 |
| SG16: Henlow, Letchworth, Lower Standon, | 39 |
| SG17: Campton, Chicksands, Clifton, Meppershall, Shefford | 58 |
| SG18: Biggleswade, Edworth, Ickwell, Langford, Lower Caldecote, Northill, Old Warden, Southill, Stanford, Upper Caldecote | 74 |
| SG19: Beeston, Everton, Gamlingay, Gransden, Hatch, Potton, Sandy, Sutton, Tempsford, Wrestlingworth | 197 |

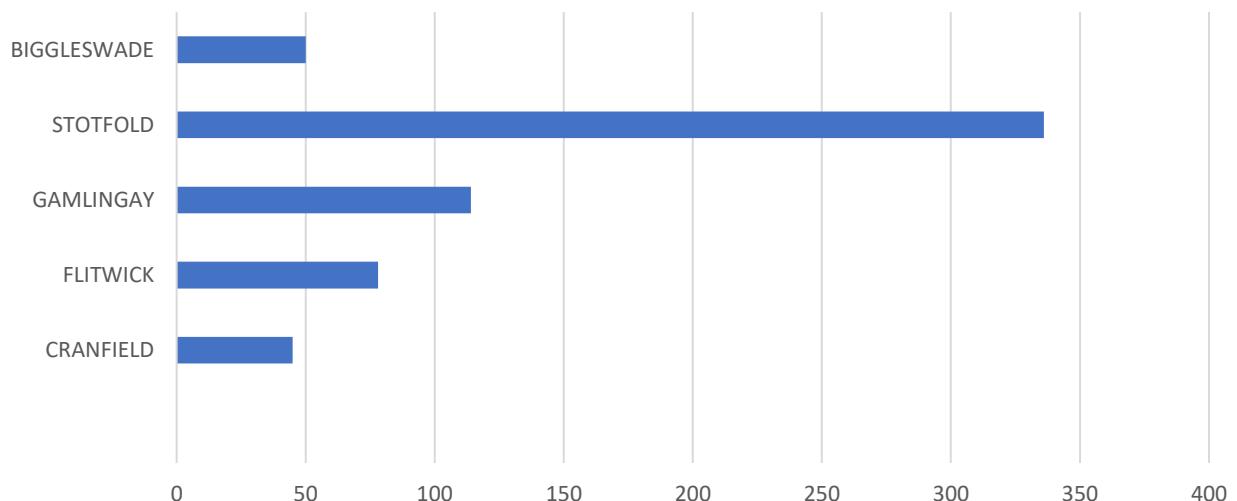
Delivery Hub

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.**

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| 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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