



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

Need Project Report October 2025

575 parcels provided in 23 working days.

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

£42,255

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

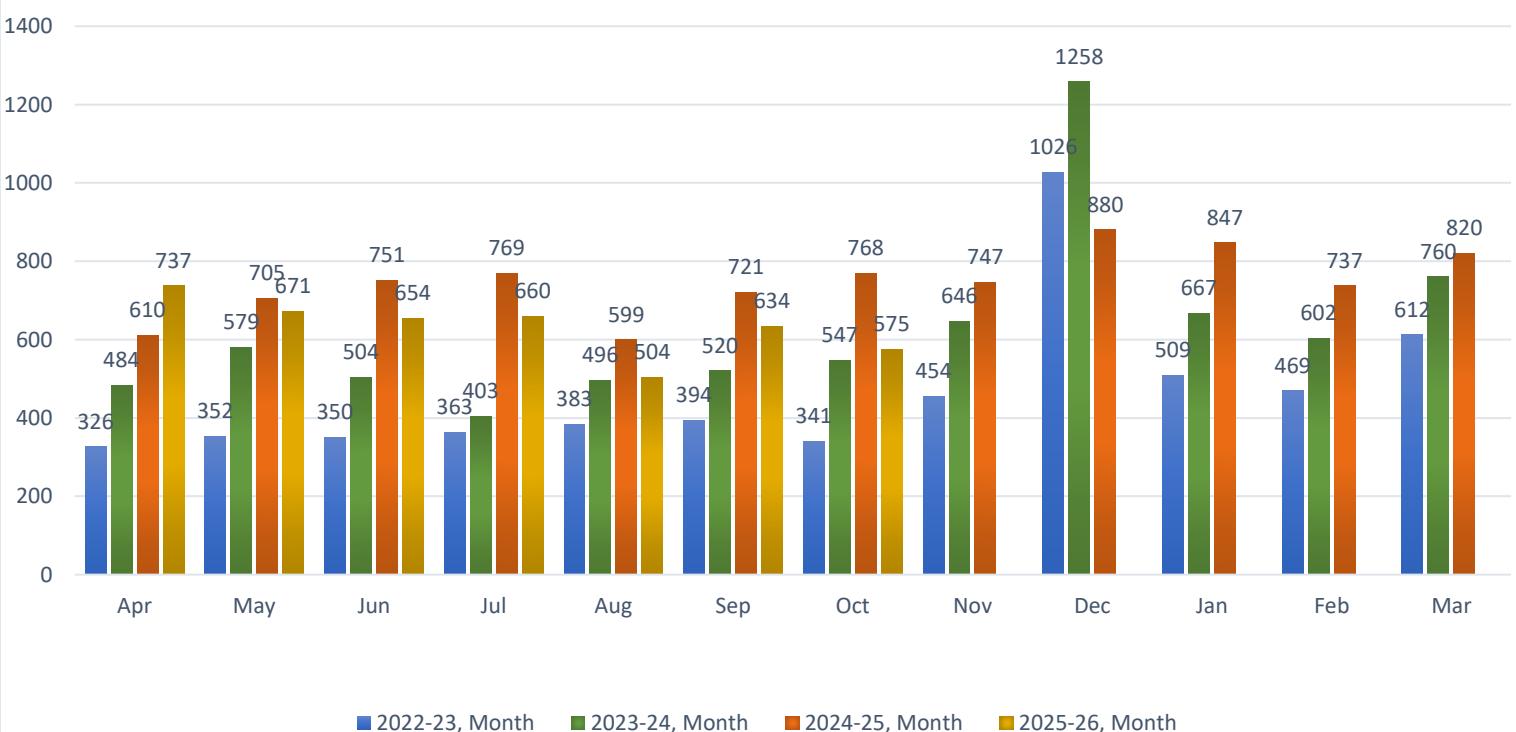
£6,602.50

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

In October 2025 we delivered 575 food parcels and 488 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 year on year October 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 1471 adults, 317 pensioners and 1312 children. This includes our best before food that we give away..

Total Food Comparisons



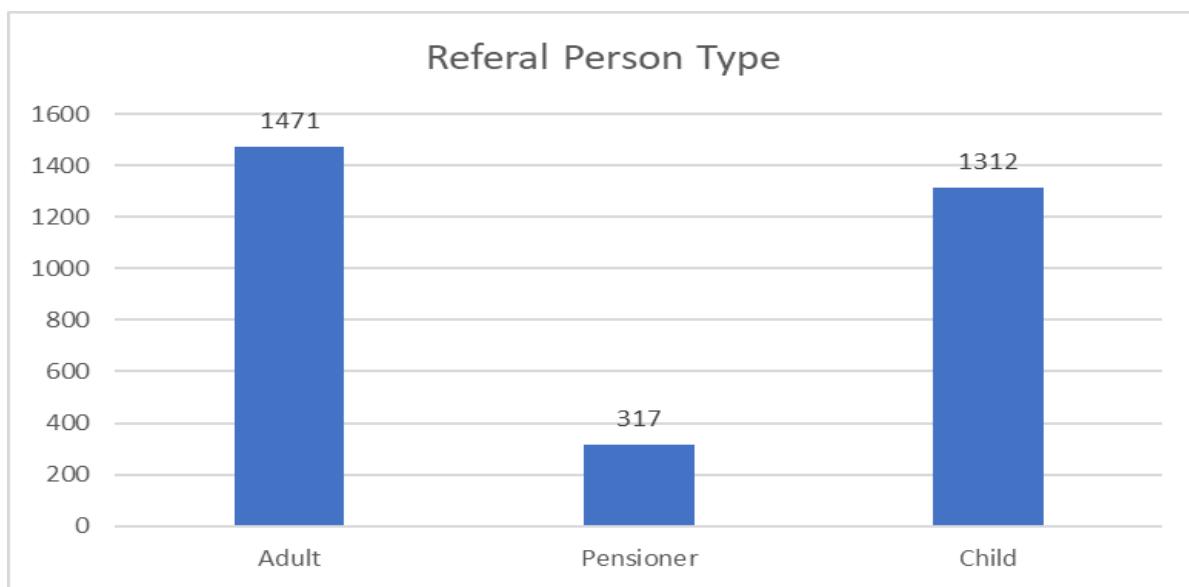
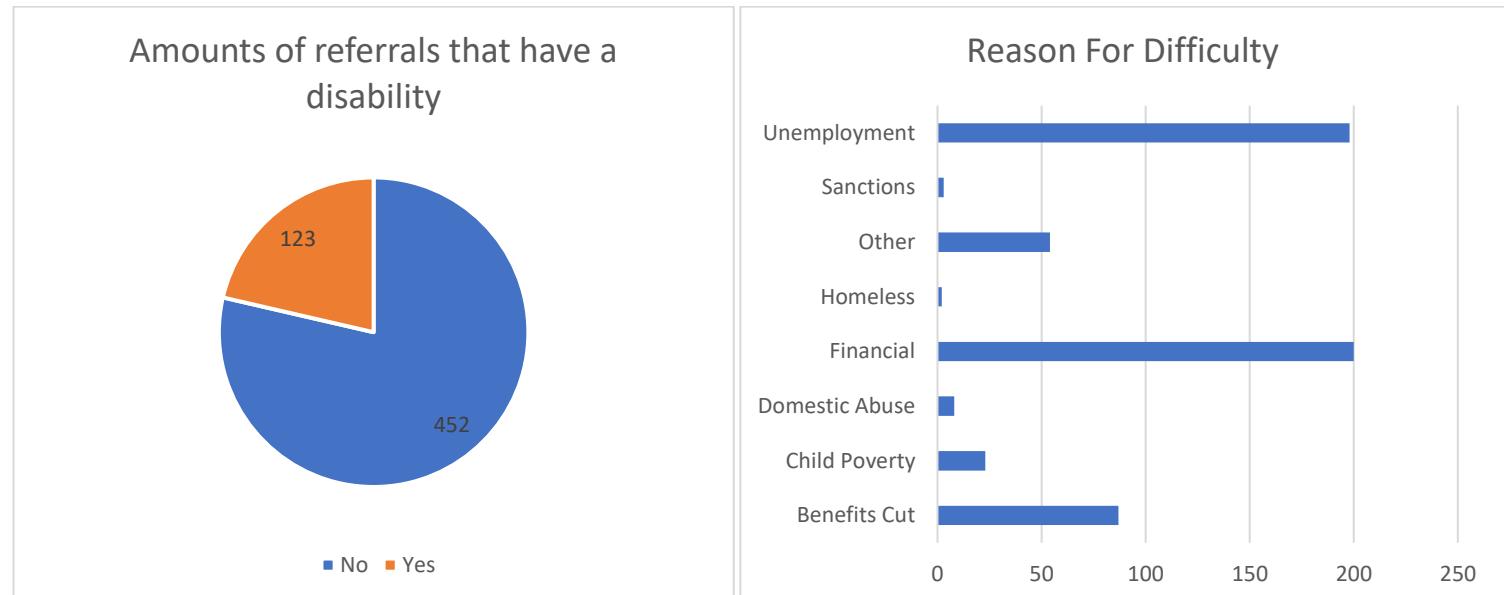
	Percentage change 2021 - 2025												Apr
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
2022-23, Month	326	352	350	363	383	394	341	454	1026	509	469	612	326
2023-24, Month	484	579	504	403	496	520	547	646	1258	667	602	760	484
2024-25, Month	610	705	751	769	599	721	768	747	880	847	737	820	610
2025-26, Month	737	671	654	660	504	634	575						
% 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%						

People	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	TOTAL
Adults	945	1112	1942	1242	1601	1994	1788	1995	2067	1384	1871	2010	19006
Children	733	875	1464	1060	1074	1440	1312	1362	1641	1018	1196	1550	13992

Total value to date at £65 per parcel
(November 24 - October 25) **£ 646,525.00**

Total value to date at £65 per parcel (Sep 25) **£ 42,255.00**

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
CB23: Cambourne	6
EN10: Broxbourne	1
LU5, 6 & 7: Dunstable and Leighton Buzzard	6
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	44
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	79
SG1 & 2: Stevenage	1
SG4: Kimpton	3
SG5: Fairfield, Fairfield Park, Hexton, Hiogham Gobion, Holwell, Letchworth, Pirton, Shillington, Stotfold,	41
SG6: Arlesey, Letchworth	10
SG7, 8 & 9: Baldock, Hinxworth	3
SG15: Arlesey	27
SG16: Henlow, Letchworth, Lower Standon,	28
SG17: Campton, Chicksands, Clifton, Meppershall, Shefford	61
SG18: Biggleswade, Edworth, Ickwell, Langford, Lower Caldecote, Northill, Old Warden, Southill, Stanford, Upper Caldecote	72
SG19: Beeston, Everton, Gamlingay, Gransden, Hatch, Potton, Sandy, Sutton, Tempsford, Wrestlingworth	177

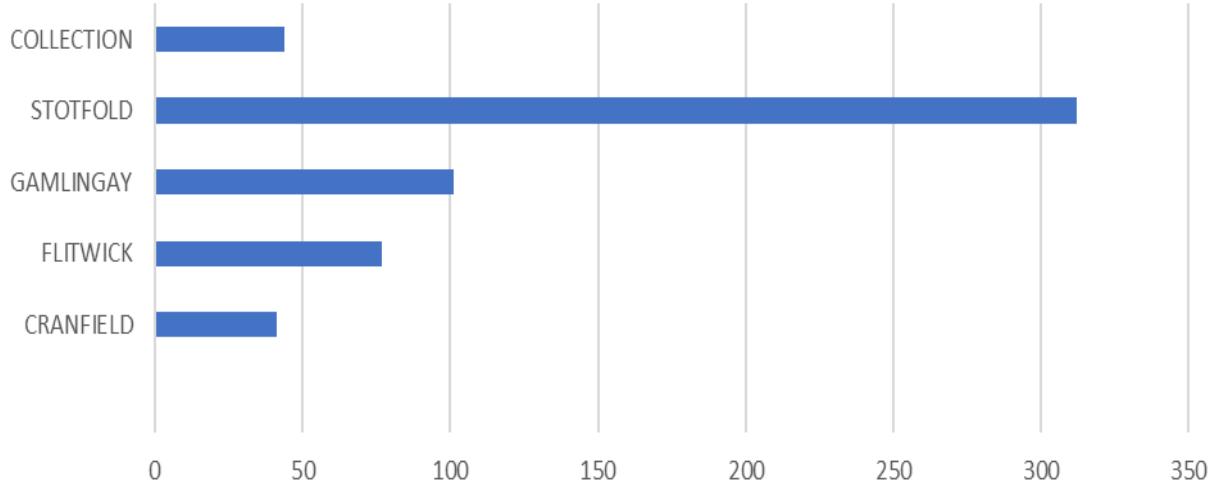
Delivery Hub

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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