



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

# The Need Project Report January 2026

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

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

**£47,345**

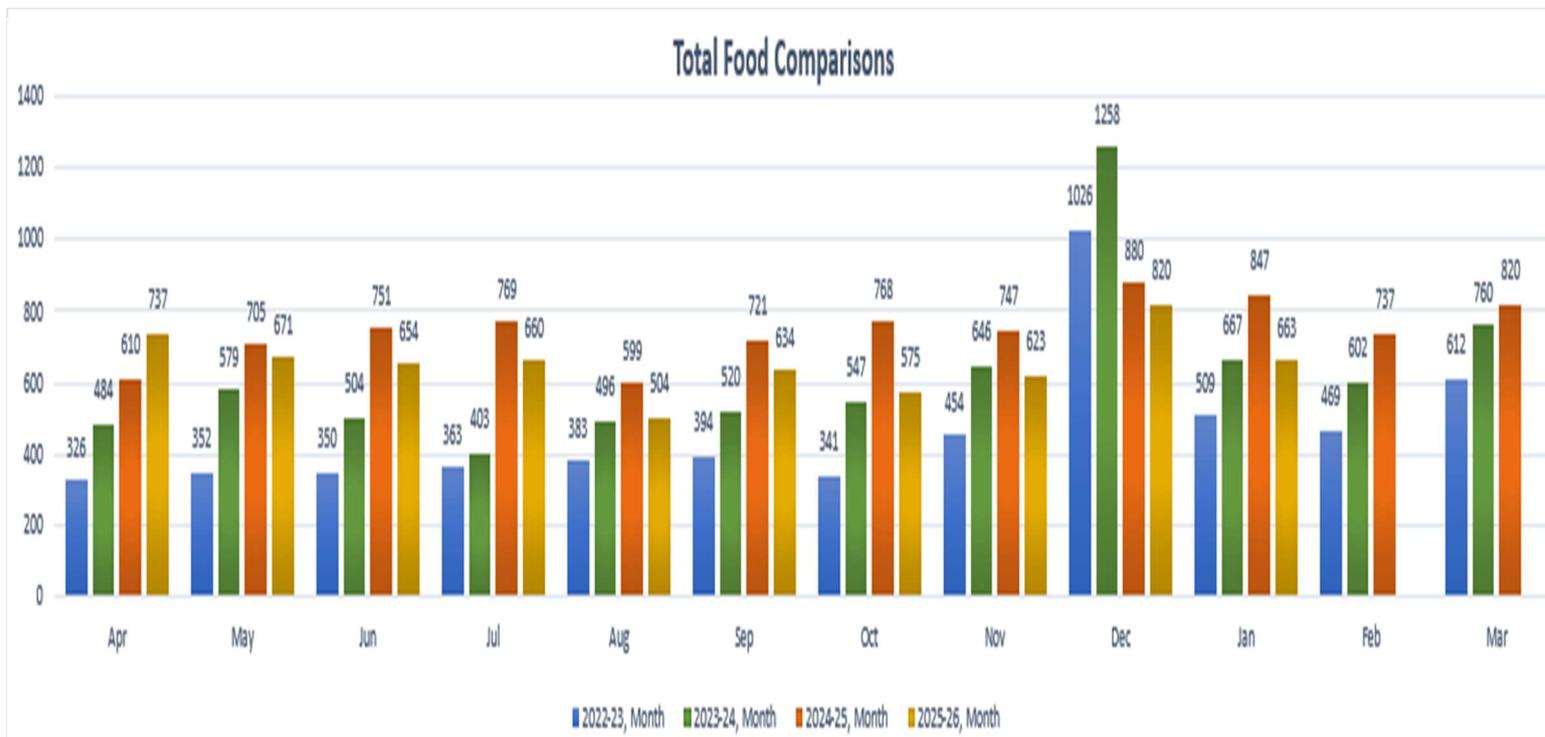
*is the estimated value of the food for the month of December 2025.*

**£6,602.50**

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

*In January 2026 we delivered 663 food parcels and 425 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 January 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 1541 adults, 296 pensioners and 1353 children. This includes our best before food that we give away.*



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	663		
% 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%	-21.72%		

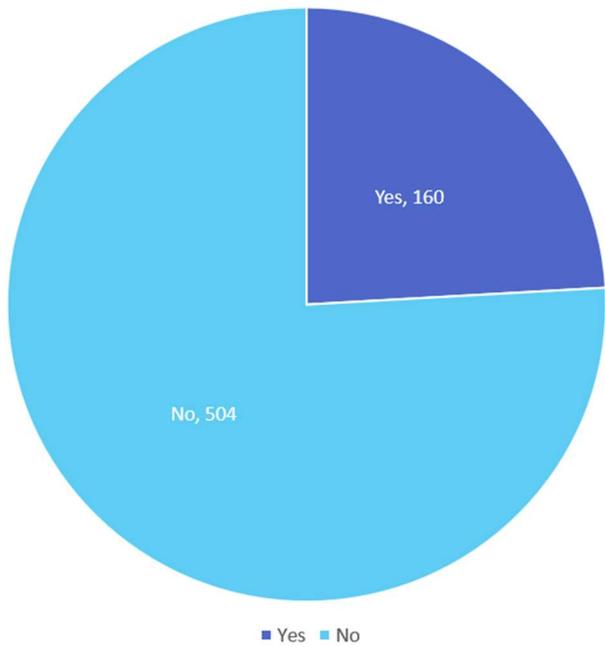
People	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-25	Mar-25	TOTAL
Adults	945	1112	1942	1242	1601	1994	1788	1842	1990	1837	1871	2010	19229
Children	733	875	1464	1060	1074	1440	1312	1380	1583	1353	1196	1550	14287

**Total value of this months parcels at £65 for January 2026**

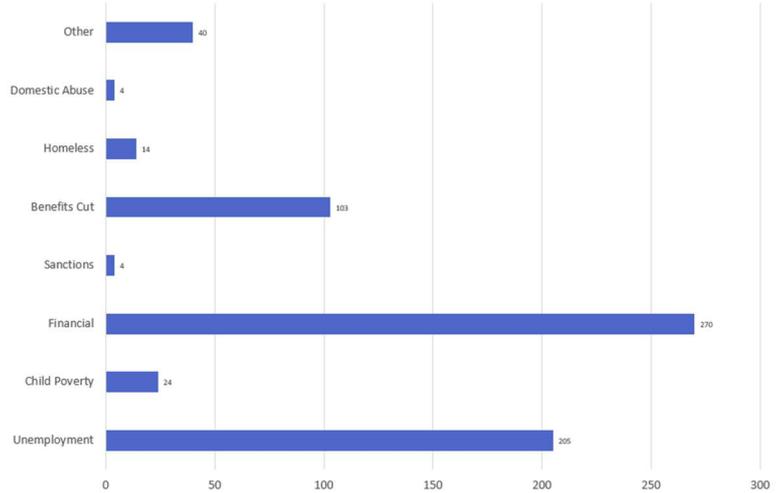
**£ 43,095.00**

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

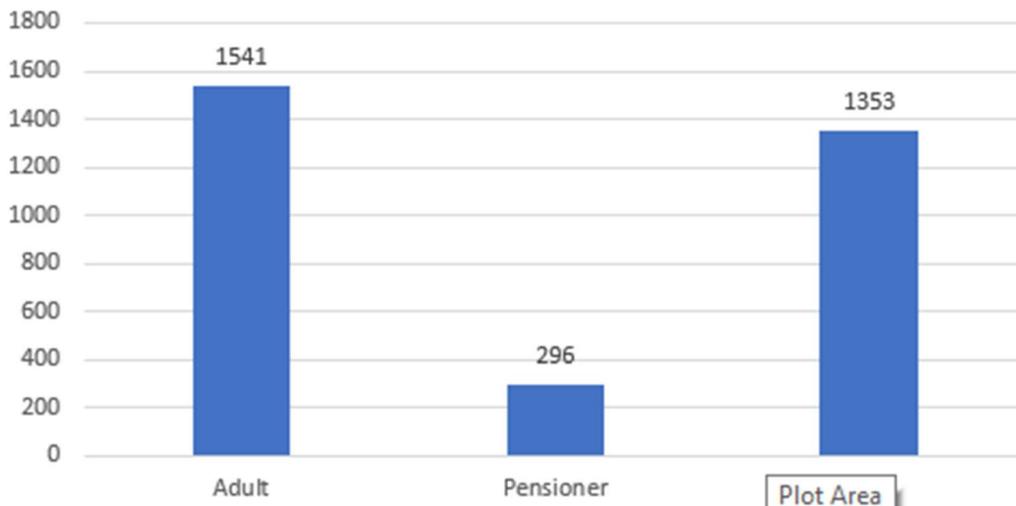
Amount of Referrals who have a disability



Reason for Difficulty



## Referral Person Type

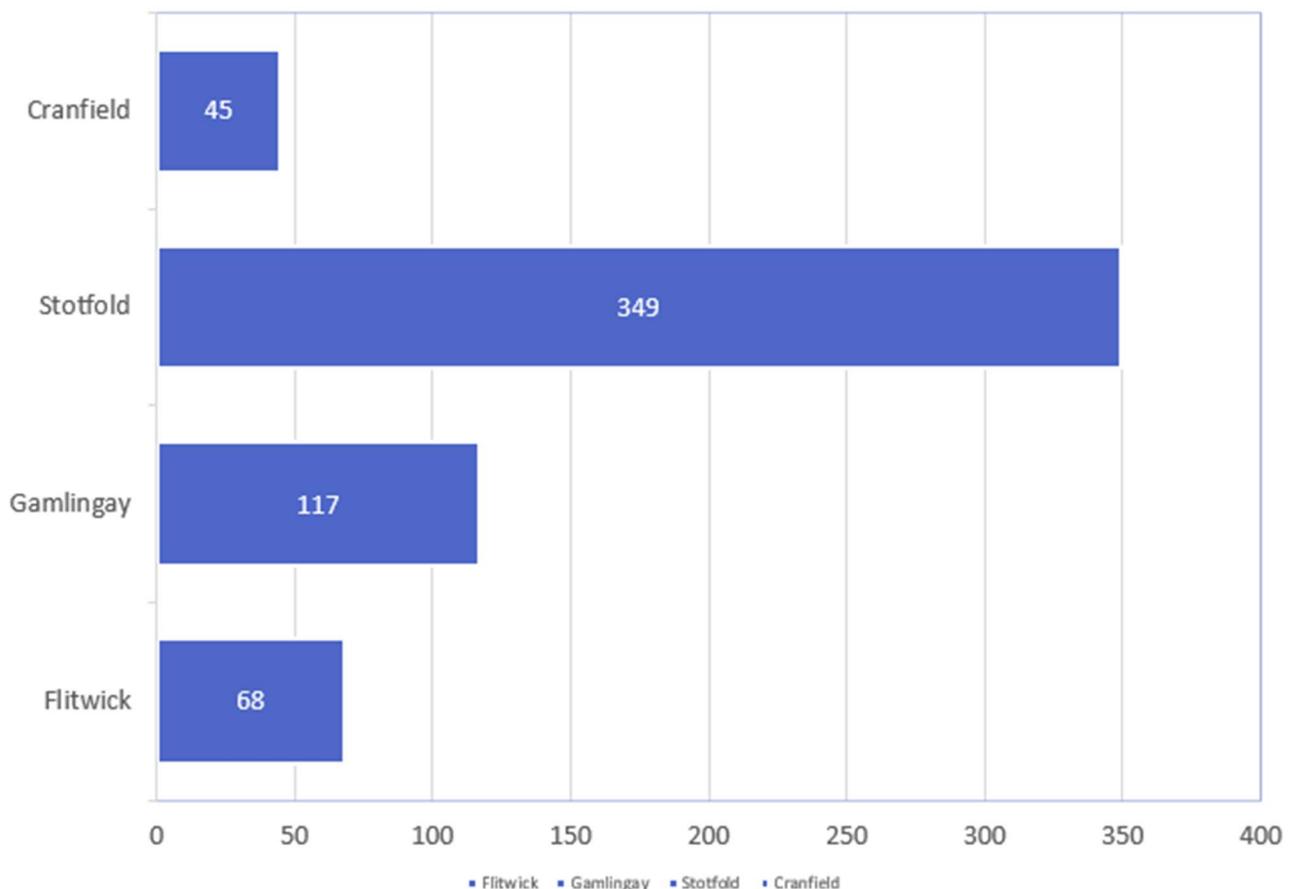


## Distribution of parcels per postcode

Villages within postcode areas	Number of parcels referred to these postcodes
MK17: Salford, Aspley Guise, Hulcote, Woburn Sands, Woburn, Eversholt, Milton Bryan, Tingrith, Potsgrove	3
MK43: Cranfield, Marston Moretaine, Upper/Lower Shelton, Lidlington, Ridgmont, Husbourne Crawley, Brogborough	43
MK45: Ampthill, Barton-Le-Clay, Clophill, Flitton, Flitwick, Gravenhurst, Greenfield, Haynes, Houghton Conquest, Maulden, Millbrook, Pulloxhill, Sharpenhoe, Silsoe, Stepp	92
MK42: Wixams	3
CB23: Cambourne	7
SG19: Beeston, Everton, Gamlingay, Gransden, Hatch, Potton, Sandy, Sutton, Tempsford, Wrestlingworth	274
PE19:	0
SG17: Campton, Chicksands, Clifton, Meppershall, Shefford	76
MK44: Blunham, Moggerhanger	21
SG4: Kimpton	5
SG5: Fairfield, Fairfield Park, Hexton, Higham Gobion, Holwell, Letchworth, Pirton, Shillington, Stotfold,	58
SG6: Arlesey, Letchworth	10
SG7: Baldock, Hinxworth	1
SG8: Guilden Morden, Royston, Tadlow	0
SG16: Arlesey, Henlow, Letchworth, Lower Stondon,	33
SG18: Biggleswade, Edworth, Ickwell, Langford, Lower Caldecote, Northill, Old Warden, Southill, Stanford, Upper Caldecote	122
LU5: Harlington, Toddington	2

### 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, Ampthill and surrounding areas



**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

**THE NEED PROJECT**  
**CHRISTIANS FIGHTING FOOD POVERTY**  
**££££££ 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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