

# Community Food Link

Summer Newsletter 2022



TAKING A BITE OUT OF HUNGER

CFL is a volunteer led project based in Basingstoke & Deane. We collect fresh food that cannot be sold from our partner supermarkets and sort, repack and deliver it to our distribution partners, charities, schools and playgroups to help the most vulnerable in our society.

## CFL in the News

Those who read Basingstoke Gazette may have seen the recent articles on CFL looking for new premises. We also had a radio interview with BBC Berkshire highlighting our need for a new base come August. We are still on the lookout for somewhere permanent so please get in touch if you know of a suitable location.

## Springtime at CFL

We have picked up several more store collection slots which means we have more of a flow of food coming through. A big shout out to our amazing drivers and sorting teams who work late into the night collecting in all weathers and distributing week in and week out. *We couldn't keep such a valuable project going without you!*

### New Premises Required

We need to vacate our current premises at London St, URC before 31st August this year.

We are looking for new premises with 100sqm+, no stairs. With car parking and all utilities in or near Basingstoke Town Centre. We can move

in ASAP. Please let us know at

[contact@bcfd.org.uk](mailto:contact@bcfd.org.uk) if you know of anywhere suitable.

## CFL Hubs—June 2022

**Monday** Melrose Community Hall, Popley 11.30-1pm

**Monday** Salvation Army, Wessex Close 10.30am-12.30pm

**Tuesday** Basingstoke Baptist Church, Brighton Hill 10.30am - 12noon

**Tuesday** Westside Community Centre, South Ham 10am-2pm

(WCC is slightly different as it is a Food Pantry with a small charge of £5 for 12 items)

**Wednesday** St Peter's Church, South Ham 12noon - 1.30pm

**Wednesday** Church of the Good Shepherd 12noon - 1pm

**Thursday** Inspero at Kempshott Village Hall 10am-2pm

**Thursday** St Marys Kingsclere 12noon-1pm

**Friday** Oakridge Methodist Church 1pm - 3pm

**Saturday** United Reformed Church (URC), London St 12noon - 1pm

## Store Liaisons Required

We are looking for volunteers to come and help build a relationship between CFL and the stores that we collect from. This would require visiting a local supermarket occasionally to speak to a member of staff about how the CFL collections are going. If you are interested please contact: [volunteers@bcfd.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@bcfd.org.uk)

## New Hub—Popley Fields

We are now delivering to Popley Fields Food Pantry at Popley Fields Community Centre. They are open Monday 2–5pm, Wednesday 2–5pm, Thursday 10am–1pm, Friday 10am–1pm (except bank holidays). It is a pantry so they charge £5/week for 12 food items.



## Environmental Health Inspection

We are pleased to report that we have passed our Environmental Health Inspection with flying colours. Thank you to those who have helped us with this.



*If you know of any charity funding opportunities please get in touch with us at:*

[contact@bcfd.org.uk](mailto:contact@bcfd.org.uk)



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