

Although the West Berks Foodbank has had to temporarily close the local foodbanks here in Lambourn, Hungerford, Newbury ,Thatcham and Burghfield because 75% of the volunteers who help run them are over 70 years of age, it is still very much alive and kicking and working from the new larger Newbury Warehouse on Greenham Business Park. Demand has escalated as anticipated and new younger volunteers are compiling and delivering food and domestic essentials direct to client's homes.

During April, up until Saturday 25th April ,8.8 tonnes of food and essentials were distributed to clients, and in the 7 days period 153 (7-day food parcels) were delivered to feed 99 adults and 54 children.

The West Berks Foodbank transport has come out over the last three weeks and has collected the kind donations made by our regular donors and residents of East Garston, Eastbury and Lambourn.

The local community initiative 'The Junction' which operates with the support of residents here in Lambourn is open 6 days a week to provide supplies for individuals and families struggling in these exceedingly difficult times.

Until the Church can be open again, if any of our congregation members wish to donate food to the West Berks Foodbank, it can be left at our house , 6 Sheepdrove Road, in the large container in front of our garage and will be stored and collected by the West Berks Foodbank transport weekly.

If anyone wishes to donate funds to the West Berks Foodbank please visit their website, www.westberks.foodbank.org where the Greenham Trust is offering to match fund donations.

Thank you for your support in these difficult times

Brian and Sandra Fletcher