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Opening Hours

Monday and Thursday
Deliveries: 9.30 – 11.00
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Parcel distribution: 2.00 – 4.00



Goodbye to our co-ordinator, Les Paskin. Les came on board when we were first making plans to start a foodbank, and was instrumental in putting practices into place and getting everything organised. It is due to him that Perth and Kinross Foodbank has become the success it is. We wish Les and Pat a happy retirement, although they will probably still be familiar faces in Cutlog Vennel.

We have been successful in securing a grant from the Fair Food Transformation Fund to be able to prepare the premises and then deliver cookery lessons. Securing the services of an electrician who is willing to upgrade the wiring is proving difficult – if you can help, please contact Michael Archibald (Michael.archibald@gmail.com)

If you would like to help in the delivery of this programme, we would be delighted to hear from you.

AN INVITATION to all Afternoon Volunteers

The morning team (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday) welcome you to come along between 9.30 and 11.00 am to see how the morning team works – and how much effort is put into sorting by product and date.

NEW CO-ORDINATOR WANTED

We are now advertising for a new Co-ordinator for Perth and Kinross Foodbank. Details of duties, skills and attributes can be obtained from the web site – perthkinross.foodbank.org.uk. If you or anyone you know would be interested in working for 18 hours a week at the living wage of £8.45 per hour, we would encourage an application. If you would like to discuss this with Marjorie Clark (07788 852908) or any other member of the Management Committee, you are welcome to do so.

THANK YOU to Eric Donaldson for stepping into the role of temporary co-ordinator when Les had to retire due to ill health in December. This was very busy time for us, and we are grateful to Eric for keeping things running.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the Perth and Kinross Foodbank. Without the help of our volunteers in the morning and afternoon we would not be able to supply food parcels. Thank you for the donation of money and food from individuals, organisations, churches, schools and Tesco collections, without you we would have no food to distribute, and no funds to pay the rent.

HELP! We need tins of tomatoes and potatoes, instant mash, UHT milk, fruit juice and toilet paper.

April 2016 – February 2017
Parcels distributed: 1997
People fed: 3741
2725 adults, 1016 children

At a recent Trussell Trust Regional Meeting in Cupar we discovered that Foodbanks in Fife, Dundee and Angus use local-council premises free of charge, or at a peppercorn rent, and some have received second hand vans at no cost from the local authority. Thank goodness that Perthshire people are so generous that we can run our Foodbank without such generosity from the local authority.

If you would like to know more, please drop in to the Foodbank at Cutlog Vennel any weekday afternoon, or on a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday morning.