



Bradford North foodbank
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ADVANCE NOTICE

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To schools, churches and other groups in BD2, BD9, BD10, BD17, BD18, LS19 & LS20 plus a few other supporters outside these postcodes

HARVEST APPEAL and CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

We understand that planning for Harvest and Christmas usually starts during the summer, so we would like to alert you to the two appeals that we will be making later this year:

Harvest Appeal: September/October 2019 (*Collection / Delivery by Friday 25/10/19*)

Christmas Hamper Appeal: November 2019 (*Collection / Delivery by Friday 06/12/19*)

Bradford North foodbank is your local foodbank. We provide 3-day emergency food parcels to people in crisis in the North Bradford and Shipley areas. Find out more at www.bradfordnorth.foodbank.org.uk.

Harvest Festival is a key time for us to receive donations for our emergency food parcels and **last year local churches, schools and businesses donated 6.2 tonnes of food - 20% of our annual donation total**. This contributed to the 1,427 food parcels we distributed during the 2018 - 2019 year, feeding almost 2,000 adults and 1,250 children. **38% of the people we feed are children.**

Christmas should be a time of celebration, a time for families to be together, eat some good food, give presents (especially to children) and relax. This is very hard or even impossible for households in financial crisis. Our Christmas hampers, given to households nominated by local healthcare or social care professionals, help such households celebrate Christmas. Last year local people donated 3.6 tonnes of food and we handed out 145 Christmas hampers, plus 267 gift boxes for children.

Would you please consider donating to us later this year? We are willing to come and give a talk to explain how we work and how your donations would support your local community. We can organise collection of the food or you can deliver your donation and combine this with a tour of our warehouse or a volunteer shift so you can find out more about what happens to any food donated and how it reaches local people in crisis. Further information about holding a food drive, together with relevant publicity materials may be found on our website: www.bradfordnorth.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/organise-a-food-drive/

Please send us a brief email if you decide to donate to one (or both) of our appeals this autumn. We look forward to partnering with you to support your local community. Further appeal-specific communiques will be sent out later in the year.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Harvey
Food Appeals Co-ordinator

*Help us feed
your hungry
neighbour*

Bradford North Foodbank is run by a group of Local Churches serving Local People.

