

## VOLUNTEER & DONOR news 4 (June 2014)

**foodbank4whitby Donors, Volunteers, and Referral Partners continue to work hand-in-hand to help our neighbours in emergency need with food and other essential items.**

**Now in its 6<sup>th</sup> month of operation, f4w has helped with 112 food parcels for well over 200 adults and children.**



### THANKS A LOT

We've said it before but we cannot say thank you enough to the volunteers, personal and corporate donors, and the referral partners for the work they continue to do to ensure f4w is effective. Around 20 plastic bagful's of food and essentials arrives each week from the supporting individuals, groups and

churches via collection points including Sainsbury.

We have just received 200 items (25 bagful roughly) donated by Yorkshire Coast Homes in their "Can for Can" support project. They have doubled up the items donated via the bin in the Whitby Coliseum Foyer below their offices.

Sainsbury's and Whitby Seafoods are providing foodstuffs and Halifax Bank is collecting money.

### EVENTS

Our first public collection event at Sainsbury's on March 14<sup>th</sup> was a great success with over 80 plastic bags of food collected that day. Teams of volunteers worked throughout the day handing out postcards and leaflets, explaining to customers what f4w is and does as well as manning the donation point and thanking donors. It was heart-warming to see the generosity of both local people and visitors, and to get a chance to engage with the local community.

Sainsbury's kindly agreed to host a donation point

at the end of the check-outs. This has provided an ideal way for people to donate as they shop. In the 12 weeks (to 5<sup>th</sup> June) we have collected 120 bags of donations in this way (WOW). There's more from other sources too, including rural areas.

f4w's next event in collaboration with Sainsbury's will be a "bag pack" on August 16<sup>th</sup>. We will again be looking for volunteers to offer a couple of hours of friendly smiling that day ☺.

### HELPING LOCAL CHILDREN

During the Easter holidays foodbank4whitby worked in collaboration with local schools to identify families who would benefit from a food parcel to cover the period that free school lunches are not available.

f4w provided food parcels for 45 children and 25 adults in 17 family units.

f4w intends to offer a similar service in the longer summer holidays too.

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## CHARITY REGISTRATION

foodbank4whitby has been a partnership of stakeholders since its inception in June 2013 but time has come to establish a registered charity with formal Trustees. The Steering Group has considered the most appropriate form of legal entity and a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) has been decided upon. The finishing touches are being put to the paperwork and it will be submitted very shortly to the Charity Commission.

The initiating Trustees are Mel Tilley, Barry Davies, Chris Taylor, Graham Storer and Graham Hilton. They will work together in personal capacities in the best interests of the charity and its objectives (as Trustees must!).

## ONLINE GIVING

Just a reminder that the MyDonate site is available. Financial donations can be made by card at:



<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/foodbank4whitby>.

If you are a taxpayer, it is also possible for f4w to recover the tax you have paid with no effort to you.

## WE ARE HAPPY

. . . . to talk to individuals, community groups and companies about foodbank4whitby. We also have display material that can be borrowed. Just contact in the first instance via: [info@foodbank4whitby.org.uk](mailto:info@foodbank4whitby.org.uk)

## WE SUPPORT

. . . . volunteering. We attended a Volunteering Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> June at Whitby Library, along with 16 other volunteer-based organisations.



Volunteering helps others, but it also benefits the volunteers and the wellbeing of the general community. Thanks to our f4w volunteers at the food bank or in background supporting roles.

## FOODBANK SNIPPETS

What could we do with Sneaton rhubarb, apples and several bags of donated flour?

The Sisters at Sneaton Castle and St Oswald's in Sleights, made rhubarb crumble and apple pies for f4W's freezer, to be stored and given out as tasty puddings.

The collection drum in Briggswath & Sleights Methodist had a funny



smell coming from it! GrahamS investigated gingerly and discovered a carrier bag with a banana skin and an empty sandwich box. A mistaken waste bin! Maybe the "donor" needed to visit Specsavers – what do you think?

Regards to all our contributors and well-wishers ,

*The F4W Steering Group*