

ensuring no-one in our community goes hungry



It's been a busy time for the foodbank.

Over the past month we seen the uplift in Universal Credit extended, something we campaigned for with various other agencies, we've celebrated Mother's Day and International Women's Day by adding some special gifts to our parcels AND we have started to think about ways forward as restrictions on lockdown start to ease. All of this together with growing our team has meant the last few weeks have been exciting! Read on to find out more about all things Waterloo Foodbank.....

FEBRUARY

19,240 KGS FOOD DONATED

27,291 KGS FOOD DELIVERED

As you can see more food is going out than coming in so check out our shopping list below

Meet the Waterloo Foodbank Team We've had an upgrade!



Most of you will know Rebekah, she's our Foodbank & Advice Centre Manager. Rebekah will continue in this role but will now focus more on fundraising and strategic development of the work we do.

Sarina is the Operations Assistant for our umbrella charity Oasis Hub Waterloo but also forms part of our team dealing with the back office stuff and generally supporting the team where





team. She will be developing our work and relationships with volunteers, referral agencies and donors, supporting our warehouse sessions and more.

Our Foodbank is part of the Oasis Advice Centre where Thomasin is our Caseworker supporting people with individual debt and benefits advice work. She also provides supportive signposting calls to people who access the Foodbank.



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"It's made a huge difference.
This extra money has helped us get by each month and I'm no longer in constant anxiety about running out of money."

In the news...

We were pleased to hear the Chancellor extend the £20 a week uplift in Universal Credit (that has been in place during the pandemic) to June. However, we don't think this is enough to prevent people becoming trapped in poverty and would urge the Government to do more.

For more info go to the <u>Trussell Trust</u> website or search #KeepTheLifeline on social media.

Easter Opening

To give our volunteers and staff a chance for rest, and acknowledging that many referrers will be closed, we will not be delivering from Friday 2nd to Monday 5th April. If you want someone to receive a delivery on Thursday 1st April please make sure the referral reaches us by midday of Tuesday 30th March, or the parcel will be delivered after the Bank Holiday weekend.



<u>Shopping List</u>

- custard (tinned)
- tinned tomatoes
- pasta sauce
- sanitary towels
- fruit (tinned)
- coffee (instant)
- soup (tinned)





We were very excited to pop a little extra something in our parcels for both Mother's Day and International Women's Day from daffodils to smellies. We wanted to make sure every woman receiving a parcel knew they were special and that although we all go through tough times, we are strong and will make it out the other side!



Waterloo Foodbank is part of the wider Oasis Community Hub Waterloo Charity, to find out more about all the great work we do, <u>click here</u>.

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