



WINCHESTER BASICS BANK

I have been asked by Sam Watts, Operations Manager of the Winchester Basics Bank, to convey the sincere thanks of the management team to Churches Together in Alresford for their ongoing support with the retrieval of donations to the collection point in the Alresford Co-op and weekly delivery to the Alresford Hub in Arlebury Park.

The opening of the Alresford Hub last year has now become a permanent facility which means that our volunteers no longer have to drive the goods into Winchester, but simply to Arlebury Park on Wednesday mornings; local donations through the Alresford Co-op have also helped to reduce, to some extent, the need for stock replenishment from Winchester to meet local needs.

Several local families in the SO24 postcode area have benefitted through Winchester Basics Bank and a few deliveries are now being undertaken with the help of Alresford Volunteer Care Group.

Although the level of donations has dropped in recent weeks, the people of Alresford have given most generously during the difficult times of the pandemic and their support has been much appreciated. Following this report please see the list of food most needed at the present time, thank you.

Finally, may I also take this opportunity to add my thanks to all the willing volunteers from the Alresford churches on the monthly collection rota who ensure that the system continues to run so smoothly! Truly *'Churches Together in Action'*

Keith Brundish

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Food most needed :

Tinned potatoes

Tinned vegetables

Tinned fruit

Tinned meat (meatballs, bolognaise, mince, corned beef and ham)

Small bottles of squash (NOT fizzy drinks)

Fruit juices

We are also in general need of:

Pasta / curry sauces
Rice
Jam
Custard / rice pudding
UHT Milk (full fat, semi skimmed and non-dairy)
Fish (tuna, sardines, etc)

WE HAVE A SURPLUS OF DRIED PASTA, BEANS, TINNED TOMATOES AND SOUP
- PLEASE DO NOT DONATE THESE ITEMS FOR THE TIME BEING

Hygiene / cleaning products especially needed:

General cleaning products (eg kitchen / bathroom spray
Laundry tablets / liquid tabs or **small** laundry liquid containers
Deodorant

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE DO NOT ACCEPT:

Alcohol or items containing alcohol
Opened or damaged items
Home made items
Razors
Hair dye
Vitamins / herbal supplements
Items past their use-by date or more than one month beyond their best before date

Thank you
