

What's happening

We are so thankful that we have kept open throughout the last 3 months and been able to feed everyone in need who came to us.

- The number of parcels we gave out in April-June was more than double over the same period last year
- We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of people and businesses. The largest source of donations was a few bags left at the door by so many people—almost 5 tonnes of food. Tesco and ASDA have continue to support us and Morrisons in Hyde have started to donate. Hope Community Church have kindly lent us storage space.
- We have set-up a Helpline staffed by volunteers at Onward Homes so clients can be referred to the foodbank when so many of usual referrers are working from home.
- We have opened a new distribution centre in Hyde at the Grafton Centre. The previous foodbank had to close at the start of the epidemic because many volunteers had to self isolate. Local councillors asked us to open a replacement and we have been welcomed at the Grafton Center just off Clarke Way. We have now given out over 1,000 meals. Diversity Matters NW have been very helpful making links within the Bangladeshi community. We have a bilingual volunteer at the Grafton Centre and our Helpline has a bangla speaker on Tuesdays 10-3pm.
- We have started to do deliveries for clients who are self-isolating and do not have family or friends who can pickup. British Gas provided 2 volunteers a week to enable us to provide this service



FOODBANK OPENING HOURS:

St Mary's Church, Market St Hollingworth SK14 8NE	Monday	11.00 – 12.00 (or call 07709 098068)
Grafton Centre Grafton St Hyde SK14 2AX	Wednesday	2-3pm
Hattersley Baptist Church Melandra Crescent SK14 3RB	Friday	2 - 3pm

About Tameside South and Longdendale Foodbank Ltd

The purpose of the Foodbank is to relieve people in our community who are in poverty, need or distress. Originally focussed on Hattersley, we have extended our service to Hollingworth and Hyde.

We co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies, faith groups, statutory bodies and other community based organisations to achieve these purposes and to exchange advice with them.

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How you can help

Looking forward

We are concerned, like everyone, about what the future will hold. Unemployment rates are predicted to rise, perhaps even treble, and we think there will continue to be families in need of food parcels.

Donate money

Your generosity during lockdown means that we are well stocked with food, but we are going to continue to be busy. If you could give money then we can use it to buy food in the lean months ahead.

There are forms for direct debit and gift aid on our website.

<https://tamesidesouthlongdendale.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

Or you can use a card to donate. Go to givey.com and then search for Tameside South and Longdendale Foodbank. Alternatively you can put a cheque in the post or bring cash to the foodbank.

Donate food

We are still short of some specific items:

- Puddings—like long life ginger cake or steamed pudding that can be stored at room temperature
- Rice Pudding and custard
- Nappies size 4 and above
- Soap, sanitizer and disposable cleaning cloths
- Face masks

Please bring to Hattersley Baptist Church Tuesdays 11am-12pm or Fridays 10-3:30pm

St Mary's Church Hollingworth Mondays 10:30am-12:30pm.

Gratton Centre Hyde Wednesdays 10:30am—3:00pm

Or put in the drop boxes at Tesco Hattersley and ASDA Hyde

Helpline

If you do not have food for the week and have no money to buy then call our Helpline.

0333 772 1916
Open Mon-Fri 10-3pm

They can help with money advice as well as providing a voucher for a food parcel.

On Tuesdays there is a bangla and urdu speaker available if that is easier for you.

Foodbank numbers

Please consider how you can help meet the growing need from local families in crisis

In April-July this year:

- Given out 509 food parcels
- Provided 13,437 meals.
- 44% of the people we fed were children

Average cost to buy food for a single parcel £30

Volunteers

- Many of our regular volunteers have had to self isolate, but people on furlough have volunteered including from British Gas, HomeStart and White Label Recruitment. The Hattersley Air Cadet Squadron have helped out in the warehouse throughout the crisis—they work really hard and are a joy to be with. We are now at the stage where furloughed staff are returning to work and one or two of our regulars are coming back to foodbank and we have new volunteers at Hyde.

THANK-YOU ALL