

SEPTEMBER 2023

Thanks to NFU Mutual for Huge Donation!

We want to say a massive thank you to NFU Mutual in Larne for nominating Larne Foodbank as the charity they wanted to support this year. We are blown away by the generous donation of £3221.50 that we received this month. This will be a massive support in helping us to meet the needs of those in our local community who are faced with the reality of food poverty. It was great to have Geoff Thompson from NFU Mutual in Larne come to visit Larne Foodbank to meet our volunteers and see how Larne Foodbank operates.



[Pictured above: Jim McCurdy, Joan Hegarty, Rhonda Humphrey, Angela McCann, Lisa McGonnell and Geoff Thompson from NFU Mutual]

Volunteer Recognition

At Larne Foodbank, we are so grateful for the dedication of all our volunteers. Our volunteers collect and weigh in donations, organise and manage our warehouse and store, provide a warm welcome and a listening ear, pack parcels, fundraise, co-ordinate and manage the running of the foodbank and much, much more. We want to take this opportunity to recognise the hard work and compassion of all our volunteers. Larne Foodbank could not run without you!

A special recognition this month goes to Alex Bailie, one of our dedicated volunteers, who has contributed an astounding 200 hours of service during the 2022/23 year – what a milestone! Alex helps with some office duties alongside playing a key role during our distribution sessions. Larne Foodbank really values your commitment and kind-hearted nature and thanks you for all your hard work – well done Alex! We love working with you.



[Pictured above: Linda Garrett, Andrea Grace, Alex Bailie, Diana Murray, Serena Sheppard, Tedi Cross, Pauline Beggs and Robert Garrett.]



Stock Shortages

As always, we are so grateful to everyone who donates food and finance to Larne Foodbank. Your generosity helps to put a nutritious meal into the homes of those who are struggling to afford to feed their family. We are currently experiencing shortages of staple items and would appreciate your donations of :

- Breakfast Cereal
- 1ltr cartons of Long-life UHT Milk (whole milk or semi skimmed)
- 1ltr cartons of Long-life Fruit Juice
- Instant Mash or Tins of Potatoes
- Tins of Tomatoes

Harvest Preparations

As churches, schools and community groups begin to prepare for Harvest, we wanted to thank those who donated a generous 4063.7kg last Harvest. Your support helps Larne Foodbank during the inevitable increased need as the colder weather settles in and people are forced to choose between Heating or Eating.

Craigyhill Methodist Church

Harvest Service will be held on Sunday 8th October at 11:30am. This will be an opportunity to express our gratefulness to God for his provision in meeting the needs of people in our community through the work of Larne Foodbank over the past ten years. And to pray for God's continued help as we go forward. Please feel welcome to attend.

Christmas Plans Are Afoot

As the tell-tale signs of Christmas begin to appear around us, Larne Foodbank has begun preparation for the annual Christmas Hampers. To ensure that we have everything required, we will be asking for specific items over the next couple of months, alongside our requests for essential foodbank items. Please keep an eye on our 'Larne Foodbank' Facebook page, on our website: www.larne.foodbank.org.uk or on the 'Bank the Food' app.