



Summer 2026

Success Story

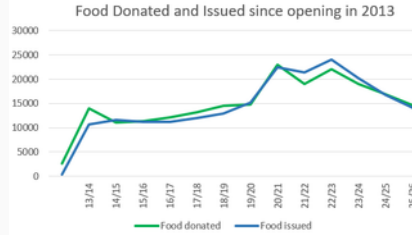
SUCCESS STORIES

Leah from CAMEA (Community Advice Mid and East Antrim), previously known as MEACAS, has been providing a drop-in service at our Tuesday sessions. Alongside many success stories from the borough, we are delighted to share that Leah has directly helped many of our own clients. Upon reaching pension age, one client was unaware that they were entitled to pension credit in addition to their pension to raise their income to meet the minimum living standards. Without talking with Leah, the client would have continued to struggle with an insufficient pension. Additionally, Leah has also informed the client of other government funding and support that they are entitled to, releasing the client from reliance on a foodbank. What a success!



Thank you for your Donations

To all the generous people who donate food items to Larne Foodbank, we want to express our heartfelt thanks. During the months of April and May, we received a total of 1,313 kg of donated food items and issued out 1,737 kg of food items directly through our emergency food parcels. The graph to the left shows how closely food donations received match the volume of food issued. This is a humbling trend that has continued throughout our 13 years of operation. Thank you for your continued support.



A massive 'thank you' to everyone who has donated finances to Larne Foodbank. We are very blessed by your generosity - your donations help enable us to continue our work in supporting those who are faced with food poverty in our local community.

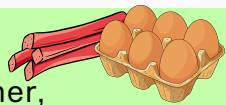
- Thank you to First Larne Presbyterian Church for your generous donation of £210 raised through the Easter Lunches in April.
- Also to Cairncastle Senior Citizens Indoor Bowling Club who donated £200 in May.
- Thank you to Viking Lodge Spar who held a collection for Larne Foodbank in May, with staff and customers donating a total of £208.09.
- We are pleased to report that Larne Music Festival raised a total of £736.06 this year through the Gala Concert and the Refreshment Stand.



School's Out - Holiday Hunger Programme

The school holidays can be a big challenge for many families who are already struggling to feed their families. It is also a time when many people find themselves unexpectedly struggling for the first time. During the summer, Larne Foodbank are able to help families with school-aged children through our School's Out Holiday Hunger Scheme. We are able to provide items that are most suitable to feeding children during the holidays, as well as providing some additional fresh food items such as bread, milk, cheese, butter and yoghurts. Larne foodbank is dedicated to ensuring that no one in the Larne Area needs to go to bed hungry. Between 1st April 2025 and 31st March 2026 we provided emergency food parcels for 1,962 individuals, with 744 being children. That's 38% of people we provide emergency food to being children. Whilst this is a harrowing statistic, there is always a helping hand at Larne Foodbank and we want to ensure that no child needs to go to bed hungry. We are here to help!

Local Produce



Each spring and summer, for a number of years, we have been delighted to hear from a very generous local man who donates his crop of fresh rhubarb to the foodbank. This delightful donation goes into our 'help yourself' trolley where clients who wish to take a portion may do so - a nice stewed rhubarb with custard perhaps? We have had a number of donations of fresh eggs from Jubilee Farm and these have been a welcome addition for many! A great pairing with baked beans or for making a delicious carbonara sauce.

