

Role: Van driver

Where: Chesham, Amersham and surrounding areas

When: At least one weekday morning per week

Time commitment: Approximately 2 hours per session

Main contact: One of our Deputy Co-ordinators

Overview of the role: Foodbanks provide three-day emergency food parcels for people in crisis, working in partnership with organisations across the community. Van Drivers play an important role in the running of the Foodbank, collecting food donations from a variety of locations across the local area as well as distributing the sorted donations from the warehouse to the local Foodbank centres.

Key tasks

- Collecting food donations from collection points such as supermarkets, schools and faith communities around the local area
- Delivering food donations to the warehouse
- Transporting sorted food from the warehouse to local Foodbank centres
- Carrying heavy boxes of canned foods
- Regular loading and unloading of the van
- Regular van driving across the local area

About you

- Clean driving licence
- Physically strong
- Confident driver
- Adaptable and flexible
- Personable and able to engage with other volunteers and members of the public
- Committed to your collection times and to furthering the work of the Foodbank
- You will need to comply with the Driving Policy of the Foodbank

Benefits of volunteering

- A chance to meet new people
- Contribute to your local community
- Build your confidence and feel a sense of purpose

Impact of your role

- You will directly improve the efficiency of the Foodbank
- You will help to maximise food donations by ensuring food is collected promptly,
- You will protect future food donations by maintaining positive relationships with collection point staff.

Support

- You will be provided with a Foodbank Van for use when collecting food donations
- You will be given the required training and support for your role.
- You will be provided with out-of-pocket expenses (e.g. when you re-fuel the van)
- You will have a main contact throughout your time volunteering. Your main contact will be our Volunteer Operations Team

How to apply

Please email coordinator@chiltern.foodbank.org.uk, providing your full name and contact telephone number.

One of our Deputy Co-ordinators will then be in touch to arrange an initial informal discussion.