

Banc Bwyd Taff-Ely Monthly Newsletter

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Ending hunger together

A message from our CEO,
Andrew Butcher



Dear friends and supporters,

September has been an exciting month for us! From a new look for our van, to new supporters of the foodbank, it's been a month of developments and exciting milestones!

We've welcomed 8 new signups to our Easyfundraising platform, bringing our total to 32 participants. Easyfundraising is a simple, cost-free way to support the foodbank. By downloading the app and setting a reminder on your phone, tablet, or computer, every online purchase you make with over 8,000 vendors - such as Tesco, Booking.com, TUI, Next, Boots, and many more - can generate a donation for us. For example, if each of our 32 supporters spent £100 per week at Tesco, this could raise £832 annually for the foodbank. Small actions really do add up!

Also, don't forget about the BanktheFood app, which keeps you updated on our most urgently needed items. Updated weekly, the app sends notifications when you enter a supermarket - whether Tesco, Sainsbury's, or Morrisons - reminding you of our top priority items and showing all available drop-off points. It's an easy way to make a big impact while shopping.

Thank you again for your ongoing support. Every contribution, whether big or small, helps us continue our mission to support those in need in our community.



News and announcements

- We are recruiting dedicated and passionate individuals to **join our board of trustees**. We are seeking candidates who bring diverse skills, experiences, and perspectives, and who are committed to supporting our vision of alleviating food poverty and promoting social justice. To apply or learn more, please contact michelle@taffely.foodbank.org.uk.
- We have launched a new fundraising initiative - **adopt-a-shelf**: a simple, impactful way to keep us stocked of the essentials we need to support local people. For more info, check out our website!
- Our van has been officially **signwritten** - if you see us out and about, give us a honk! We also finally installed our new warehouse sign - after five long years, there's now no excuse for getting lost when visiting us!



Monthly Spotlight



- Shoppers at Tesco, Talbot Green, who donated an amazing **573.7kg** during our September Food drive.
- Garth Rotary Club, who supported us by donating **174.55kg** of food to help us support local people.
- Everyone in our community who came together to support a local family who lost everything in a house fire.
- **1,096** members of the Co-operative, who have chosen us as their charity of choice!

This month:

- We distributed **245** food parcels to local people in crisis
- 91 of our parcels went to local children.
- We distributed **2,266kg** of food in the Taff-Ely area
- More than **60** local people volunteered with us



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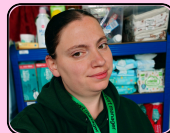
Fundraising Update (Laura Harrington-John)



We're thrilled to share some exciting fundraising news! Our upcoming Harvest Festival on Friday 3rd October at Pontyclun RFC will be a brilliant evening of community, music and support for Taff-Ely Foodbank. We're also delighted to have received an incredible £20,000 grant from the Garfield Weston Foundation and a generous £600 donation from the ASDA Foundation. These funds will make a huge difference in supporting local families.

Looking ahead, we're working on building strong corporate partnerships to create sustainable, long-term support. Thank you to everyone who continues to stand with us, you make our work possible.

A message from our support manager (Charmaine Walsh)



This month, one family's experience touched my heart deeply. Referred by their local councillor, they arrived after losing everything in a house fire caused by a faulty plug socket. Just hours earlier, they had excitedly shown their Gran their new back to school items. Gran was out with the girls while their brother was upstairs when the fire started. He bravely escaped through a second-story window with the dog and raised the alarm.

Knowing we had to help, we shared their story on social media, and the community responded with incredible generosity. Thomas Carroll Group plc also provided a voucher through their Charitable Trust Fund, which was a true lifeline for the family. Now in temporary accommodation, they still face uncertainty, but thanks to your support, they've received essential help and renewed hope. Your kindness makes a real difference. Thank you for being there when it matters most!

Key Dates for your Diary

03/10 - Our Foodbank Harvest Festival

27-29/11 - Our Christmas Food Collection at Tesco, Talbot Green

Urgently Needed Items

- Tinned Ham/Corned Beef
- Tinned Fruit Cocktail
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tea Bags
- Spaghetti



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