

Banc Bwyd Taff-Ely

Monthly Newsletter

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Ending hunger together

A message from our CEO, Andrew Butcher



As we bring the financial year to a close, it's fair to say we have done so in remarkable style. March was an exceptionally productive month for Taff Ely Foodbank, filled with meaningful engagement, collaboration, and successful fundraising efforts.

One highlight was attending **Thomas Carroll's** fundraising event, where we presented the foodbank's work to an audience of over **40** major companies. It was an invaluable platform to raise awareness of our mission and build connections, as well as a chance to meet several well-known former Welsh rugby players. We also hosted a **referral agency breakfast**, welcoming representatives from more than **10** partner organisations. This was a highly constructive session, where we explored ways to improve our referral processes, making them more accessible and less intimidating for those who rely on our services.

The month ended on a high note with a charity fundraising dinner at **Brothers Restaurant**. The event was very well attended and featured a **silent auction**, generating vital funds to support our work in the community.

Looking ahead, April promises to be just as active. We have several events planned, alongside an exciting fundraising challenge involving a walk, zipline and abseil across the Principality! There is a real sense of momentum and enthusiasm as we move into 2026/27, and we are incredibly grateful for the continued support that makes all of this possible.

News and Announcements

- We are launching a new fundraising initiative, **Supermarket Sweep**, for local businesses who want to learn about our work and support us in a more exciting way!
- Following an amazing AGM, we have published our **Annual Report** for 2024-25! Available on our website, it covers everything we've been working on in the past 12 months.
- **BBC Wales News** came back to our Trealaw centre to see the amazing work we do and speak to local people about the impact of council tax rises!
- We've published our annual stats for 2025 - between January and December we distributed **3,685** food parcels in Taff-Ely (over **33,000** meals!). See our website for more.

Monthly Spotlight

- Shoppers at Tesco, Talbot Green, who donated an amazing **564.4kg** (equivalent to 43 crates) of food during our March collection.
- Sally's Angels, who volunteered at our Tesco collection and are supporting us regularly with donations.
- Garth Rotary Club, who donated **254.6kg** of food to support us this month.
- JNP Legal, whose large donation of Easter egg will be massively appreciated by local families this Easter.
- St Illtud's Church, Church Village
- All of our shelf adoptees, regular supporters, and our amazing staff and volunteers!

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A message from our Head of Fundraising

March has been an incredibly positive and busy month for fundraising, with so much to celebrate and be grateful for. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent Curry Night at **Brothers Contemporary Indian Cuisine** in Pontyclun, it was a fantastic evening raising vital funds to support local people facing hardship.



We're also very grateful to those who attended and supported our **AGM**, taking the time to hear more about our impact and future plans. We're also delighted to share that we've secured significant new funding this month, including **£20,000** from The National Lottery Community Fund and **£24,000** from the Coronation Food Project. This incredible **£44,000** boost will help us continue providing essential food and support to people across Taff Ely during a time of growing need.

Looking ahead, we're excited to launch our **Supermarket Sweep** initiative, a fun and engaging way for local businesses and groups to support the foodbank.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Key Dates for the Diary

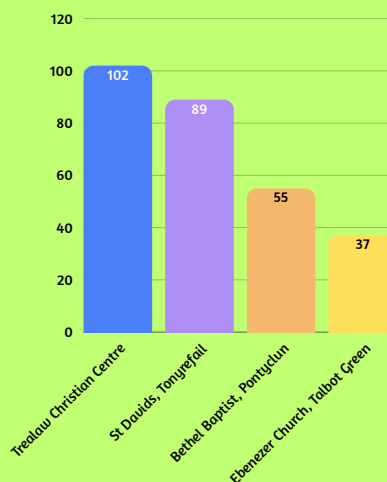
April 16th and 20th - We are hosting hustings events for the upcoming Senedd elections!

April 29th - Pontyclun RFC are hosting a quiz night in support of us

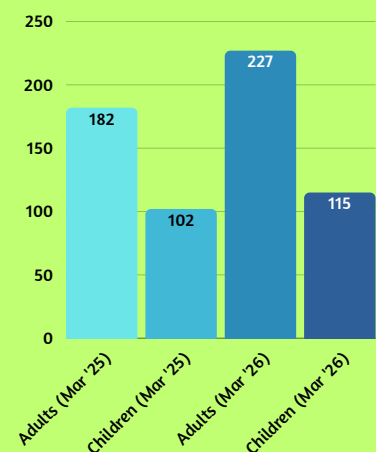
Our month in data

- This month, we distributed **342** parcels in Taff-Ely, including 115 for children (an increase when compared to 284 parcels in March 2025).
- That's over **3,000** meals, and over **3,000kg** of food to support local people in crisis.
- Over **50** local people volunteered with us.

Our four busiest centres in March 2026



Parcels by age group (Feb 2025 / 2026)



Items we need

Noodles
Squash
Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Meat
Tinned Soup