

Banc Bwyd Taff-Ely

Monthly Newsletter

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Ending hunger together

A message from our CEO, Andrew



It's been another busy month at Taff-Ely Foodbank - we've certainly kicked off the new financial year with a bang! April has been our busiest month of 2026 so far, and our busiest April since 2021, with 350 people supported.

We are lucky that this rise in need has been accompanied by so much support from the community. In April, we had an amazing dinner and auction at **Brothers Contemporary Indian Cuisine**, five people zip-lining and abseiling the **Principality Stadium**, an excellent quiz night with **Sally's Angels** (with thanks to The Windsor, Pipeworks, The Ivor Arms, The Flower Pot, and Ammonite Yarns), and countless individuals and groups donating **money, food, and time** to ensure we can support anyone facing crisis in Taff-Ely.

It's also been a month of collaboration. Spending time with other foodbanks, our referral partners, and the public to raise awareness, improve our services, and hopefully achieve a time when no one needs a foodbank.

Looking ahead, May will be another month packed with **support, collaboration, and compassion**, and we are keen to work with anyone who shares our goals - if you want to support or work with us, we want to hear from you. If you are already doing these things, **thank you!**

News and Announcements

- We have received an amazing **£24,000** in grant funding from the **Coronation Food Project**, which will be vital in supporting local people.
- Five brave souls took on the **Principality Zipline and Abseil** to fundraise for us.
- We hosted a **community hustings** in Pontypridd, to ask Senedd candidates how they'll tackle hunger and hardship.
- We joined foodbanks from across Wales at the **Trussell Roadshow** in Cardiff - a great chance to discuss what we are seeing and keep pushing for a Wales without foodbanks.
- April 2026 has been one of our busiest months ever at Taff-Ely Foodbank, with **355** parcels provided.

Monthly Spotlight

- All of our **shelf adoptees, regular supporters, and our amazing staff and volunteers!**
- **Brothers Indian Cuisine**, Pontyclun, who held an amazing two-course dining experience that raised over **£1,500** for the foodbank.
- **Sally's Angels**, a community choir who have held countless concerts supporting us, and hosted an amazing **quiz night** on April 29th.
- **Garth Rotary Club**, whose monthly donation totalled almost **250kg**.
- The residents of **Groesfaen** who regularly donate food to support our work.

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A message from our Support Manager, Charmaine

People come to the foodbank at very different points in their lives, often during times of significant change or difficulty. For many, it's about trying to rebuild some sense of normality when things have been unsettled. What might seem like a small piece of support can have a lasting impact on daily life, especially for families trying to get back on their feet.



“I came to the foodbank after leaving a difficult situation and had very little at home, including no way to cook. I was relying on cold food or microwave meals, which was hard, especially with children to feed. With support from the foodbank, I was able to get help through Charmaine to receive a cooker. This has made a huge difference – I can now cook proper meals at home, and feel more settled. It's helped me get back some normality for me and my family.”

Stories like this are a reminder of the real difference your support makes every day.

Key Dates for the Diary

Nothing to highlight this month, but keep an eye on our socials for any upcoming events and fundraising opportunities.

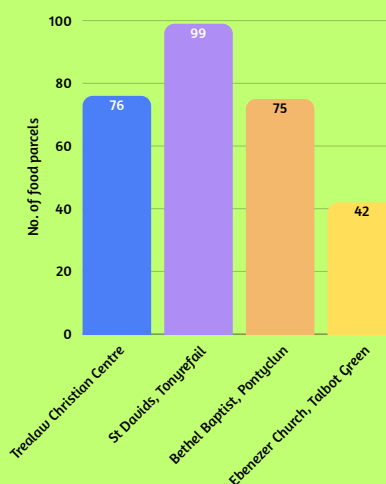
Items we need

Fruit Cocktail
Tinned Corned Beef
Tea Bags
Rice
Tinned Fish

Our month in data

- This month, we distributed **355** parcels in Taff-Ely, including **124** for children (an increase from 301 parcels in April 2025).
- That's over **3,190** meals, and over **3,530kg** of food to support local people in crisis.
- Over **50** local people volunteered with us.

Our four busiest centres in April 2026



Parcels by age group (April 2025 / 2026)

