

Newsletter

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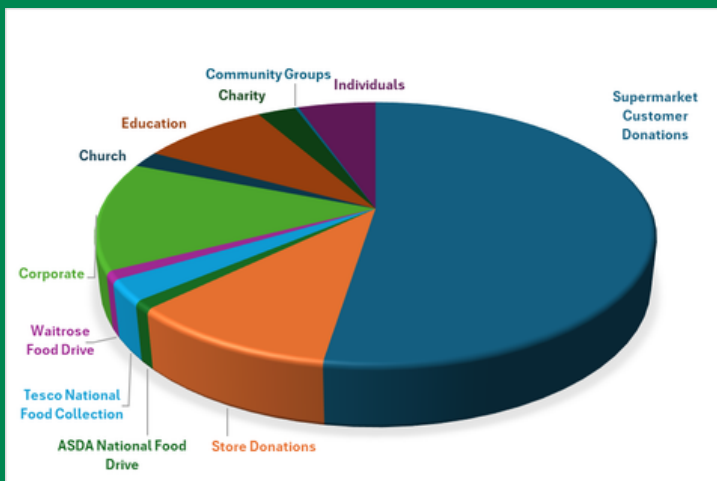
Community Award Winners

Hatfield Foodbank is delighted to have received the “Welwyn Hatfield for All” award at the Welwyn Hatfield Community Awards. This wonderful recognition belongs to every one of our incredible volunteers. We simply could not serve our community without the ongoing dedication of our volunteers, trustees, and donors, who support us week in, week out. You are all truly AMAZING, and this award is a celebration of your commitment, compassion, and hard work. Thank you to our fabulous Hatfield Foodbank family — this is for you.



Our Impact in 2025

During 2025, Hatfield Foodbank supported 8,872 people, providing 4,185 emergency food parcels to individuals and families across our community. This vital work was made possible by the incredible generosity of our community, who donated 47 metric tonnes of food and toiletries. Without this ongoing support, we simply could not help those who need us most.



New Website

Our new website is now live! It has been refreshed to make it easier to navigate, whether you're looking to donate, access our services, or get in touch with us. We'd love you to take a look using this link: <https://hatfield.foodbank.org.uk> or the QR code on page 3.



Christmas at Hatfield Foodbank

Christmas was an incredibly busy and uplifting time for Hatfield Foodbank, made possible by the huge generosity of our community. We received an overwhelming number of donations, including food and toys, helping us support so many people during the festive period. Although voucher numbers were high, our small army of volunteers worked tirelessly, serving everyone with smiles, kindness, and calm throughout. The Reverse Advent Calendar was a great success and we were also delighted to be supported through a Christmas carols fundraiser organised by Old Hatfield Residents Association raising over £650. Thank you to everyone who helped make Christmas a little brighter for those in need.



Easter

Thanks to an incredibly generous donation of chocolate bunnies, every child in a household that needed our support in the week before Easter received one. With plenty of Easter eggs donated too, every household could enjoy an Easter treat if they wished. We're so lucky to be part of such a wonderful community

Supermarket Collection Events

We are incredibly grateful for the support we received through our recent supermarket collection events. In November, our three-day collection at Tesco resulted in an amazing 1,238.55kg of donated food. We were also well supported at our Waitrose one-day collections held in October and March, which together raised a further 487.35kg of donations. Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, and supported these events — your generosity helps us continue supporting those in need in our community.



Community Support and Generosity

Over the past six months, we have been truly overwhelmed by the generosity shown to Hatfield Foodbank. Donations have come from a wide range of supporters, including supermarkets, community groups, other charities, local businesses, churches, schools, and individual donors. While there isn't space to thank everyone individually, we extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every person who has contributed — your support makes a real difference.

We were especially grateful to receive a significant donation from the Oshwal Association of the UK, who donated 1,841.2kg of essential items, including tinned tomatoes, chickpeas, pasta sauces, and boxes of pasta. Mardley Heath WI continue to support us regularly, with monthly themed donations such as winter warmers, Easter treats, and more. More recently, Countess Anne School held a wonderful “domino effect” competition, where pupils brought in cereal boxes instead of dominoes — many of which were kindly donated to us, and St Phillip Howard Primary School collected Easter eggs which helped us to be able to give each household an Easter egg.

Simmons Bakery continue to deliver a large donation of bread each and every week and we also have regular large donations of butter and cheese. The local supermarkets - Tesco, ASDA and Waitrose - facilitate customer donations and hold events for us. Our partnerships with these companies are invaluable.

Thank you to all our financial contributors, including Citibank, HCC, Hitachi Construction, Little Heath Christ Church, MACS Hart Trust, Mitchell Design, Morgan Sindall, OHRA, Prime & Secure, Salisbury Estate, St Etheldreda's, Tesco, The Red Lion (Hatfield), WHBC.

Thank you to everyone in our community who continues to support Hatfield Foodbank — we could not do this without you.



Our new Website QR CODE





Ways To Donate



The amount of emergency food parcels being given out each week has been steadily increasing over the last couple of years. It is only the amazing gifts that we receive from the public, supermarkets, companies, churches etc that we can continue to provide food to those who find themselves needing to ask for additional support.

For details of what, how and where you can give (including financial gifts), please see the Give Help section of our website.

You can financially donate via -

- Give today - <https://www.givetoday.co.uk/hatfieldfoodbank/>
- Paypal giving
- Go fund me
- Just giving

You can physically donate by -

- Supermarkets - there are collection points in Asda, Tesco and Waitrose
- Hold a food drive at work/school/neighbourhood

You can also donate using Bank The Food:

- <https://bankthefood.org/>
- or by downloading the app
- or by scanning this QR code



If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please see our website or contact us at manager@hatfield.foodbank.org.uk

A few words taken from a recent survey from our volunteers:

"The Hatfield Foodbank produces a very welcoming atmosphere, felt by all volunteers, staff & visitors."

"It is a great team of people who work well together. "

"A fun group of volunteers who are there to help the community. Feels like we are a family"

"It is a delight to work at the foodbank with all the lovely volunteers"

Hatfield Foodbank is run in partnership with local churches, facilitated by Gracemead Church and King's Community Church.

Hatfield Foodbank

Open Tuesdays, 11:30am to 2:00pm

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