



Year 4

Annual Report

4th February 2016 to 3rd February 2017

Bridgnorth Food Bank continues to play a vital role in the provision of emergency food parcels and medium term support for the residents of Bridgnorth and the surrounding area.

In our 4th year of operation we have continued to develop our activities, establishing new ways of supporting people in need and building on the relationships with the various agencies that refer clients to us.

We are extremely grateful for the generosity of individuals, churches, statutory service providers, voluntary organisations and charities, local businesses and other organisations for the assistance provided in helping us achieve our objectives.

Facts & Figures

- Direct support provided to 146 different people (88 adults and 58 children from 73 different families and individuals)
- Of these, 87 new people were supported for the first time (53 adults and 34 children from 48 families and individuals)
- Over the first 4 years, direct support provided to 477 different people (246 different families and individuals) and some pet dogs and cats
- 59 emergency food parcels distributed either directly or via our partnering agencies helping additional families and individuals (those supported by emergency food parcels are in addition to those people directly supported)
- Over 25 volunteers involved
- Total monetary donations received amounted to £4,998
- 17,096 food and non-food items distributed - average 329 per week
- 18,832 items received - average 362 per week
- Referrals made by over 25 different agency partners
- 100% of clients assisted live within a radius of 12 miles of Bridgnorth
- 60% of all clients supported reside in Bridgnorth

Thank You

Our profound thanks are due to:

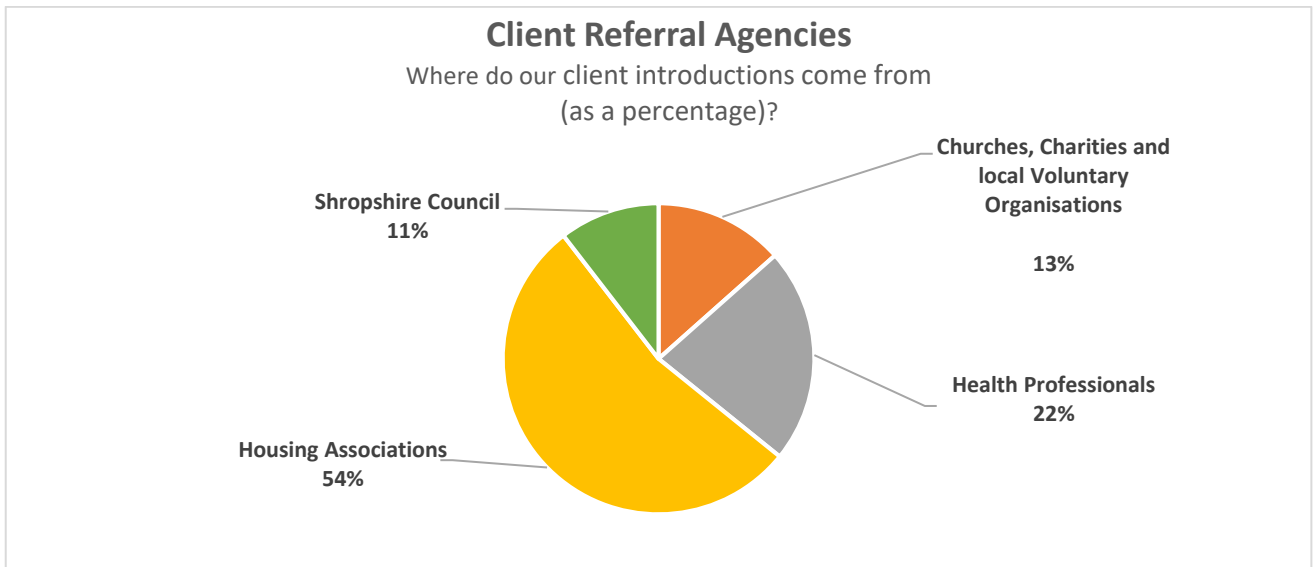
- The many individuals and organisations (too many to mention) that support Bridgnorth Food Bank with financial donations, food and other items and/or give their valuable time as volunteers. These include Churches, Charities and local Voluntary Organisations, Statutory Service Providers, Businesses including local Supermarkets & Farm Shops and Schools.
- Our many varied agencies that introduce clients to us, which include:
Churches, Charities and local Voluntary Organisations
Housing Associations
Statutory Service Providers from the Health Sector and Shropshire Council
Schools
(*If your organisation would like to become an agency, please contact us for details to easily set this up.)
- Those that support us with fundraising donations including those volunteers taking part in the annual Bridgnorth Walk.
- Our dedicated members of our Committee and the Operational Team who ensure that we can provide the service to our clients.
- Local Christian Churches which continue to provide many of our volunteers, financial donations and food and other stock items (often on a weekly basis but especially through Harvest Festivals and at Christmas).

Gift Aid Donations

Bridgnorth Food Bank is part of Bridgnorth Community Trust - a Charitable Incorporated Organisation - registered number 1154617.

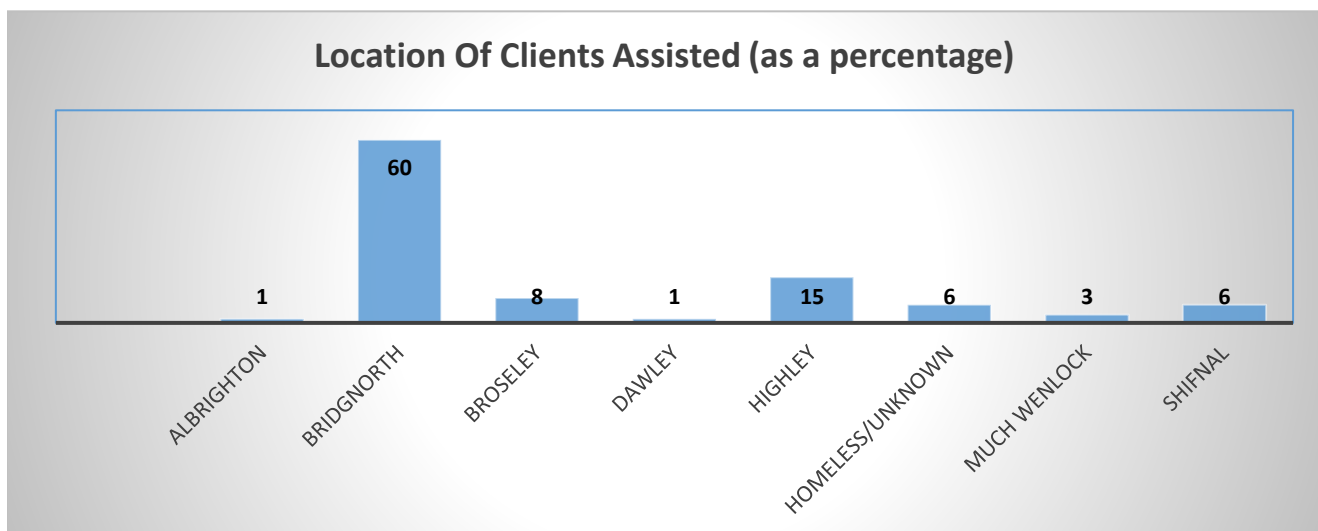
If you are a UK tax payer, we can reclaim Gift Aid at no extra cost to you - for every £1 you give we can claim an additional 25p. Please download a Gift Aid Declaration from the website or contact us for more details.

Numbers At A Glance



(*These do not include our clients for emergency food parcel referrals.)

We are extremely grateful for the support of the agencies that refer clients to us - without them we could not offer this service to local people. Housing Associations and Health Professionals continue to play a major role and referred three quarters of our clients to us.



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Our primary “target area” is the local area around Bridgnorth but we continue to find that some clients from neighbouring areas also require support. This is sometimes to stay anonymous due to their concern of being “recognised” if they go to their local Food Bank for assistance and sometimes because regular local support is not available.

What’s in a typical food parcel?

Tinned soup; beans; vegetables; fish and ready made meals; pasta, rice and spaghetti; cook-in sauces
Cereals; long-life milk; sugar; tea and coffee; fruit juices/squash; biscuits; jams; tinned fruit and

puddings

Toiletry items such as toothpaste; soaps; shampoo

Baby items as required - food; wipes and nappies

Pet food as required

Washing up liquid and washing powder

Some cooking utensils as often clients do not have access to these and "special" items when we have them