



# Year 3 Annual Report

4th February 2015 to 3rd February 2016

**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 third 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, local businesses and other organisations for the assistance provided in helping us achieve our objectives.

## Facts & Figures

- Direct support provided to 176 different people (101 adults and 75 children from 84 different families and individuals)
- Of these, 98 new people were supported for the first time (52 adults and 46 children from 44 families and individuals)
- Over the first 3 years, direct support provided to 390 different people (198 different families and individuals)
- 72 emergency food parcels distributed either directly or via our partnering agencies
- Over 25 volunteers involved
- Total monetary donations received amounted to £4,099
- 16,322 food and non-food items distributed - average 314 per week
- 16,711 items received - average 321 per week
- Referrals made by over 25 different agency partners
- 99% of clients assisted live within a radius of 13 miles of Bridgnorth
- 57% of all clients supported reside in Bridgnorth

## Thank You

We are indebted 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.

This includes:

- Churches
- Schools
- Businesses and service providers, including supermarkets and farm shops
- Local voluntary organisations and charities
- Our many varied agencies that introduce clients to us

(If your organisation would like to become an agency, please contact us for details.)

Thanks are due to our PR and Fundraising Teams and those that support us with fundraising donations including all those intrepid volunteers who take part in the annual Bridgnorth Walk.

Our thanks are also due to the dedicated members of our committee and the Monday Operational Team volunteers who ensure we are able to provide the service to the clients.

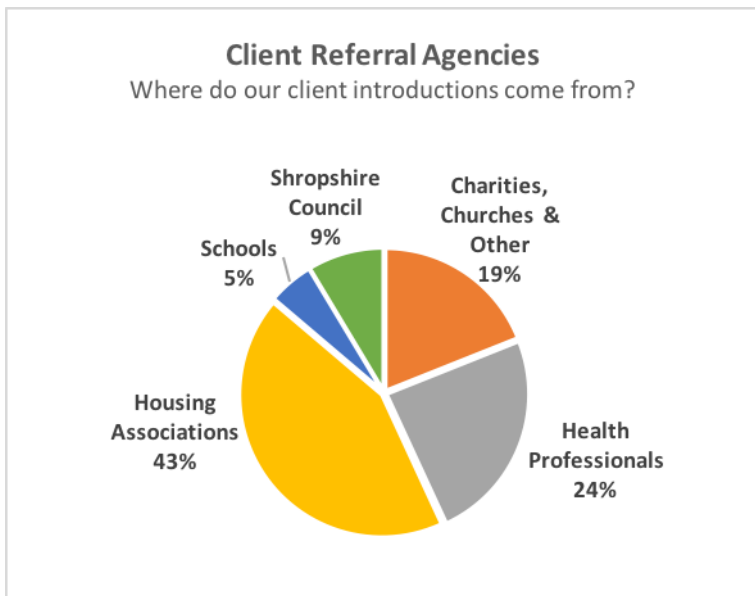
Local Christian Churches - the initiators of the Food Bank - continue to provide food donations (often on a weekly basis but especially through Harvest Festivals).

## Gift Aid Donations

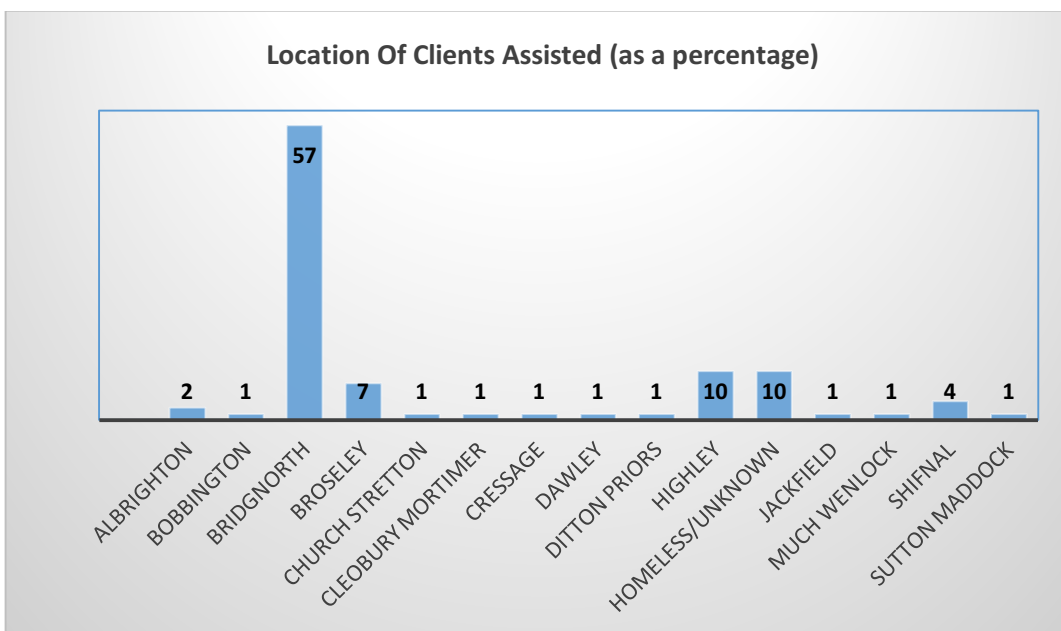
**Bridgnorth Food Bank is part of Bridgnorth Community Trust** - a Charitable Incorporated Organisation - registered number 1154617.

If you are a UK tax payer, as a part of Bridgnorth Community Trust we are able to 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



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 in referring clients to us.



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 sadly as a result of their concern of being “recognised” if they go to their local Food Bank for assistance.

## 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