

Item 10. Foodbank update

The number of emergency food parcels distributed by foodbanks in the Trussell Trust national network is over 3m a year (with over 1m for children). The Trust calls on national politicians to tackle the problem. We are in a deprived area of the country and a low-wage area and the foodbanks try to support many in our community from falling into poverty or recovering from a crisis.

Our premises have been visited by our local MP and some of our local councillors. They realise that the idea that foodbanks such as ours are just fuelling benefit cheats is totally false and unfounded. We help people for a temporary period during their crisis situation. Many of our local schoolchildren benefit from the help that is given and many low-wage earners, businesses, and vulnerable people appreciate **being helped out of a crisis situation.**

The Forum is able to record progress and an update on the local situation will be given at your meeting.