



Dear Friends of the Exmouth FoodBank,

During August we fed 271 people. Now, as covid restrictions are lifted, we look to see how this will affect people going forward. Will this mean that people can get back to work? Will the ending of the furlough scheme impact families in a negative way? The government is planning to take away the extra £20.00 that has been given in the universal credits benefit. This will surely be an extra squeeze on already tight incomes. Will we see an increased need for our services? Only time will tell. We wait to see how it unfolds and we would like to reassure you that as a FoodBank we are ready for whatever happens.

With people coming back into the Salvation Army Hall, we can offer more than basic foods. There will be a choice from a selection of fresh produce, such as bananas, oranges, potatoes, carrots and eggs, which will provide a more varied diet. People will be able to help themselves to toiletries and cleaning products and nappies will be available if required. Our volunteers are looking forward to welcoming everyone with open arms and friendly smiles.

As we think of the future, we remember that the Harvest Festival is coming up. We thank you for your dedicated support and we wonder if you would be so kind as to donate any of the following from our list of most needed items:

Longlife Milk
Longlife Fruit Juice & Bottled Fruit Squash
Jars of Pasta Sauce
Tinned Vegetables & Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Rice Pudding & Tinned Fruit & Packets of Custard
Packets of Instant Mashed Potato
Packets of Noodles & Couscous & Savoury Rice

We take this opportunity to thank the whole community for your ongoing support. They probably won't like this, as they are so very humble, but we especially would like to say a huge thank you and well done to Shirley and Ian, who have steered us as a FoodBank throughout all of the covid changes. Their dedication is commendable. They have ensured that we have had enough volunteers and drivers and that people continue to be fed. I know that as our friends and supporters you would wish to thank them too. God Bless you.