



Serving Letchworth, Hitchin & Baldock

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Letchworth foodbank

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## Foodbank and Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Due to the unprecedented times the Letchworth, Hitchin & Baldock Foodbank is having to change how we function.

The Foodbank has seen the demand for food increase dramatically; in the last seven days we have supplied parcels for over 200 people. This volume of requests will certainly increase over the next days and weeks.

The situation is set against church and community groups having to close their doors. We have also seen a dramatic fall off in public donations at supermarkets. This means that the main sources of food for the foodbank is currently no longer available. The result is that our warehouse stock is now depleted. Coupled with this, many of our volunteers have had to self-isolate and self-distancing in our warehouse has become impossible.

**The Foodbank Management Committee and Trustees have taken the decision to stop issuing food parcels but to replace this with a supermarket card scheme.**

Clients referred to the Foodbank will now be issued with a supermarket card to purchase food items at a designated local supermarket.

To help us maintain this scheme there is, an alternative way of supporting us and that is by monetary donations.

This can be done via our website: [www.letchworth.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.letchworth.foodbank.org.uk).

Once you have entered the site, click on "Donate Money". You then have two alternatives: give a one-off payment or set up a regular donation.

Your monetary gift will go towards the purchase of supermarket cards that will be issued to our needy clients.

We hope that this is something you as a community would consider.

Your help and generosity are very much appreciated in these difficult times. Our mission is to serve the people in our community who are in most need. We, however, all must play our part and follow the guidance to stop the spread of coronavirus,

Thank you.

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