

Referrers Monthly Update

31st July 2023

THANK YOU

- We hope you're doing well. We wanted to take a moment to say THANK YOU for your support. With your help, we have distributed 1378 parcels last month, which is an increase from the previous weeks' this equates to over 21,300 items, which would cost over £23,000.
- We had a very successful food drive this month collecting 64 crates of donations, thanks to our volunteers, the staff at Asda, and the generous customers.
- With your help and support, we have been able to signpost and advise 115 clients in the last month!

WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT

We have some upcoming events that we would love for you to join us in:

- **Family Garden Day takes place on 18th August** at St John's Baptist Church on Rotheram Avenue, Farley Hill. Join in the fun activities, arts and crafts, snacks and more!
- **Desi Fest Luton** Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd September, Times to be confirmed.
- **Community Engagement Worker** – We have a new member of the team joining us next week, who's role is to promote the work of Luton Foodbank and engage with the community, developing our current and new relationships.

SUPERMARKET COLLECTIONS

We also have some upcoming supermarket collections and we would be grateful for your support.

- 26th August – Tesco
- 30th September – Asda, Wigmore
- 28th October – Asda, Wigmore
- 25th November – Asda, Wigmore
- 2nd December – Asda, Wigmore
- 9th December – Tesco

USEFUL INFORMATION FOR CLIENTS VOUCHER COMPLETION

- The **Healthy Start scheme** is available for pregnant women or families with a child under 4 receiving income support or universal credit. It provides vouchers for milk, fruit, and vegetables. Application no longer requires a signature by a health professional, making it easier to apply <https://lutonfoodbank.org.uk/healthy-start/>

- **Holiday Activities and Food for children on Free School Meals** – You can request a call back from us to the client, to get their children booked for the Active Luton Holiday Camps subject to availability now!
- **Local Welfare Assistance** can be applied for online from Luton Borough Council's website:
<https://m.luton.gov.uk/Page/Show/Benefits/support/Pages/local-welfare-assistance.aspx>
- **Free Sim cards** with data (for those clients identified by referrers only)
- **Fuel Vouchers** for clients with pre-pay meters can be obtained by contacting Citizens Advice Luton

RECIPE AND COOKING VIDEOS

- Subscribe to our YouTube page **Luton Foodbank**, where you will find a variety of videos, from cooking videos and recipes to events and more!
<https://lutonfoodbank.org.uk/recipes/>

NEWSLETTER LINK

Check out our Summer 2023 Newsletter at
<https://lutonfoodbank.org.uk/?s=newsletter>

INFORMATION & SIGNPOST ADVISOR

If your organisation does not provide advice and you meet a client who would benefit from additional support, please feel free to tick the voucher, which the office will pick up. phone Nicola on 07736 993225 and she will be happy to answer brief questions or make appointments (Mon-Wed).

Thank you so much for your continued support. Let's make a difference together!