



## *Message from our Chairman*

We are reaching the end of another year, a time when we all hopefully might get a chance to relax with our families, friends and neighbours. It is also a good time to



reflect on the good that you have all done in volunteering for the Foodbank. Whatever your role is in keeping this local charity functioning, it involves a form of action, of standing in solidarity with the most vulnerable in our communities. That in itself is what Christmas embodies—bringing joy into our world.

I hope that the season brings you much joy and fun.

Please look after each other and all those you are close to. I am looking forward to meeting those of you who are able to come along to our volunteer social evening at Oswald House on the 27th of January, 2023.

Thanks, *Ian*

## *Highlights from our November Data Report*

- ⇒ To date this year we have seen a 24% increase in client visits.
- ⇒ There were 20% more visits in October 2022 than in October 2021, despite the limiting of food parcels to one a week.
- ⇒ Single parcels continue to be the most needed.
- ⇒ The number of children being provided with food has been recorded since March this year. This represents 35% of clients.

The full data report can be found on the Foodbank website [here](#).

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## *Anyone for Tea?*

Frontline volunteers from all of Kirkcaldy Foodbank's distribution points came together for a get-to-know-you Afternoon Tea in September.

Held in the Linton Lane Centre, the tea party catered for 23 volunteers who, as well as enjoying tasty treats of sandwiches, sausage rolls, cupcakes and huge cream scones, had the chance to meet their fellow frontliners to share ideas and experiences.

They also heard from Martin Cassidy of CARF about the work he and his agency are doing to help people experiencing hardship, and from former Foodbank chairman, Joyce Leggate who thanked everyone for their continuing hard work and dedication.

Joyce said: "It was a lovely afternoon and gave all of us the opportunity to put faces to names and enjoy some lovely treats. We donated the leftovers to the YMCA at Valley Gardens, so it was a win-win!

"We are grateful to Mandy at Linton Lane for hosting the event and everyone is looking forward to meeting up again in the new year."



## *JustGiving*

### *Campaign's fantastic success—so far!*

Our JustGiving campaign has surpassed all expectations and has raised almost double the £20,000 we set out to achieve to help relieve some of the forthcoming fundraising pressures we are facing.

So far, we have raised just over £2,200 online, from people near and far, but several sizeable donations have come in, or been promised, as a result of the campaign which featured prominently in local media, radio and social media—taking us to almost £40,000!

Ian Campbell, Chairman of the Foodbank said: "We are really delighted with the response to the campaign and the positive coverage it has received across the town. As a result we have almost doubled the amount we initially set as a target.

"Many donations have come in direct and are not shown in the online platform and I want to thank the team who enabled this campaign to come together at such short notice."

Every penny counts, and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has donated so far. There is still time to donate and we would encourage any volunteers who can help by sharing the link to our appeal through their own social media channels to do so. It is:

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Linda-Judge3?fbclid=IwAR0-QA1y3lZH0\\_TvowaB0mcO9Zy8l8nkSoe90r2ZqQGP4R4RbHxtwV8LvM](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Linda-Judge3?fbclid=IwAR0-QA1y3lZH0_TvowaB0mcO9Zy8l8nkSoe90r2ZqQGP4R4RbHxtwV8LvM)



## *Burntisland Toll Community Centre working with Kirkcaldy Foodbank*

The Toll Centre has served the community in Burntisland since the mid-seventies, providing a focus for community projects through advancing education, arts and culture and health and recreation.

Its store-front hub on the High Street is a drop-in centre and thrift store, and has been providing assistance to those in need – both through counselling and food assistance, much of which came from regular donations from ASDA.

The Centre has now formed an alliance with Kirkcaldy Foodbank, re-directing its clients and its food donations to the Burntisland branch.



***BIG NIGHT OUT FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS***

***JANUARY 27TH 2023***

***6.30 FOR 7.00PM***

***HOT BUFFET AT OSWALD HOUSE HOTEL***

*Tell your team leader if you want to come and arrange to give them the money by January 19th. They will pay the hotel on the night. Check the menu with your team leader.*

*Menu £12*

*Complimentary tea/coffee*

*Shortbread & tablet*

*Dietary needs to be confirmed*



*Wishing all our volunteers  
A joyous Christmas  
And a happy and peaceful 2023*

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