

Welcome to April's Food Bank Newsletter!

As spring blossoms fill the air with new life, we are reminded of the growth and renewal happening within our community. This month, we have several exciting updates, heartwarming stories, and important information to share with you.

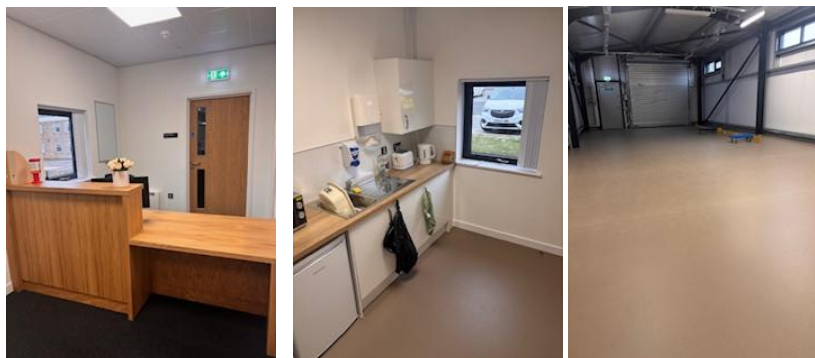
Stepping Down

"It is with sadness that we acknowledge the resignation of Richard Anderson as Chair of Trustees. What with the challenges of lockdown, COVID repercussions and our relocation Richard's tenure has been far from easy. However, by his selfless dedication and firm but gentle direction he has inspired many and made a meaningful difference in the lives of countless others.

It is good to know we shall still be seeing Richard in the future as he continues his driving duties and administrative duties. Meanwhile on behalf of fellow Board members and volunteers we wish Richard a well-earned, and a long and healthy retirement."

New Build

We have started with the move to our new premises, **Phase 1** has been completed by the office staff, **Phase 2** "Grit Store" will follow shortly with the racking being assembled and all items from the Grit Store being moved across and **Phase 3** "Portacabin" will be the last to come across, so we are hoping that by the end of May we will be all in the new building



Full Circle Food

Another Milestone: 2,000 Meals and Counting!

FCF are thrilled to announce an incredible achievement—2,000 nourishing, ready-to-eat meals have now been lovingly prepared and distributed by their dedicated volunteers to Wansbeck Valley Food Bank over the past year!

Every single meal has been made with thoughtfulness and heart, offering not just food, but a sense of comfort and dignity to individuals and families facing food insecurity in our area.

Reaching 2,000 meals is a powerful reminder of what can be accomplished when people come together with a shared purpose. Full Circle Food volunteers have given their time, energy, and culinary skills to make a real difference, often working behind the scenes, but always at the heart of everything they do.

We can't thank FULL CIRCLE FOOD PROJECT enough for the meals they provide for the Food Bank, so we can continue to support our clients.



Local Business Support – Harmony Fire/Karbon Homes

Harmony Fire are a contractor for Karbon Homes, and they teamed up with Rapid Relief Team on the 10th of April to pack and distribute food parcels to the communities they work in. As part of this initiative, Karbon Homes selected Wansbeck Valley Food Bank. 50 food parcels arrived on Thursday the 17th of April. The Chairman Giles from Rapid Relief flew up from Southampton and met with Andrew Kennedy the Manager from Harmony Fire to hand the food parcels over, and Aiden our patient support from Northgate Park was at the food bank and stole the show with his words of thanks, and not forgetting his modelling skills for the photograph, and thank you to Isobel, Nick, and Claire for their contributions on the day.



Brownies

We had a lovely visit from the Brownies on the 16th of April; they held a cake stall to raise money for their three chosen charities and made £65.00. The brownies decided to choose WVFB as one of their three charities, they donated £25.00 worth of food donations to the Food Bank.

We showed two brownies around the Food Bank and explained what we did; they were introduced to the volunteers. They had their photos taken along with the food donations they made.



ASDA – April

We would like to give an extra Thanks to all our volunteers involved in ASDA Friday.

The amount we collected from ASDA Ashington



See you next Month...

