



Thank you for agreeing to donate to **Bedford** Foodbank's Combined Harvest Appeal.

Please take a moment to familiarise yourself with the materials enclosed in this pack. We hope that these will be informative and help inspire people to support your collection. In addition to the resources in this pack, we are here to support you too - if you need anything, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will be happy to assist you in any way we can.

What to collect

Please find enclosed a "shopping list" of items. This list contains our foodbank's top **10** most needed items. Please feel free to copy and distribute this list to everyone supporting your collection.

Bedford foodbank only works with non-perishable food items (tinned and dried goods), which do not spoil or decay. This means that neither the foodbank nor the recipient has to worry about storing the food in a fridge or freezer, and there is less likelihood of food going to waste. It also means that we can give each client a carefully designed food parcel that contains three days' worth of nutritionally-balanced food.

All items should be unopened, in date and in good condition. We are forbidden by law to give away food which has passed its "best before" date. We have no storage facilities for fresh food so if you collect fresh food we would prefer you to arrange for it to go elsewhere. If you need any ideas of where to send it, we can help.

We also take non-food items such as toiletries and cleaning products, as these are just as essential to the clients who come to us.

Delivery/Collection

It would be a great help to us if you could deliver your collection to our warehouse at the following address between **9am-12 midday**: 71 Murdock Road Manton Industrial Estate Bedford MK41 7PL

If this is not possible, please call us and we will arrange a date and time with you to collect your donation, but you may have to keep hold of it for a few days.

Our mission is to bring communities together to end hunger and poverty in the UK by providing compassionate, practical help with dignity, which challenging injustice; and your support makes this possible.

Our pledge is to provide food to people in crisis free of charge and we are very grateful to all those who donate the food that enables us to do this. However, there is also a cost to storing and distributing the food, so if you are able to assist in any way with financial support too, that would be very much appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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