



# Newsletter

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## Covid-19 Update

This newsletter was originally written at the beginning of March, when our lives were very different. So much has changed in such a small amount of time, and this includes the foodbank. We've seen record numbers of people accessing food at the foodbank centre over the last few weeks, people have lost jobs and families are struggling with the absence of free school meals.

We're very grateful for the donations that have still been coming, some dropped off at the foodbank centre, others placed into the permanent collection bins. We've also received some very generous financial donations too. Thank you, both of these help us to continue helping local people who suddenly find themselves in a crisis, through no fault of their own. We're also very thankful for the generous weekly food donations from Morrisons in Caterham hopefully keeping lots of our food stocks maintained in the coming weeks. We are still managing to provide our much needed service, although our friendly cups of tea and chat are sadly not possible at the moment, as we all try and adhere to social distancing. Many of our volunteers are unable to help at the moment for a number of reasons, however we're really grateful for the kindness and stamina of our remaining volunteers, who are doing an excellent job in continuing to provide emergency food at the foodbank centre, sorting in the warehouse and doing deliveries and collections. Please keep an eye on our website for regular updates and any food items that we're in need of. Thank you for your support and interest. If you pray, please pray for the foodbank!

We are currently looking for new warehouse premises to store all the amazing donations we receive, as we have outgrown our present storage space.

As you can see from the table below we are now receiving and distributing nearly double the amount of food than when we started!

We're currently in discussions with Tandridge District Council about storage options, so watch this space....

| Year | Received | Distributed |
|------|----------|-------------|
| 2014 | 8,800kg  | 7,300kg     |
| 2015 | 9,200kg  | 10,600kg    |
| 2016 | 10,400kg | 9,900kg     |
| 2017 | 11,000kg | 11,700kg    |
| 2018 | 14,200kg | 12,500kg    |
| 2019 | 14,800kg | 15,600kg    |

*Caterham Foodbank had a 20% increase in the number of vouchers redeemed in 2019, compared to the previous year*



2019 : Thank you so much if you donated at the Tesco National Collection at the end of November, and for the many donations we received over Christmas! Whether you gave a tin or many, or organized a reverse advent calendar or a collection at your workplace, all are most appreciated in helping us to continue supporting local people.

INFORMATION



Opening times

Monday 12 noon to 2pm @  
Caterham Baptist Church,  
Beechwood Road. CR3 6NA

Thursday 12 noon to 2pm @  
Centenary Hall, Sacred Heart  
Church, Essendene Road. CR3 5PA



Caterham Foodbank provides 3 days worth of emergency food to local people in crisis.

The foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust, a Christian organisation.

236 hampers packed

Huge thanks to Caterham, Oxted and Godstone Lions for their donation making this possible



We took part in Oxted URC Christmas Tree Festival and raised over £85 for the foodbank!

Sadly we continue to see more people needing help from the foodbank, which isn't right, and this was before the Covid-19 pandemic.

Keep up to date at [www.trusselltrust.org](http://www.trusselltrust.org)

Caterham Foodbank Permanent Collection Points can be found in the following supermarkets.



CATERHAM ON THE HILL



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