

# NEWSLETTER

Sept- Dec 2023

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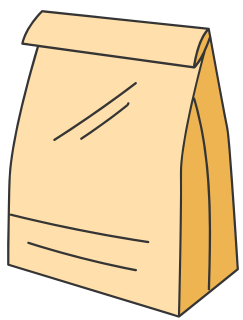
## HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL AT DF4TA

We have had a very busy start to 2024, but thought you would like to hear how the last few months have been going for DF4TA and our partners. We will start with stats for the last 4 months:-

Over this period there has been other support in place, including the household support fund with payment during September & December, the cost of living payment in October, energy support fund and Free school Meal vouchers. Positively, this has reduced the number of people needing food parcel support - especially during Oct & Nov, as we have been able to support people access these one off payments rather than food.

### Support Statistics

During September - December 2023 we collectively distributed the following across our community:

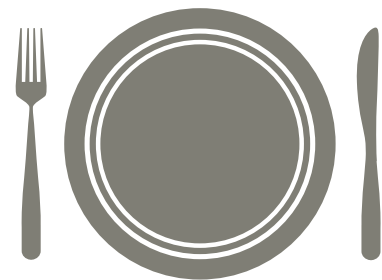


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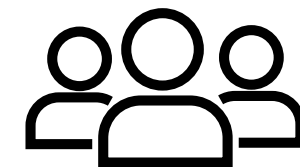
Food parcels were given out



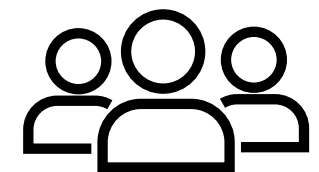
Equating to  
**£151,536**



Making  
**50,152**  
meals



Supporting  
**6,801**  
Adults



Supporting  
**4,207**  
Children

**178**

referrals made

**593**

Adults & Children supported

Thanks to our partnership with Derby City Council, we have been able to directly support our customers with applying for either the Energy or Household Fund when they come through for a food parcel, diverting their need away from direct food support.



### September



This month we launched the DF4TA 100 Club and we opened the winter 'Our Abbey Hub' warm welcome for residents in the Abbey ward, on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 10am-2pm. It includes baking & craft sessions, free tea & coffee & lunch every Thursday. Residents can come along and join in it is all free, with Citizens advice & a cuppa with a copper and so much more.



### Community Shops

In October we partnered up with 'Our Mickleover' to open a new community shop at the community centre, things are going well and the team are also supporting with their warm welcome. We also partnered up with MECA to open a community shop in Mackworth in November. This is a huge help for local people as it makes it easier to go somewhere locally, rather than travel the long distance to town.





# Volunteers

We really couldn't do what we do without our amazing team of volunteers that help us at DF4TA. They help us run the Central Storage Unit, processing donations & orders for our partner foodbanks, collect donations from Morrisons & Asda, & Costco & delivering these to our partner groups that support the wider community.



Jim from Life Cycle UK has been volunteering with us for just over a year, he delivers food parcels on this amazing electric bike to those who can't collect. Over the last year Jim has delivered

**94 food parcels**  
**covering 392 miles**  
**with a CO2 saving of 13kg**

## DECEMBER & CHRISTMAS

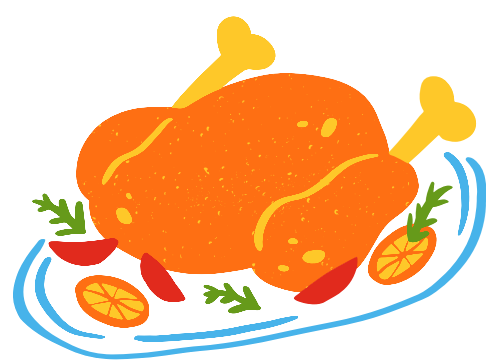
On top of all our normal services and referring people for fund support we ....

### Reverse Advent Calendar 2024

This year's Reverse advent calendar was a great success, in partnership with Derby County Community Trust, Harrison's Hub was one of the main donation points on the 6th & 7th December. With donations pouring in from DCFC Fans and local businesses and members of the community. We received over 300 RAC and a number of cash donations so we could purchase further food items.



### 300 Christmas meals



For the second year running we have been able to provide members of our community that would otherwise go without a Christmas meal. Thank you to the funding from Alstom and our partnership with YMCA & Padley@ymca, meals included full dinner, desert & treats so they could enjoy their Christmas too!!

### 300 Christmas Hampers

For the first time we worked with St Peters to help co-ordinate the referrals for their 300 Christmas day food hampers, supporting

**480 adults & 342 children**

with the help of volunteers from the church, Rolls Royce, Metropolitan and other local support we were able to deliver the hampers across the city to help everyone have a great Christmas!!

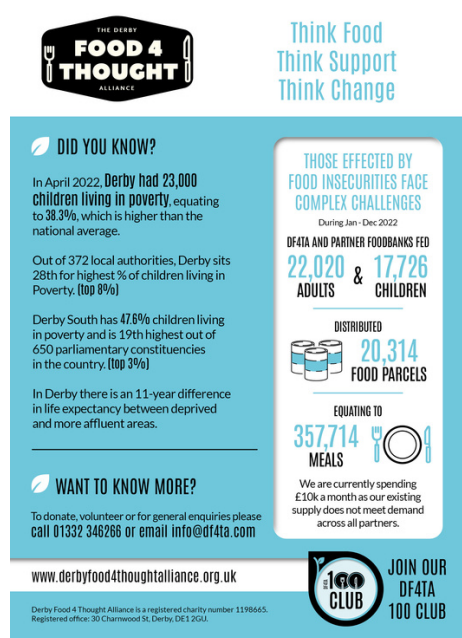






# Fundraising & Donations & Thank you's

We have received some amazing support over the the last few months and are very grateful for everyones support in helping us acheive all that we can, we really couldn't do it without you.



Thank you to the amazing businesses that have been signing up to join the DF4TA 100club, we are really grateful for your support, if you are an intersted business adnd want to know more please contact Paul@df4ta.com

*Thank you!*

We received our first major grant in December which gives us short term funding up to end of March which is great news.

We are waiting to sign agreement so can't say where grant is from currently - but watch out on social media!!

*Thank you!*

We also applied for some additional small pots of funding to help with the food costs as an organisation distrubuting food we are also being effected by the rise in cost of living. Thank you to the Asda Foundation and Arnold Clarke fund for funding to help with the cost of Christmas and help with purchasing hot and cold tinned meat.

Thank you to Julie at Asda Sinfin for helping with funding so we could support families with cleaning products, to help clean up after the floods.

We would like to say a special thank you to John at Kedleston Golf Club for picking us as their charity of the year. Also to Bates Weston, The Teachers Hub, Miniclip, St Werburghs, PKF Smiths Cooper and so many more for their kind donations over this time, whether that be a monetary or food donation - we really do appreciate your support!!

*Thank you!*

## Doorways Hampers donation

A special thank you to Doorways Derby for the 50 Hampers we referred, that we worked with West Park School, to distribute these and were able to help an additonal 40 adults 64 children totalling 22 families.

## Want to donate

**Join our Squid Army or get in touch to discuss your ideas with us, we would love to hear from you**

- Can you spare £1 a week to help support struggling residents of Derby?
- Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance is looking for 1,000 people to donate £1 (a squid) a week, for the next 52 weeks, to raise essential funds so our foodbanks can cope with the increased demand caused by the rising cost of living.
- Over the last month we have seen an increase in food parcel requests. At the same time, we have seen a big drop in donations. When talking to our customers, the main reason for this is due to the rising cost of living.
- Will you help? Join the Squid Army!

**Click on the link below to join, please make sure you submit the gift aid form on the page as well**

<https://www.derbyfood4thoughtalliance.org.uk/donate/Join-the-Squid-Army>

Website details :

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