

Foodbank and Young Life Updates

Reports to Hertford & District Churches Together June 2018



Since our last report in January our work has been steady, although with some really busy days and days when there have been no clients at all. On average the number of clients per month has been 108, a figure that is very similar to this time last year.

We have gone through most of our Christmas surplus stocks and are spending about £100 a month on certain core items. The new shopping list is printed opposite. We are so grateful for the continuous supply of food and toiletries from all the churches, which with our supermarket collection points are our only source of food at this time of the year.

Finances remain in a good position and we have just agreed to make a donation to the URC towards the new refreshment/serving area, the new lighting and soon to be installed, new flooring.

Thank you to all our volunteers and donors, your generosity in time and in giving is very appreciated by the Management Committee and of course by those who need to use our service.



Schools

Our schools work is part of our contact work with our young people. It is one of the places where we make our first contact with non-Christian young people. It is a way of connecting directly with the community and entering into the lives of young people.

Young Life Hertford now have a presence in all secondary schools in Hertford and also in Presdales. We are running lunch clubs at Simon Balle and Richard Hale. We have freedom to wander during lunch times at Sele school and we go into Presdales with the future hope bus.

Club

Our club is aimed at 'un-churched', non-Christians and focuses on providing them with an opportunity to experience Jesus through our lives, through our talks and through fun and relationship.

At Wyldlife club (years 7-9; ages 11-14) on a Monday (7-8.15pm) at Hertford Baptist Church, we regularly have around 20 kids. This is a crazy group of "wild" young people. We have a lot of fun and enjoy hearing about Jesus.

At Young Life club (years 10+; ages 15+) on a Thursday (8-9.30pm) at Cowbridge Hall, we have a consistent group of 15 young people. This is a great group who enjoy one another's company and hearing about Jesus.

Campaigners

Our Campaigner groups are for those who have made Christian commitments, for those who are serious about their faith and want to experience spiritual growth.

We have now established three Campaigner groups. One for girls, one for boys and one for our Wyldlife age group. These are very exciting, as we provide these young people with the opportunity to lead and grow in their faith at club as well as in other areas of their lives.

Camp

Camp is our once a year, unforgettable week that changes the lives of many young people.

This year, we are taking around 25 young people to Scotland (where our Young Life camp is based). Please pray as we have a number of young people who have never been to camp before and will experience challenges to their thinking and faith that will be life changing.

Young Life camp is from 21st – 27th July and Wyldlife camp is from 6th – 10th August.