

Annual Review: Oct 2022 -Sept 2023



Compassion, Service, Responsibility



A Thank You to Our Donors

Without our donors we would not be able to help anyone.....

- In total nearly 32 tonnes of food was donated in the year (24 tonnes in 2021/22)
- In addition, 5,675kg of food was purchased using £19,073 from monetary donations (2021/22 – 3,355 kg at a cost of £6,525)





Collection Points

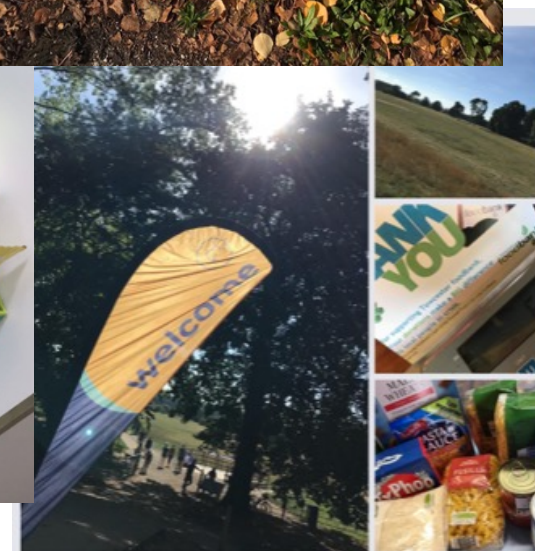
Supermarkets:

Tesco
Waitrose
Aldi
B&M
Co-op

Churches:

St Lawrence Church (Towcester)
St John the Baptist Church (Abthorpe)
Holy Cross Church (Pattishall)
St Mary Magdalene (Helmdon)

Water Meadows Park Run: (First Saturday of the month, 9:00-9:30)



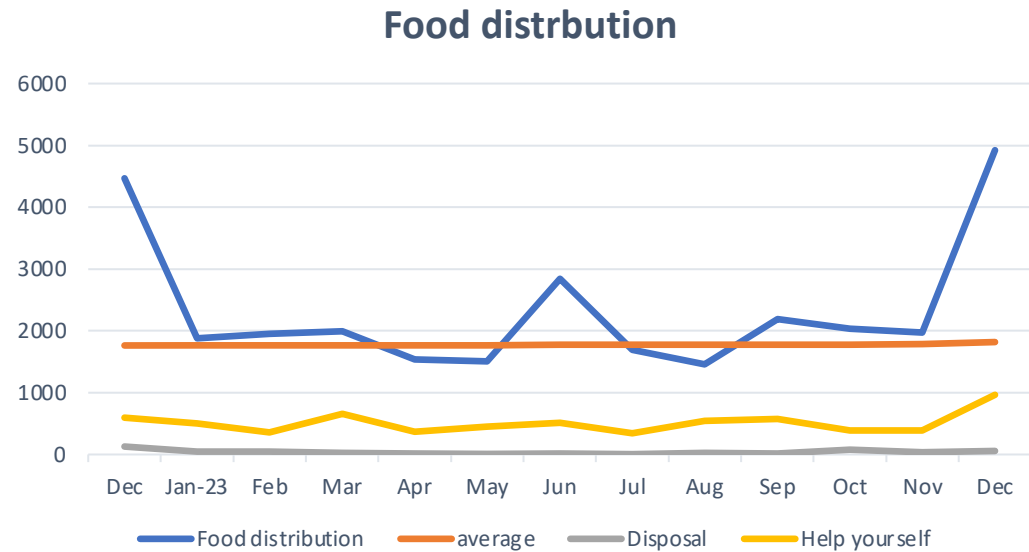
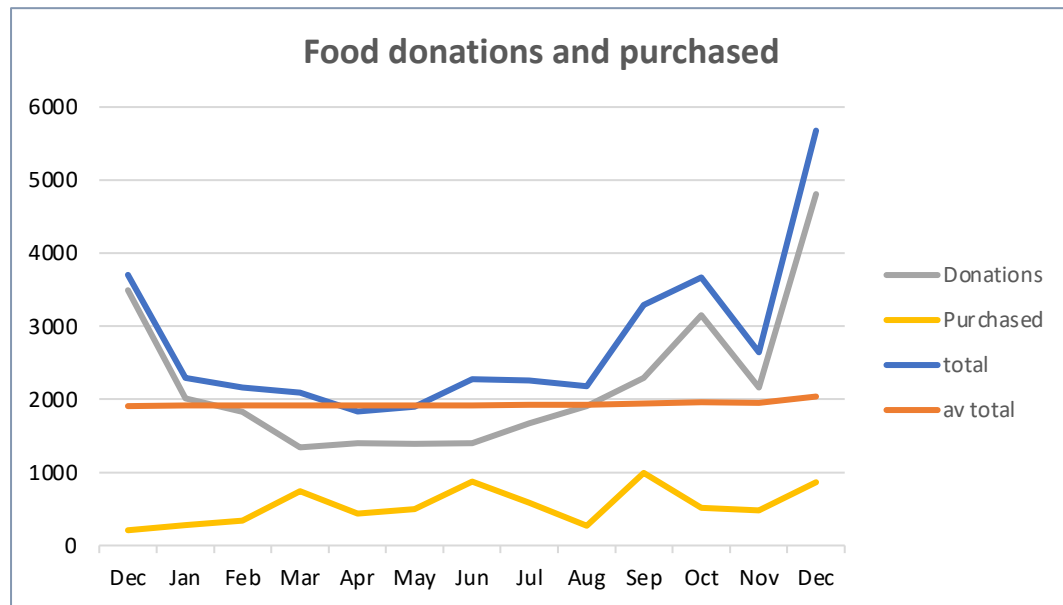


Sources of food donations

Donor	2022/23	2021/22
	Kgs	Kgs
Supermarkets	16,474	14,623
Churches	2,973	3,140
Private Individuals	3,624	2,223
Schools / Nurseries	1,871	1,879
Community Groups	807	842
Corporate Organisations	2,001	511
Charities	348	261
Total Donations	28,098	23,239



Year (2022-23) Snapshot Food Donations (in kgs)



Year Snapshot – How was Food

- During the year, 1,069 vouchers (2021/22 - 870) vouchers were fulfilled providing support for 3,208 people (2021/22 - 2,476) Of these 1,457 were children (2021/22 - 1,082)
- A total of 29,425kg (2021/22 - 23,048kg) of food and household items was distributed to local people in need with an additional 1,216 kg to other foodbanks in need of supplies



** Figures do not represent number of individuals, they include people / families who need to make repeat visits*

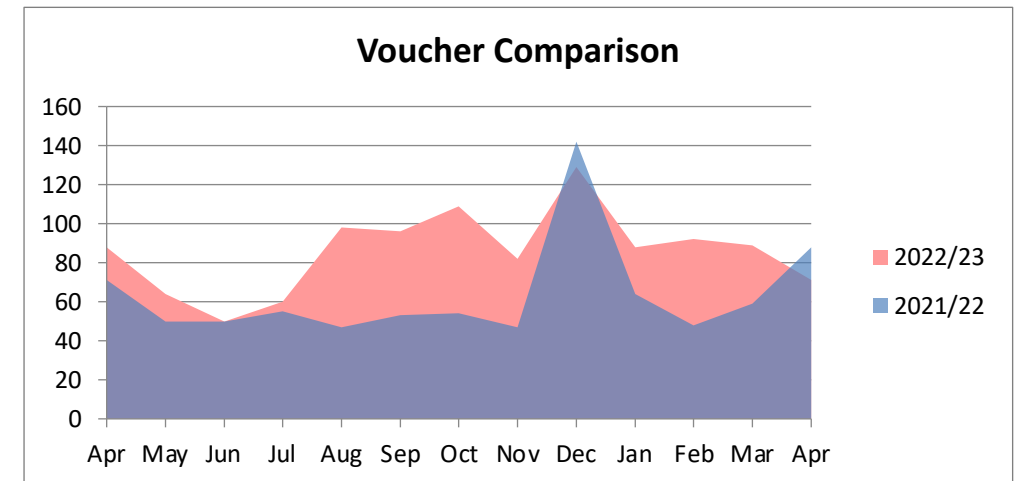
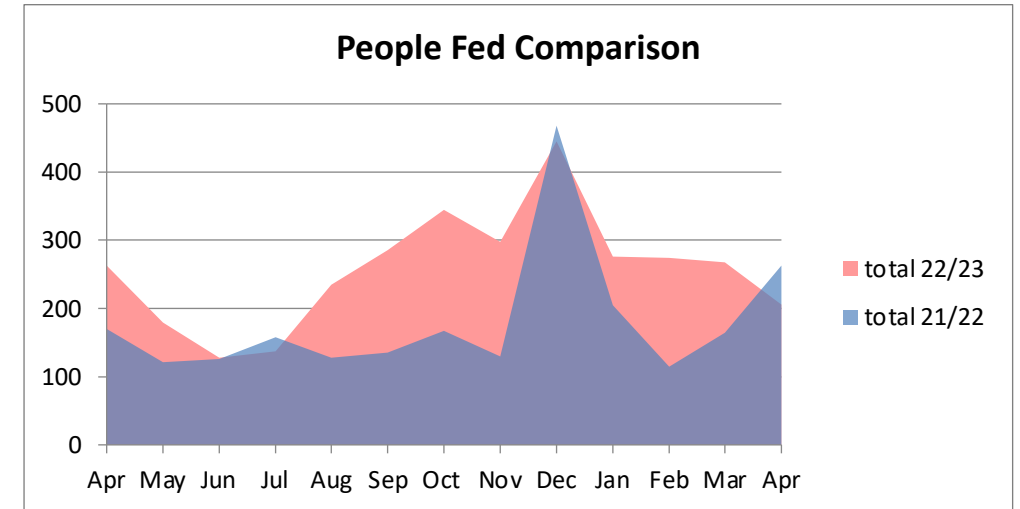
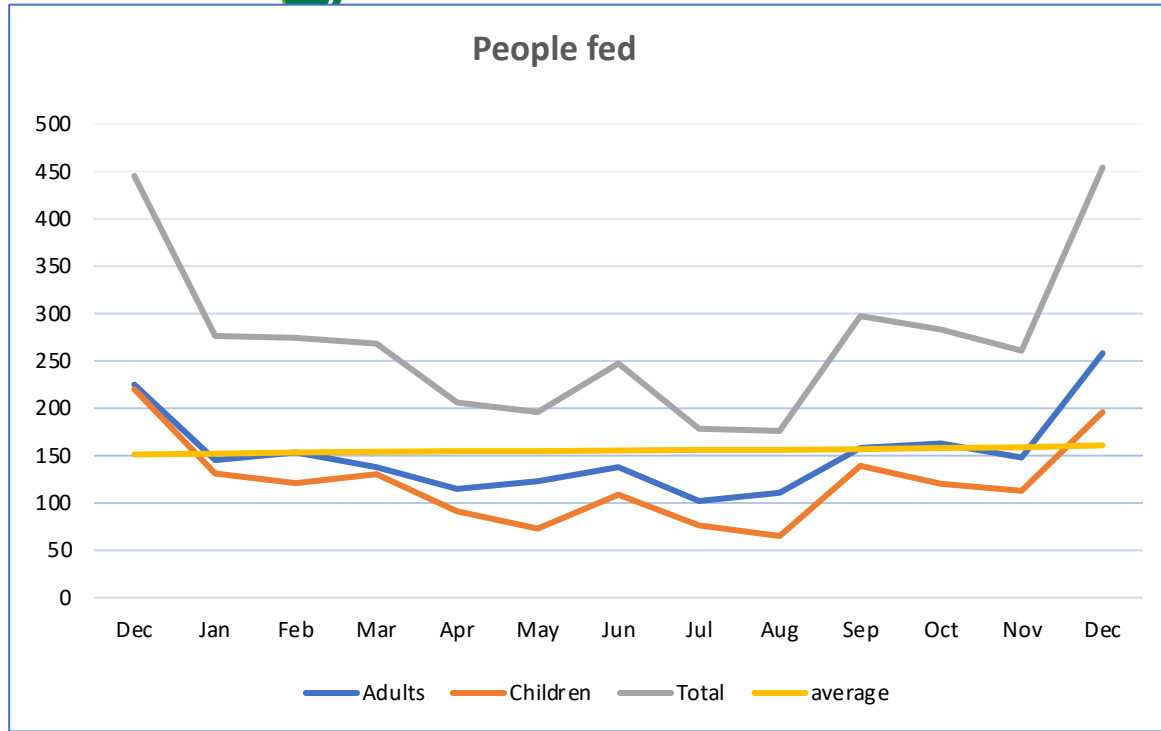


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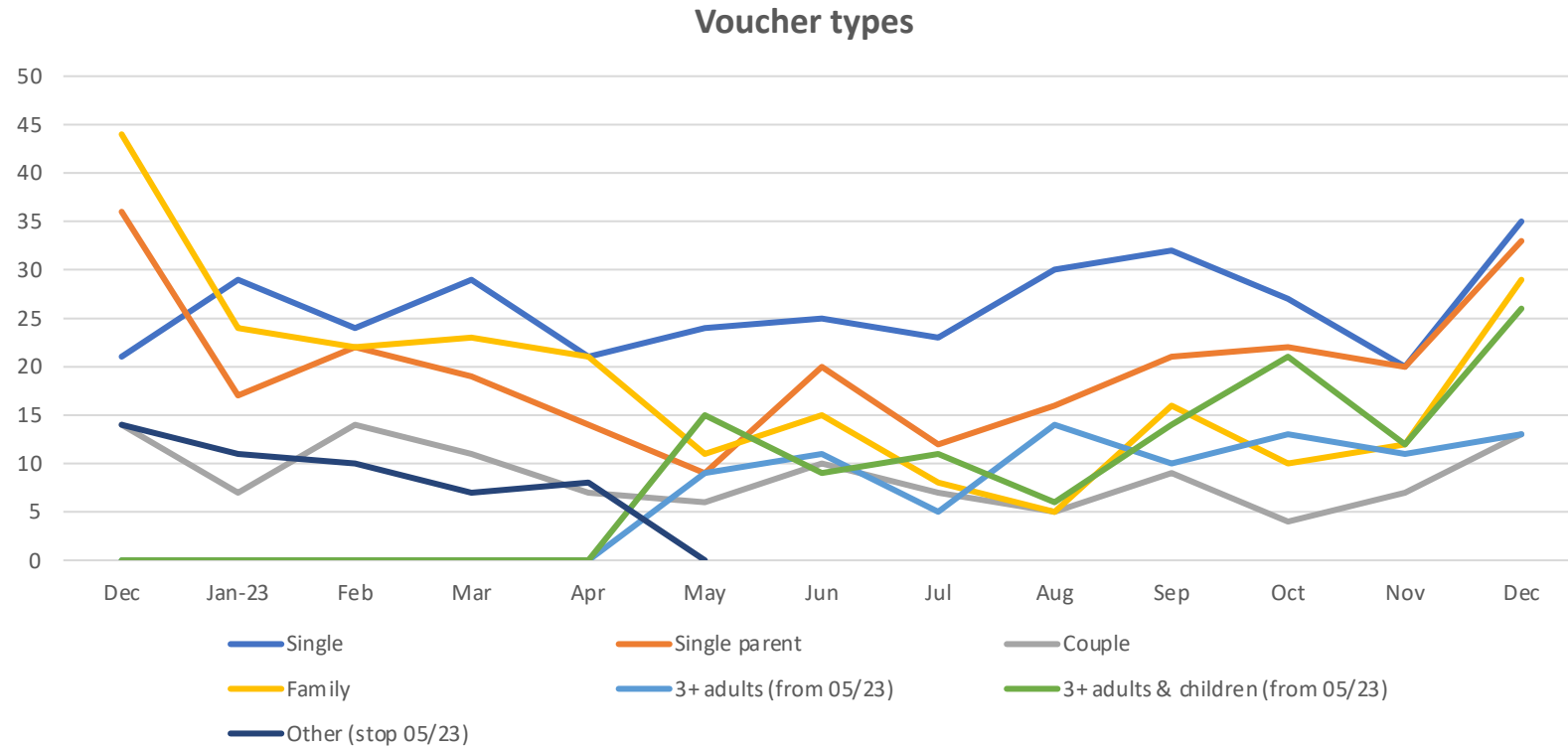
- 577 (54%) [2021/22 - 347 (40%)] vouchers issued were for people living in the wards of Towcester and Roade.
- We have over 30 active local partner agencies who issue vouchers to those in crisis
- Around 13% of food was given to West Northants Council clients, 16% to families referred to us by schools and nurseries and 5% to Grand Union Housing customers. 49% to clients who received a voucher directly from the Foodbank.
- 32% of vouchers were for single adult households
- 17% were for households of 2 or more adults
- 20% for single parent families
- 22% were for families

(Refugees are included in the above figures)

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Other – households of 3 or more adults



Additional Highlights

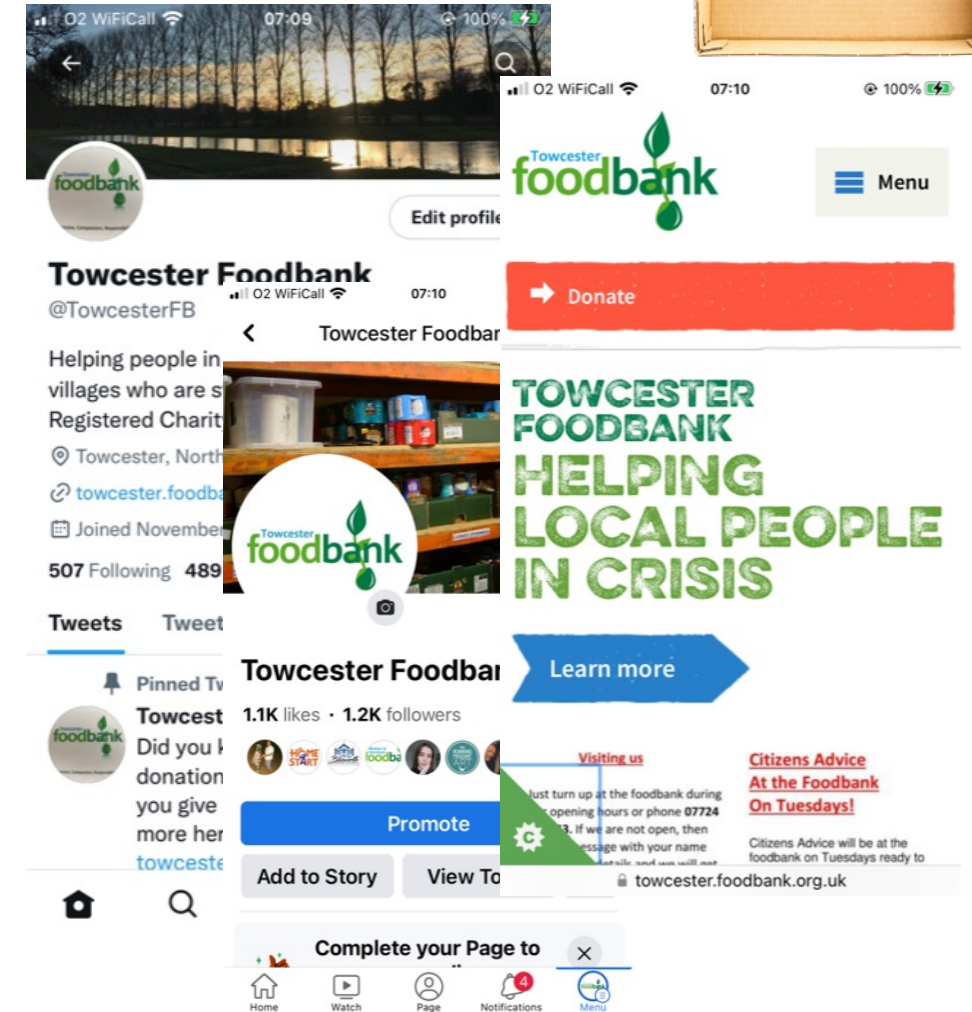
- We continue to provide a range of fresh fruit and vegetables for our guests to choose from, as well as a selection of toiletries.
- Over December 2022 we provided 106 Christmas Food Hampers and gave out 117 books and 61 book tokens to the children and teenagers in families accessing the foodbank
- We joined in St Lawrence's Christmas Tree Festival
- Over the year we joined with the community supporting Ukrainians fleeing their country.





Towcester Foodbank Online

- Our new Social Media Trustee significantly increased our profile and activity enabling us to have a far greater reach within our target audience.
- We introduced a link from our website to our Just Giving Page making it easier for supporters to donate, and our now fully registered to recover Gift Aid on any donations.
- We are signed up to the Bank the Food App, enabling donors to respond in terms of stock to our real-time needs.



Additional Activities

- During February and March, we issued 58 supermarket vouchers to clients as part of the Household Support Fund 3 scheme run by WNC & Northamptonshire Community Foundation (NCF). Using a grant of £5,444 subsequently received from NCF we set up our own account with Hugg and issued a further 91 supermarket vouchers to our clients during May and June.
- The partnership with Citizens Advice continues with an adviser present at both sessions during the week. During the year they saw 165 individuals and enabled them to potentially realise £188,106 of financial gains.
- We have enhanced our brand awareness with smart pull-up posters, banner advertising on our site and branded aprons for our volunteers.



If you are worried about debt, benefits, housing and anything else.....
Drop in to see an advisor

Every Tuesday between 12 noon – 2pm
St John Ambulance Hall, Islington Road, Towcester, NN12 6AU

Come along and have a confidential chat over a cuppa



Call us on: 07724 832043 and leave a message
Email us at: info@towcester.foodbank.org.uk
Message us via Facebook: @towcesterfoodbank



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Trustees – the Current Board

- Chair: Helen Garton – Sept 2018
- Treasurer: Paul Stothard – May 2022
- Secretary & Deputy Safeguarding Officer: Gill Manning-Smith – Oct 2023
- Operations Manager & Safeguarding: Emma Killick – Jun 2021
- Data Manager: Mohamad Djahanbakhsh – Oct 2023
- Quartermaster: Cliff Henson – June 2021
- Communications: Annie Dickens – Oct 2023



A Big Thank You to our Volunteers





Finance Report - Key Points

01/10/22 – 30/09/23

Income and expenditure	Year Ended			
	30 th September 2023		30 th September 2022	
£	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
Donations and Grants received	37,933	22,770	16,474	4,710
Expenditure				
Food & Supplies	19,073		6,525	
Rent	3,873		3,366	
Food vouchers funded by TFB	8,137		0	
Citizens Advice	2,208	4,331	0	0
Equipment	2,123	167	1,743	
Other expenditure	3,281		4,787	



Finance Report - Key Points cont'd

01/10/21 – 30/09/22

Overall we had surplus unrestricted income over expenditure which is being held in reserve.

Restricted income was received to fund our commitment to the provision of an advisor from Citizen's Advice at each session

In addition to using grant money received, we also used some of our reserves to fund food vouchers for our guests.

RESERVES £	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
At the beginning of the year	28,733	4,710	33,443
Surplus/(Deficit in the year	4,866	12,638	17,504
Closing balance	33,599	17,348	50,947



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