



# Quantock Foodbank

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Dear Friends

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Welcome to the very first newsletter of the new Quantock Foodbank and thank you all for your patience.

Much work has been going on behind the scenes to set up the foodbank administratively, and to secure funding and premises. Subject to final approval and legal matters, we hope to start work on turning the building into a functioning foodbank in the Autumn, and it will take a few weeks for new flooring and shelving work to be completed.

In the meantime, knowing that many families struggle during the summer holidays when children are not receiving free school meals, many of you have been involved in running or contributing to our Holiday Hunger Project; and we take this opportunity to thank you all very much indeed including our Surgeries, Co-ops, Churches and Williton Parish Office who set up collection points. Our target is 120 bags and to date we have received or packed 85. All items collected have been checked and marked with the best before date and so far, there have been very few items out of date. Well done everyone for keeping wastage to an absolute minimum – less than half of one percent!



**Holiday Hunger Project**

Special fun days in Watchet and Williton are being organized by family support services and we will be present at these days, when families who are in need will be given a bag of food.

Once the summertime events and Watchet Music Festival are over, we will arrange an introductory session for Volunteers. If anyone is interested in helping at the Quantock Foodbank can you please contact me by email or telephone – details at the top of the page.

Look out for us on Thursday 16 August at the Watchet Summertime Charity Day on the Esplanade. We look forward to meeting you there!

Thank you all once again for your valued support and enthusiasm.

Marlene Mason

Steering Group Coordinator