



Restoring dignity, reviving hope



Foodbanks across the nation

Last year saw an increase to 350,000 people fed per year





Food Poverty is a very real issue in our communities



***'I go without food to pay the
overdue bills'***

Ely Foodbank Client

***'I had my bag stolen when
shopping and lost a weeks money'***

Soham Client

***'You may be only a pay-cheque
away from crisis.'***





Ely foodbank: the first nine months

We gave out 15 tonnes of food to over 1700 people
Represents ~ 18,000 meals
750 vouchers processed



One in five of the clients came from Soham and the surrounding area



(It costs six pounds return to go by 'bus Ely-Soham!)

There is no sign of demand decreasing





Soham foodbank: the first three months

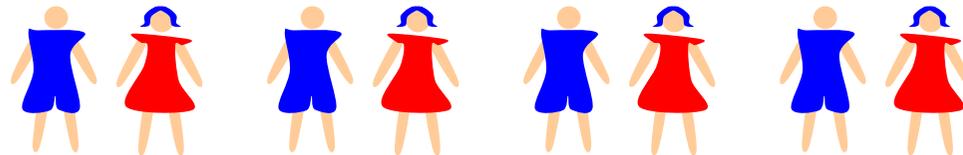


The Soham foodbank opened early July

It is open for an hour every Thursday at the Salvation Army Hall



We have had over nine clients through the door varying from single adults to families of five.



The voucher system seems to work if there are children in the family but for adults there are a few problems.

At Soham





How has it worked?



- ❖ The foodbank from a logistical point of view works well.
- ❖ The volunteers are excellent (could always have more!).
- ❖ The support from the Ely team is very good.
- ❖ The support of the Salvation Army has been essential.
- ❖ We (Soham) are giving away more than we (Soham) donate.
- ❖ In the first ten weeks we fed 112 mouths for three days



At Soham





Can we improve things?



- ❖ The voucher system could be better.
- ❖ The collection of food locally needs enhancing.
- ❖ There is a lot of public misunderstanding about foodbanks.



At Soham



“Thank you, I’ve got a job and have brought you a few cans”.

Soham client who also returned the carrier bags!



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