

Community Fridge and Cupboard Update for Board:

The fridge has continued with opening for 3 sessions a week, Monday morning, and Tuesday and Friday afternoon. Prior to the summer holidays the afternoon sessions worked well in catching parents who were collecting their children from school.

We made the decision to reduce our stock of tins and packets and re-focus on reducing food waste, rather than collecting food that customers had purchased to donate to charities. This has made our messaging simpler - that any food available at the Fridge and Cupboard is available for all to reduce food being wasted. We are still able to provide one-off support to those in need either by providing a food parcel or referring them to food bank or another organisation who can support.

The outside cupboard has continued to be very popular, accessible at any time and enabling people to collect fruit, veg and bread in evenings and weekends. The cupboard stock continues to have a quick turnover and is great at preventing food waste.

Waitrose continues to be the biggest donator of food although we also continue to receive some donations from Tesco, Lidl and Asda. We have very recently begun collecting food from Tesco in Aldershot and hope to receive food from Sainsburys (Water Lane) from September and Aldi (Farnborough) when it opens.

We have a small group of committed volunteers who cover the 3 open sessions and collect donated food when needed.

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