

What's been happening

- Over 160 people given or pledged a total of £10,801.92 through our Squid Army Campaign alone.
- We had a huge increase in referrals this winter. In January last year we had 79 referrals in total through the Community Hub alone, January this year we processed 325 referrals for food parcels!
- Helping with costs of living crisis website is regularly updated. Take a look to see what support is available: <https://www.communityactionderby.org.uk/crisis-support/help-with-the-cost-of-living>
- Last year January to December 2022 we distributed 20,314 food parcels. During this period we supported 22,020 adults and 17,276 children.
- Over £106 659,79 retail value of potential food waste items directly given to us by Costco have been redistributed January to December 2022.
- HelloFresh have been supporting us with between 60-100 boxes for 2 people with 3 fresh meal ingredients.
- We are just over halfway in our cost of living campaign we started officially in October 2022, to raise £250,000 and ensure no one goes without food or freezes this winter. So far we raised over £130,000, including £26,000 worth of heated blankets, slow cookers & air fryers purchased in partnership with help of Derby Homes. For more information follow the link: <https://www.communityactionderby.org.uk/crisis-support/help-with-the-cost-of-living/news/local-companies-supporting-the-most-vulnerable-this-winter>



Volunteers

We couldn't do the work we do without our amazing volunteers. But as we grow and demand for support increases, so does the work for us all. We are currently looking for new volunteers to join our family. We have a number of roles and opportunities for regular weekly roles, or one of events. <https://www.communityactionderby.org.uk/df4ta/volunteer> - have a look on our website to see if we have anything that excites you, fill in the application and return to df4ta@communityactionderby.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from you!

New Beginnings

From 1st April DF4TA will officially stand on its own two feet!! We are now a registered Charity which is exciting news from where we started just under 3 years ago. We will still be based within Community Action premises and work as close as ever together but to ensure we can access funding grants and other charitable opportunities to meet the demand currently we face and develop further, this was a move agreed together in partnership. We greatly appreciate the guidance and support offered from all at Community Action and look forward to working closely together to support the residents of our city, in partnership with our member organisations.



PLEASE SHARE OUR SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS WITH YOUR NETWORK

Christmas events and donations



Huge thanks to Mertrux, Rolls Royce, Unite, Nuffield Health, St. Benedict's Academy, Chellaston Academy, PKF Smith Cooper Systems to name just a few. Your support was invaluable!

Special thank you to McVitie's for the support over the last few months, for the pallets of biscuits, crisps and snacks that we have been able to distribute to the food banks we work with.

- Our first choir event held on the 18th November with the Rock Of All Ages Choir, was a great success with the support of Rolls Royce volunteers we were able to collect 20 bags of food donations and raise £100. Big thank you to Hope Centre for providing the venue!
- Together with Padley we supported 271 families with Christmas day meal this year. We are looking to offer again in 2023. We're depending on funding and volunteers and hoping to support even more people.
- Christmas meal with DCCT has led to 3 community meals in partnership with DF4TA in 2023 (Jan/Feb/March). There's 50 places for each meal - please see the link for registration and more information: <https://www.derbycountycommunitytrust.com/form/community-meals-df4ta>
- Special thanks to DCCT, Rams fans and Derby community for the support with this year Reverse Advent Calendar. We were amazed at the donations given and helped out a great deal! This year we received 476 Reverse Advent Calendars!



Please vote for us on Asda Green Token scheme! See more info on <https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4571>



John Wedgewood, Kedleston golf club captain chose DF4TA as their charity of the year.



Honorary mention - Aila, Eesah and Zavi donated RAC that they've bought with money from family quiz!

More to come

- Easter event - Breakfast and Easter snack pack for children - <https://www.communityactionderby.org.uk/df4ta/news/food-4-thought-easter-2023-campaign>
- Save the date! Footy 4 Thought is scheduled for Saturday, 22nd July 2023.
- Exciting news - we are looking to start our own allotment with St. Martin's School. We are looking for volunteers, equipment and seeds.

FOR MORE VISIT:
FOR QUERIES:

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