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April - Sept 2024



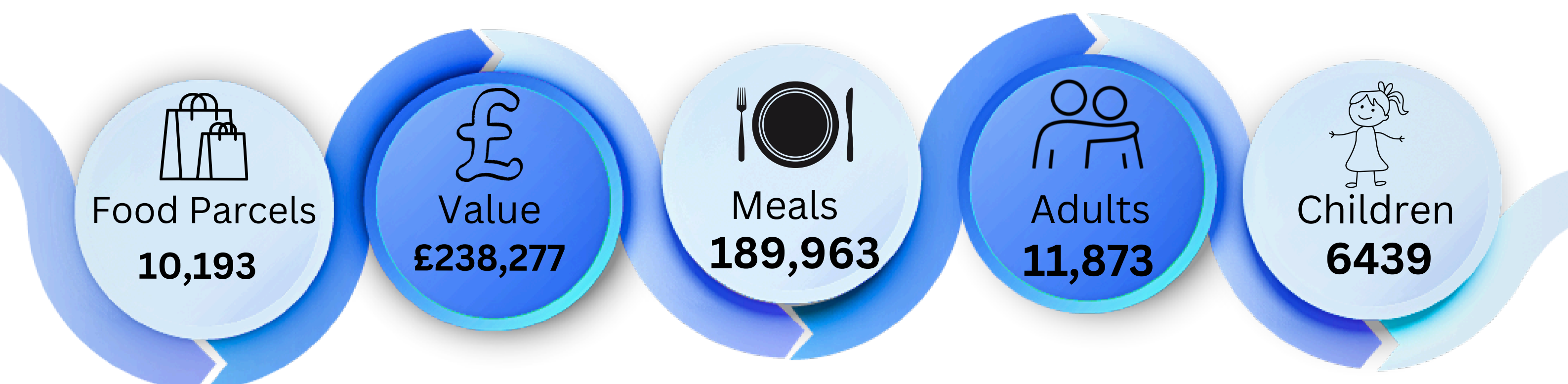
Message from Paul

This new financial year has started showing a new trend of people coming through who had never accessed our services before. Over 50% of calls in the first few months of the year were new people. The increase in rent, council tax and utilities pushed more people in to food insecurity.

We know that this year has been a cold one in general and the winter is coming and we suspect that Jan - Mar 2025 could bring yet more challenges for many!! I want to personally thank all our teams of volunteers, the general public and businesses that have supported us for either the first time or regular support. Together we make sure no-one faces the challenges of poverty on their own.

Support Statistics

During March to September 2024 the alliance of members have all been very busy and have collectively distributed the following across our community.



Our Abbey



Thanks to Foundation Derbyshire & CAD Warm Welcome funding, Our Abbey Hub warm welcome for residents in the area got some extra funding to stay open and our residents are fully taking advantage of the warm welcome the staff provide each session every Monday & Thursday baking & craft sessions, free tea & coffee & lunch. Residents can come along and join in and it is all free, with Citizens advice & a cuppa with a copper and so much more. We are looking at multi site offer from January.

Thank you for your support

In August we had to put out an appeal for extra help as we were 2 weeks away from running out of food, donations from the public were at an all time low and demand for our services had increased dramatically. Our shout out was not in vain and Derby rose to the challenge with local businesses, schools and general public increasing donations it was an amazing boost which was a great help.

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100 Club

After our recent plea for support we had a great response and would like to say thank you and welcome some new members to our DF4TA 100 Club

DDW COLOURS UK
8IGHT PLUS LTD
ML OPERATIONS LTD
HEATON PLANNING LTD
NEILSEN AND MCALLISTER
EGGLESTON STEEL LTD
WAVENSMERE
GIVAUDAN Human By Nature

COSY DIRECT
BATES WESTON
MIDLAND LEAD
JEWSON'S PARTNERSHIP
AMAZON UK/IE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM
VIBRANT DOORS
HUUB



Thank you all for joining it will make a difference to what we do and how we help the community in the coming winter months. If you are interested in supporting and making a donation please get in touch via email: info@df4ta.com

Corporate Social Responsibility



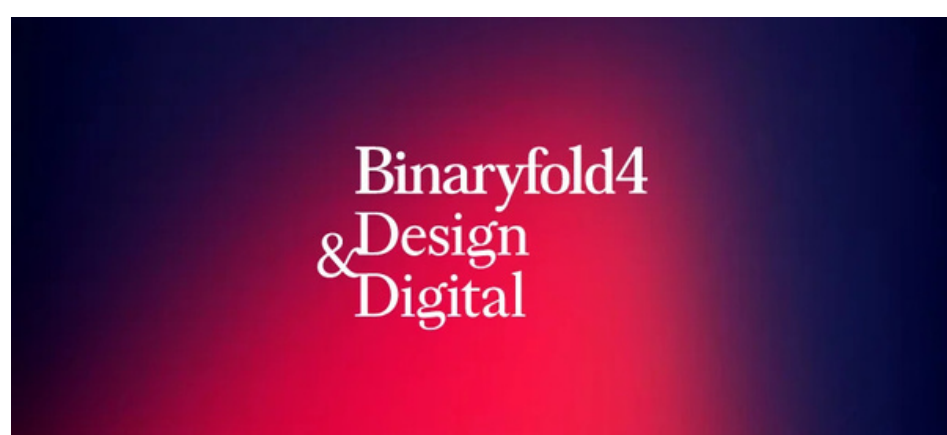
We get requests from local businesses wanting to come and volunteer with us. This year we have had some amazing help in lots of different ways:

- Alstom came and helped with the Easter packs.
- Ruth from Broadhurst digital comes in every Tuesday and helps us on our busy phone lines
- Atkins Realis helped us make a start on updating our website
- Alkegen held a food drive, then came in to process at our CSU and so many more.

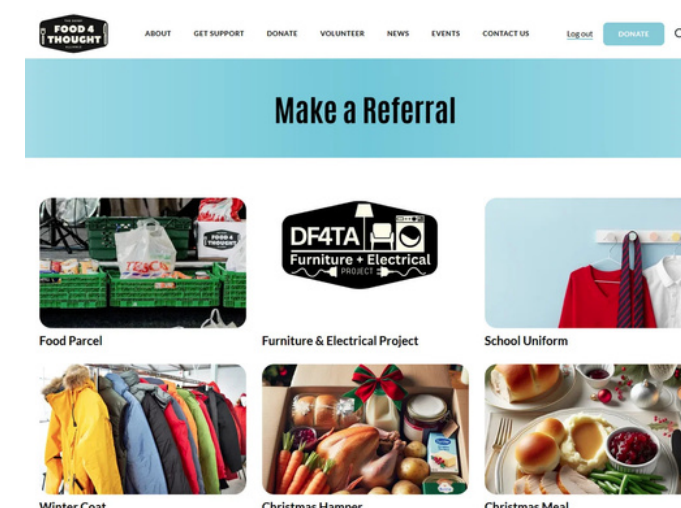
If you are interested in volunteering with us, check out the new page on our website for more information and see what others have done and submit an expression of interest form.

<https://www.derbyfood4thoughtalliance.org.uk/volunteer/corporate-partnerships>

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THANK YOU!



We would like to say a HUGE thank you to Binaryfold4 for all there support and hard work.

"In a generous act of community support, Binaryfold4 <https://www.binaryfold4.com/> has donated a new, state-of-the-art website to DF4TA this innovative new platform is designed to significantly improve the way the charity delivers essential services, including food parcels, winter clothing, furniture, and school uniforms, as well as facilitating much-needed donations. "Use the link below to see the full story. The work they have done and are still doing makes a huge difference in our day to day working life

<https://www.derbyfood4thoughtalliance.org.uk/news/digital-agency-binaryfold4-donates-new-website-to-df4ta-streamlining-support-for-those-in-need>



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Charity of the year

Two Businesses have kindly nominated us as their charity of the year. Armsons Barlow have chosen us to be their charity of the year and have already help a golf event and raised £2700 from the event arranged a food drive and more to come.



Our Second business is Neilson & McAllister's and We would like to say a huge thank you to Simon, Wendy and the team for all the support they give with helping with press releases. The company have joined the 100 club, and have booked in their first volunteering event.



School Uniform shop 2024



Our school uniform shop in partnership with Derbion, during the summer was a great success this year and due to the generous donations from Derby residents, we have been able to support 800 primary and secondary school children with free school uniform, to the value of more than £7,300, equating to more than 3000 items.

We were only able to make this pop-up shop possible thanks to our amazing volunteers!! The event was staffed with over 45 volunteers, including employees from Derbion, Alstom, students from Bemrose School and our own DF4TA volunteers. They all played a massive part in getting the uniform stocked like a normal shop in sizes and departments so that items were easily accessible - we really couldn't have done it without them.



Our future plans are to expand the offer and do it throughout the year to support people all year round. Watch this space for more news.



Derby community Lottery

We have signed up to be part of the new Derby Community Lottery with Community Action Derby.

Tickets are on sale now, and it's the time to get involved! For just £1 per ticket, you could be in with a chance to win up to £25,000 💰 while supporting us at the same time. For every ticket sold, 50p goes directly to our cause, with an additional 10p going to the central fund which helps to support other great causes in our community. Don't miss out - get your tickets today at <https://www.derbyfood4thoughtalliance.org.uk/donate/derby-community-lottery> and help make a difference in Derby!

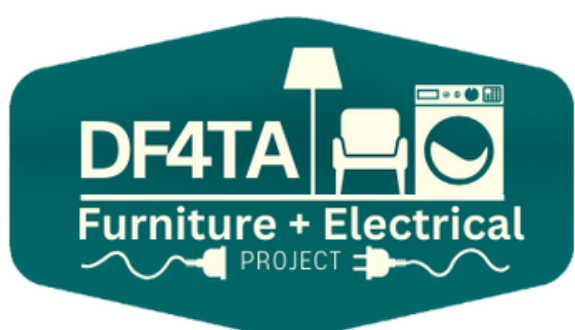
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Coming Up !!!



We're hard at work behind the scenes on our exciting new DF4TA Furniture and Electrical Project! This initiative is designed to support individuals and families facing personal or situational challenges. By providing essential furniture and electrical appliances to those in need, we want to make a house feel more like a home while easing some of the financial burdens they face. But we can't do it alone—we need your support! Whether it's through donating items or volunteering your time, your contributions can make a meaningful impact. Keep an eye on our website for more information.

Reverse Advent Calendar

The 7th November saw the launch of this year's Reverse Advent Calendar. Are you joining in? Get ready and Join in the fun this year and help us support our community, not just for Christmas but through the harsh winter months. Donations from the Reverse Advent Calendar also sees us through a very busy January and following winter months when donations drop off.



Winter Warmers Appeal



We are launching our Winter Warmers Campaign and need your help with unwanted adult and children's coats hats scarves and gloves. We will then pass these on to members of our community who are struggling financially. We are busy processing donations and looking to launch this in the new year. It will be referral only via our new online process, if your an organisation interested in referring in, please get in touch via email: info@df4ta.com so we can help set you up.



Christmas Hampers & Meals

We are again working in partnership with St Peters Church to help provide 300 Christmas hampers. Ensuring struggling members of our community will be able to cook themselves and families a Christmas dinner. With the support of Alstom we will again be providing 300 pre cooked Christmas lunches to those who are struggling and would otherwise go without. Both are referral by agencies only for more info on how you can register please contact us via email: info@df4ta.com



How to donate

There are number of ways you can support us, why not have a look at our amazing new website, you could join our Squid Army, become part of the 100 club, have a go on the Derby Community Lottery and so much more....



Support us while shopping online using Easy Fundraising, So far we have raised over £500. It is so easy set up an account and when shopping online brands will donate to us <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>



Turn daily shopping into every day magic!

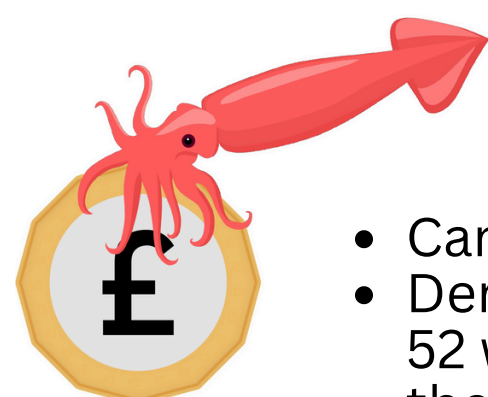
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Join our 100 club

<https://www.derbyfood4thoughtalliance.org.uk/donate/df4ta-100-club>



- Can you spare £1 a week to help support struggling residents of Derby?
- Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance is looking for 1,000 people to donate £1 (a squid) a week, for the next 52 weeks, to raise essential funds so our foodbanks can cope with the increased demand caused by the rising cost of living.
- Over the last month we have seen an increase in food parcel requests. At the same time, we have seen a big drop in donations. When talking to our customers, the main reason for this is due to the rising cost of living.
- Will you help? Join the Squid Army!

Click on the link below to join, please make sure you submit the gift aid form on the page as well
<https://www.derbyfood4thoughtalliance.org.uk/donate/Join-the-Squid-Army>

Website details:

<https://www.derbyfood4thoughtalliance.org.uk>

Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance is a registered charity number 1198665.
Registered office: 30 Charnwood St, Derby, DE1 2GU

12 MONTHS OF GIVING

JOIN OUR DF4TA 100 CLUB
We are looking for **100 BUSINESSES** to give **£100 A MONTH** for 12 months.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?
Join those who have already pledged to be a partner. Contact us to join the DF4TA 100 Club or sponsor a whole month.

You can use the bank details below:
BANK: Virgin Bank
ACCOUNT NAME: Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance
SORT CODE: 05-02-00
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 29935652

DONATE
If you wish to donate food items contact us for more information.

SPREAD THE WORD
Get in touch with a business you know who could join the DF4TA 100 Club or donate large quantities of fruit/veg, meat or ambient food.

Your £100 a month will feed 20 children for 3 days per month - 240 children for a year

For enquiries or to donate, please email us.
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