

The “Pop-up” food bank

In September 2023 some parishioners opened a pop-up food bank at St Margaret Clitherow School in Crown Wood in partnership with Share Wokingham . There weren’t many takers so it was moved to the Community Hall in Great Hollands. The table below shows the uptake on a day drawn at random, 1st June 2024.

43 people came to the food bank, representing 117 family members.

The “pop-up” foodbank volunteers collect unwanted food from a list of donating shops on the Friday evening. The food is just about to time-expire so it is fresh fruit, fresh veg, bread. And sometimes sandwiches. Then it is given away on the following Saturday morning at the Great Hollands Shopping Centre.

Caution; The food is about to time expire and so it is about to be discarded so it isn’t necessarily the case that people are in hardship. It could also be that they don’t want to see perfectly good food go to waste.

The families are ranked by the number of children in the family (the 0-16 column).

There are 43 families represented with 126 people in them. 43 of which are children so about a third.

16%, so about 1 in 8 of the families are 60+

Great Hollands Share pop-up food bank - 1st June 2024						
Family number	no. in household	0-16	17-25	26-60	60+	Disability?
1	5	4		1		
2	8	4	2		2	
3	5	3	2			
4	5	3		2		
5	4	3		1		
6	5	3		2		
7	4	2		2		
8	4	2		2		
9	4	2		2		
10	4	2		2		
11	4	2	1	1		
12	3	2		1		
13	4	2		2		
14	5	2		3		
15	4	2		2		
16	2	1		1		
17	4	1	1	2		
18	2	1		1		Y

19	5	1		3	1	
20	3	1		2		
21	1			1		Y
22	3			2	1	
23	2		1	1		Y
24	4		2		2	Y
25	2				2	Y
26	3		2	1		
27	3			1	2	
28	2				2	
29	4		2	2		
30	3		1	1	1	
31	1				1	Y
32	1		1			
33	1			1		
34	1		1			
35	2				2	Y
36	1			1		
37	1				1	
38	1				1	
39	1			1		
40	1			1		
41	2			2		
42	1				1	
43	1			1		
43	126	43	16	48	19	7
%age of no. in household		34	13	38	15	6
