Outlook

Fw: Closure of Welshpool & District Foodbank

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Subject: Closure of Welshpool & District Foodbank

Dear Wendy,

I have been given your name in connection with the Community Fridge that you run in Welshpool, so I hope it is alright to email you direct.

I am one of two Area Managers supporting Trussell food banks across Wales. Unfortunately, Welshpool & District Foodbank will be closing in the near future, with operations due to cease by 31 August 2026.

Over the coming weeks, we will be contacting and, where possible, meeting with local organisations that may be interested in taking forward this important work. However, it is likely that there will be a period of several months during which there is no Trussell food bank operating within the area while these discussions and arrangements take place.

In the meantime, we are focused on supporting the current Manager as they step back from the role and on ensuring that the food stock currently held by the food bank can continue to benefit local people. The food bank is keen for the stock to be passed on to another organisation that can distribute it as emergency food within the community.

With this in mind, I wondered whether the Community Fridge might be interested in receiving some or all of the current food stock? The stock consists of ambient, non-perishable food and, from my understanding, there is approximately 2-3 tonnes available, so suitable storage space would be required. The food bank also has a supply of bags that could be used for preparing and distributing food parcels.

I appreciate this is a significant quantity of food, but I wanted to explore whether this might be something the Community Fridge could support with, either independently or in partnership with other local organisations.

I would be very happy to discuss this further if it would be helpful.

Best wishes,
Katy

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