

STOREHOUSE FOOD BANK



for a life less ordinary

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Re: Storehouse Food Bank in partnership with Waitrose

We have had some exciting new developments which I thought you would like to hear about. In May we wrote to Waitrose, asking if we could set up a Food Bank with them on a monthly basis. They were very interested, but said that, at the time, Waitrose were not supporting 'Food Banks' nationally and that this kind of partnership would need to be agreed at a national level.

On the 28 September, we had a phone call from the manager of the Sudbury branch. He said that he had been informed that Waitrose were looking to trial 'Food Banks' for two weekends at the end of November. He remembered our letter to him and wondered if we were still interested in setting one up. At the same time, Transition Sudbury had shown some interest in what we are doing and had also asked how they could be involved.

The result is that on 24-25 November and the 1-2 December, we will be setting up a Storehouse Food Bank at Waitrose. As this is the time of year when we would normally be collecting food for Christmas Hampers, we are putting together a specific shopping list which will be available for people to pick up from our stand as they come into the shop. Waitrose have decided to have a section of an aisle set aside for Storehouse Food Bank 'suggested' products to make the choice easier for shoppers. They have also offered to move the collected items to wherever we want them delivered, for picking and packing the hampers.

This is a fantastic opportunity to show God's love to those in desperate need this Christmas. So how can you get involved?

What we need now is:

- A premises where we can store, pick and pack the food into hampers
- Volunteers to be at Waitrose on those weekends (we will need 2-3 people on 2-hourly slots, requiring at least 36 people each weekend)
- Volunteers to help sort, and pack food into hampers

If you can help in any way, please contact us as soon as possible.

Warmly,

Andrew & Emma

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