

BLACKBURN FOODBANK

DECEMBER 2022

JOIN US FOR OUR NOVEMBER STATS AND DECEMBER NEWS

A note from our Operations Manager...

The last few months have been very busy for our Foodbank, but we continue to be amazed and in awe of the hard work we see from our volunteers and staff despite this growing demand, we couldn't continue without them.

A huge thank you must go out to everyone that supports Blackburn Foodbank. From one tin to large financial donations, every donation is gratefully received and used to support our communities.

If you want to learn more about our Foodbank, or to come for a visit and learn more about what we do, please email me at manager@blackburn.foodbank.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to keeping you up to date with our newsletters.

Gill Fourie - Operations Manager

52%

This is the increase of people needing to use Blackburn Foodbank in September 2022 compared with September 2021.

This is a scary number to see and we worry that it will only go up.

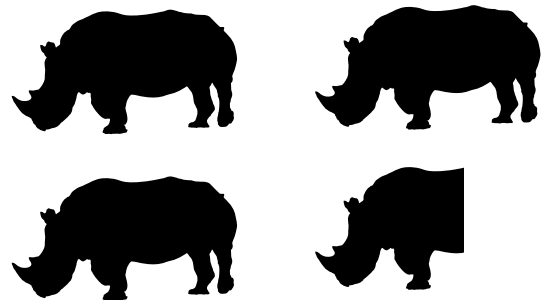
Meals Provided in November 2022



12,609

THANK YOU

In September we received 6,829.76 kg in donations.



That's 3.5 black rhinos!



The Oaks Money Advice Centre are now a team of 7 debt & benefit advisors.

They received 160 referrals in September 2022.

NEWS & COMMUNITY

Blackburn Foodbank is lucky enough to be surrounded and supported by an amazing community.

Here are just some of the examples of community spirit that we have seen this year.



Blackburn Foodbank hosted a Day of Action in October. It was great to see the residents of Blackburn with Darwen supported by the many services present and to strengthen our relationships with those services and the general public. We were joined by The Oaks Money Advice Centre, Newground, Care Network, Shelter UK, Blackburn Help Hub and Lancashire Wellbeing Service. We hope to continue this collaborative stance against the cost of living crisis and bring hope and support to the people in our communities!



The Cardboard Box Company donated 144 boxes to help us pack and distribute our Christmas Hampers.



NCS painted the entrance of our building and raised £610 by raising awareness on Tik Tok on Instagram.



We welcomed Kate Hollern, MP for Blackburn to the Foodbank to talk about the cost of living.



During the year, we have been humbled by the businesses, schools and organisations that have chosen to support Blackburn Foodbank with food drives, money collections and challenges.

We are currently hosting our Harvest appeal with schools across Blackburn and Darwen holding food collections to celebrate the Harvest Festival.

Without these donations, the Foodbank would struggle to continue supporting our communities.



£3,629.63

SOCIAL MEDIA...

You can find Blackburn Foodbank on social media.. including TIK TOK!



@BlackburnFoodbank



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BECOME A VOLUNTEER

We are looking for enthusiastic, hardworking people to join our volunteer team.

Blackburn Foodbank has a role for everyone.

CONTACT US TO START YOUR VOLUNTEER JOURNEY



07769055444



VOLUNTEERS@BLACKBURN.FOODBANK.ORG.UK

Has your company or organisation supported Blackburn Foodbank? Would you like to be a part of our "Wall of Logos" on the Blackburn Foodbank Website?

If so, please email daisy@blackburn.foodbank.org.uk

Donating to Blackburn Foodbank

You can continue to support Blackburn Foodbank in a number of ways!

- **Standing order donations**
- **One-off money donations**
- **Food drives**
- **Fundraising events**
- **Donating Food**

**For more information, visit the
"Give Help" page on www.blackburn.foodbank.org.uk**