

Bromsgrove DC Overview and Scrutiny

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Overview and Effectiveness of Community Supermarkets and Foodbanks in Bromsgrove

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Community Supermarket



Newstarts Community Supermarket

- History
- Stand-alone cost £67K
- Pandemic and cost of living situation
- Poverty prevention verses Environmental Project
- Bromsgrove (Sherwood Road) and New Frankley sites



- Where would the food come from? Opening Times? Staffing? Business Model? Monitoring Success?

Site	No. of people	Income	Saved from waste
Bromsgrove (started 1 st June)	134	£420	750kg
New Frankley - serving Rubery (started 2 nd August)	82	£208	150kg

Expenditure	
Food	£596
Staff	£423
Sub-total	£1019
Surplus/Deficit	(£391)



Food Banks



New Starts Food Bank

Location – Sherwood Road, Bromsgrove and Arden Road, New Frankley – both sites are open to all Bromsgrove residents

Offer – Food and Household supplies

Opening hours – Monday to Friday 9.00 am – 4.00 pm

Operating model – Agency referral. Donations of cash, donations of food dropped off at either location, wholesale scheme with Morrisons and donations from Lidl, Aldi and Sainsburys.

Other services available – Community Supermarket, Furniture, White Goods & IT Scheme (free or at affordable prices), Money Mentors, School Uniform Bank and Community Hub

Number of parcels – 1,706 Bromsgrove and 1,246 Rubery



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Catshill Baptist Church

Location – Catshill Baptist Church, Milton Road, Catshill – Focus is Catshill residents but open to all of Bromsgrove.

Offer – Food and Household supplies

Opening hours – Wednesdays 10.30am to 12.30pm.
Dedicated phonenumber 10.00am to 4.00pm weekdays.

Operating model – Agency referral. Donations of cash, donations of food dropped off at location, Catshill Co-op, Catshill Spar, Catshill One Stop, and Waitrose & Lidl supermarkets in Bromsgrove. Run by volunteers.

Other services available – White Goods and other community group events.

Number of parcels – 986 from 1st Jan – 30th September 2023.



Basement Project

Location – Hanover House, 1 Hanover Street. Focus is under 25's but open to all Bromsgrove residents.

Offer – Food and Toiletries supplies

Opening hours – Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 4.30pm.

Operating model – Self Referral/Agency Referral. Donations of cash, donations of food dropped off at location. Working with schools to provide food parcels to families.

Other services available – Services for the under 25's via drop-in and floating support. Support includes Housing, Living on a Budget, Mediation and Wellbeing Support.

Number of parcels – 610 in the last 12 months.



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Hollywood Christian Life Centre

Location – Simms Lane, Hollywood. Open to all Bromsgrove Residents

Offer – Food and Toiletries supplies

Opening hours – Monday 1.30pm – 2.30pm, although parcels have been provided 5 days a week.

Operating model – Self Referral/Agency Referral. Donations of cash, Donations of food dropped off at the Parish Council.

Other services available – Free CAP (Christians Against Poverty), Money courses, White goods, Furniture and School Uniform, Community Events/Activities for Children, Young People and Older People, Holiday Hunger Programme during school half term. Run by volunteers and in association with Wythall Parish Council.

Number of parcels – Approximately 20-25 per week.



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Alvechurch Community Larder

Location – Alvechurch Baptist Church Hall. Open to residents of the Parish

Offer – Food supplies and some household supplies

Opening hours – Every Friday Between 11.00am and 12.30pm.
Recently added another day due to popularity.

Operating model – Self referral – Pay £4 (cash) for approximately £20 of food. Set up as ‘helps stop food going to waste’ to reduce stigma. Trust established with volunteers. Food provided from supermarkets

Other services available – looking to link with health bus, provide deliveries and wrap around services being looking into alongside a referral process to other services.

Number of parcels – To be advised.



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The Duke of York

Location – The Duke of York Pub, Sidemoor.

Offer – Food supplies

Opening hours – Monday and Wednesday Between 8.00am and 10.00am.

Operating model – Self referral, contact owner for food donations.

Other services available – The landlord/community champion is currently looking at other community services, Newstarts have offered support.

Number of parcels – N/A still being set up.



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