



Ivybridge foodbank, which is part of The Trussell Trust Foodbank Network, provides vital emergency support to local people when something unavoidable - such as redundancy, illness or even an unexpected large bill hits and there's no money to put food on the table. In the last financial year, 528 three day emergency food supplies were provided to local people in crisis by the foodbank of these 250 went to children.

During previous years we've been incredibly humbled by the level of support local people have given Ivybridge foodbank at Harvest time. We want to say a big thank you to everyone who has donated food, time or money; your compassion and support means that people in Ivybridge and the surrounding villages unable to afford food after being hit by something like redundancy, illness or a delayed benefit payment, have had somewhere to turn.

We rely on the support of the local community to make a lasting impact in Ivybridge, providing emergency food but also helping people to break out of crisis more long term. All of the food we provide is donated, so food donations are really important.

Ivybridge foodbank only works with non-perishable food items (tinned and dried goods), which do not spoil or decay. This means that neither the foodbank nor the recipient has to worry about storing the food in a fridge or freezer, and there is less likelihood of food going to waste. It also means that we can give each client a carefully designed food parcel that contains three days' worth of nutritionally-balanced food.

All items should be unopened, in date and in good condition. We are forbidden by law to give away food which has passed its best before date. We also take non-food items such as toiletries, cleaning and sanitary products, as these are just as essential to the clients who come to us. There is a list of the 10 most needed items on the school's website.

Our mission is to bring communities together to end hunger and poverty in the UK by providing compassionate, practical help with dignity, which challenging injustice; and your support makes this possible.

Thank you for your support.