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Mission Partner Update – Cobham Area Foodbank

Thank you as always for your generosity for both filling our green donation bins and your continuing financial support for our foodbank clients in Cobham, Oxshott and the surrounding areas. Please continue to support us! We see changes in our client profile with more people in work but struggling to pay all their bills. Energy costs remain very high compared to past years, rents increase and more alarmingly, food inflation continues at an unexpectedly high-level, forcing clients to make difficult decisions. At the same time, donations in our area and in many parts of the UK are falling due to a variety of reasons, not least some previous donors finding it harder to afford their own food purchases. Many weeks we are giving out twice as much food as we are receiving, reducing our warehouse stock and forcing us to use more of our cash resources to buy items we do not have.

Our clients need help for a variety of reasons – disability, mental and physical health, unemployment, refugee status, abuse victims, homelessness, family issues, etc and in the past year, more clients who are working, yet still cannot afford the cost of living.

Don't forget collection bins in the church, the Oxshott Village Store, Waitrose Cobham and numerous area locations shown on the Foodbank website. Also, financial donations can be made through the [Foodbank website](#), which have always enabled us to buy items which have run out in our warehouse. Please take note of the priority items list as these are the ones we REALLY need.

We pray together before each session – will you pray too, that:

1. Regular donations increase so we can satisfy the growing demand.
2. Nobody in our area must choose between food and energy.
3. Our clients and the volunteers who collect, package, and distribute the food each week.

Thanks for your support & prayers!