



Halton & St Helens
Voluntary and Community Action

COMMUNITY FOOD PROVISION ACROSS ST HELENS BOROUGH



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**ST HELENS BOROUGH
COMMUNITY FOOD
PROVIDERS ALLIANCE**



#STHELENSTOGETHER

Across the Borough, many local organisations are working side by side as part of the St Helens Borough Community Food Providers Alliance to create innovative food projects that support individuals and families.

By working together—community groups, charities, and the public sector—we're making sure that everyone has access to delicious, nutritious, and affordable food. From sharing surplus food to promoting smart shopping and cooking, our initiatives help people stretch their budgets while cutting down on waste.

Here's a look at the fantastic community food provision across St Helens!



Locality Map



What is the difference ?

Food Bank

Our network of food banks provides emergency food and compassionate, dignified support to people locked in crisis. We have food banks which are connected with The Trussell Trust along with a food bank which is independent and can provide you with 3 days of essential food.

Community Food Pantry

Pantries operate as a member-led neighbourhood hub and are just like a shop, in that you choose the food you want from the shelves. Members pay a small subscription of £5 each week they visit and in return can choose groceries worth many times more, often saving up to £1,000 a year on shopping bills. A Pantry is:

- **Member-run:** Pantries operate along cooperative lines, and many volunteers are members too.
- **Open to all:** You don't need a referral - anyone who lives in an area served by a Pantry can join. Members can only join one pantry.
- **Long-lasting:** You can join for as long as you want, and can choose to go every week or just occasionally.

Surplus Food Share

This type of food provision is similar to a pantry in that it is a great way to reduce food waste.

Collections of surplus foods take place each day (very often late in the evening) from places such as supermarkets. These foods are too good to go in landfill, some do have a USE BY DATE of the same day so needs to be distributed before the end of that day. This means food is only available a few short hours in the evening.

Community Coffee Shop/Cafe

We have numerous community cafes and coffee shops, however, the ones we have included in this directory also offer a PAY IT FORWARD scheme. Customers can choose to donate to help others who are in financial hardship who can go along and ask for a meal and a drink under that scheme.

FOODBANKS

- TOWN CENTRE
- FINGERPOST
- PARR
- EARLESTOWN
- NEWTON LE WILLOWS



There are **6** food banks available to residents.

Foodbanks which are organised and managed by The HOPE Centre charity in St Helens are connected with the national food charity **The Trussell Trust**. Here are their details and how you can access them.

Where & When

The Mount - 01744 611771

Parr Mount - Traverse Street
Fingerpost, St Helens
WA9 1BW

OPENING TIMES:

Monday 12:30 - 2:30pm

C.L.C. - 01744 26414

Atherton Street, St Helens
WA10 2DT

OPENING TIMES:

Tuesday 11:00 - 2:30pm
Friday 11:00 - 2:30pm

St John The Baptist Church - 07519 357098

St Johns Street, Earlestown
WA12 9DG

OPENING TIMES:

Wednesday 11:30 - 1:30pm

St Helens Parish Church Hall - 07599 582 848

Church Street, St Helens
WA10 2DT

OPENING TIMES:

Thursday 11:00 - 2:00pm

Newton Community Centre - 01925 224731

Park Road South, Newton - le - Willows
WA12 8EX

OPENING TIMES:

Friday 11:00 - 2:30pm



How to access

The most important step is to get a foodbank VOUCHER. In order to provide the most appropriate help for the circumstances of your situation we work with local agencies. Agencies we work with include: Citizens Advice, housing support officers, children's centres, health visitors, social services and some local charities. If you call our foodbank we can talk through your situation and put you in touch with a relevant local agency. They will issue you with a VOUCHER which you will then need to bring to agreed foodbank.

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We have a further foodbank in St Helens which is **independent** and does not require people to obtain a voucher before accessing their provision. Their details are as follows:

Where & When

Sexton Avenue Community Foodbank

Sexton Avenue Community Allotment Garden
off Inman Avenue, Parr, St Helens, WA9 2QS

OPENING TIMES:

Please email for more information : p.lewwllyn@blueyonder.co.uk

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRIES

- TOWN CENTRE
- THATTO HEATH
- WEST PARK
- ECCLESTON
- NEWTON LE WILLOWS
- SUTTON
- MOSS BANK
- HAYDOCK
- BILLINGE



There are **14** community food pantries available to residents in these areas.

Where & When

MONDAY



Cross Lane United Church MOBILE Pantry

Cross Lane, Earlestown,
Newton le Willows - WA12 9PT

OPENING TIMES:

Monday - 10:30am - 12 noon



St Mark's T.A.N.G.O. Pantry

Park Street, Haydock
St Helens - WA11 0BH

OPENING TIMES:

Monday - 5:30pm - 7:00pm



St Matthews Centre Pantry

St Matthews Grove, Thatto Heath
St Helens - WA10 3SE

OPENING TIMES:

Monday - 6:30pm - 8:00pm

STEP ONE:

Find your nearest pantry (please note you must live in the area in which it is based).

STEP TWO:

Go along and join on the day it is open, remembering it is open to everyone in that community.

STEP THREE:

Pay your £5 each time you visit. Sit and have a cuppa whilst you wait for your turn.

STEP FOUR:

Choose your shopping which will always be worth more than your weekly membership fee.

STEP FIVE:

Tell your neighbours and get them joining also.

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Where & When

TUESDAY



CORNERSTONE Pantry

Lester Drive Community Centre, Lester Dr
Eccleston, St Helens - WA10 5BF

OPENING TIMES:

Tuesday - 10:00am - 12 noon

STEP ONE:

Find your nearest pantry
(please note you must live in
the area in which it is based).



Sutton Family Hub

MOBILE Pantry

Ellamsbridge Road, Sutton
St Helens WA9 - 3XP

OPENING TIMES:

Tuesday - 10:30am - 12 noon

STEP TWO:

Go along and join on the day it
is open, remembering it is
open to everyone in that
community.



HOPE Pantry

Wesley Methodist Church, Corporation St,
Town Centre, St Helens - WA10 1LF

OPENING TIMES:

Tuesday - 11:00am - 1:00pm

STEP THREE:

Pay your £5 each time you visit
Sit and have a cuppa whilst
you wait for your turn.



Parr Pantry

Derbyshire Hill Family Centre
Parr, St Helens - WA9 2LN

OPENING TIMES:

Tuesday - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

STEP FOUR:

Choose your shopping which
will always be worth more than
your weekly membership fee.

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Where & When

WEDNESDAY



St Matthews Centre Pantry

St Matthews Grove, Thatto Heath
St Helens - WA10 3SE

OPENING TIMES:

Wednesday - 10:00am - 12:00noon



St Luke's Pantry

Knowsley Road
St Helens - WA10 4PU

OPENING TIMES:

Wednesday - 3:30pm - 5:30pm

STEP ONE:

Find your nearest pantry
(please note you must live in
the area in which it is based).

STEP TWO:

Go along and join on the day it
is open, remembering it is
open to everyone in that
community.

STEP THREE:

Pay your £5 each time you visit
Sit and have a cuppa whilst
you wait for your turn.

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Choose your shopping which
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THURSDAY



St Mark's T.A.N.G.O. Pantry

Park Street, Haydock
St Helens - WA11 0BH

OPENING TIMES:

Thursday - 9:00am - 11:00am



Park Farm Community Centre MOBILE Pantry

54 Kentmere Avenue, Carr Mill
St Helens, WA11 7PG

OPENING TIMES:

Thursday - 10:30am - 12 noon

STEP ONE:

Find your nearest pantry
(please note you must live in
the area in which it is based).

STEP TWO:

Go along and join on the day it
is open, remembering it is
open to everyone in that
community.

STEP THREE:

Pay your £5 each time you visit
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Where & When

FRIDAY & SUNDAY



* Peasley Cross United Reform Church - MOBILE Pantry

Beaufort Street, Peasley Cross
St Helens, WA9 3BQ

OPENING TIMES:

Friday - 8:45am - 10:15am



PLEASE NOTE :

For **Peasley Cross United Reform Pantry & Sutton Food Pantry** - see the previous pages of how to JOIN & ENJOY saving food from landfill alongside saving you money!



St Aidan's Food Pantry

St Aidan's Church
Main Road
Billinge, WN5 7LA

OPENING TIMES:

Friday - 11:00am - 1:00pm



FOR ST AIDEN'S PANTRY ONLY!

STEP ONE:

Go along and join on the day it is open, **remembering it is open to everyone in that community.**

STEP TWO:

Pay an initial ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP of £5 then it is £3 each week you visit

STEP THREE:

Choose your 15 items of shopping which will always be worth more than your weekly membership fee.

STEP FOUR:

Tell your neighbours and get them joining also.



* Sutton Food Pantry

St Michael And All Angels Church
Gartons Lane, Clockface
St Helens, WA9 4RB

OPENING TIMES:

Sunday - 2:00pm - 4:00pm

COMMUNITY SURPLUS FOOD SHARE

- NEWTON LE WILLOWS

There is **1** surplus food share available to residents.



Where & When

WA12 Food Share

Run by: Domestic Abuse WA12

1a Haydock St

Newton le willows - WA12 9AB

OPENING TIMES:

Monday - Friday

DAYTIME: 10:30am - 12:30pm

EVENING: 9:00pm - 10:00pm

Saturday & Sunday - 9:00pm - 10:00pm

HOW IT WORKS:

Community based food project that collect surplus foods from food venues that are too good to go in landfill.

OPEN TO ALL - no means testing. Calling all FOODSAVERS! to join is £5 per year and then it is £1 per bag, per session!



(times vary so please find us on FACEBOOK and keep a look out)

Surplus foods
Collected & Distributed
by Domestic Abuse
Wa12 Food Share

COMMUNITY CAFES & COFFEE SHOPS

- TOWN CENTRE
- NEWTON LE WILLOWS

There is **3**
Pay It Forward schemes
available to residents.



Where & When



Plan Bee Community Coffee Shop - 01744 612989

13-15 North Road, Town Centre
St Helens - WA9 2TW

OPENING TIMES:

Monday - Friday - 9:00 am - 3:00pm

Pay it Forward:

Plan Bee are offering a hot meal and a drink to anyone in financial hardship - just make sure you let them know you need to access their Pay it Forward Scheme.



WA12 Community Cafe

Cross Lane United Church
Cross Lane, Earlestown,
Newton le Willows - WA12 9PT

OPENING TIMES:

Monday - Tuesday - 8:00 am - 3:00pm

Pay it Forward:

WA12 operate a Pay It Forward Board so anyone who needs support can just take an 'offer' from the board and redeem it. They also operate a KIDS EAT FREE with a paying adult during the school holidays.



Newton FCC Community Cafe

Park Road South
Newton le Willows - WA12 8EX

OPENING TIMES:

Mon - Wed - 9:00 am - 5:00pm
Thurs - Fri - 9:00 am - 3:00pm

Pay it Forward:


Newton FCC Community Cafe operate a Pay It Forward Board so anyone who needs support can just take an 'offer' from the board and redeem it at the cafe counter.



CONNECT WITH US...

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