Halton & St Helens
Voluntary and Community Action

# COMMUNITY FOOD PROVISION ACROSS ST HELENS BOROUGH

JUNE 2026

ST HELENS BOROUGH
COMMUNITY FOOD
PROVIDERS ALLIANCE

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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

- Central St Helens
- Newton le Willows
- Haydock & Blackbrook
- North St Helens
- West St Helens
- South St Helens
- Rainhill & Bold

# 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 ony 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 **5** 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

### St Peter's Parr Church
Broadoak Road
Parr, St Helens
WA9 2DZ

**OPENING TIMES:**
**Monday 12:30 - 2:30pm**

### C.L.C. - 01744 26414
Atherton Street, St Helens
WA10 2DT

**OPENING TIMES:**
**Tuesday 11:00 - 2:00pm**
**Friday 11:00 - 2:00pm**

### 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 - 1.00pm**

St Helens foodbank
thehopecentre ST HELENS

## 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.

# COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRIES

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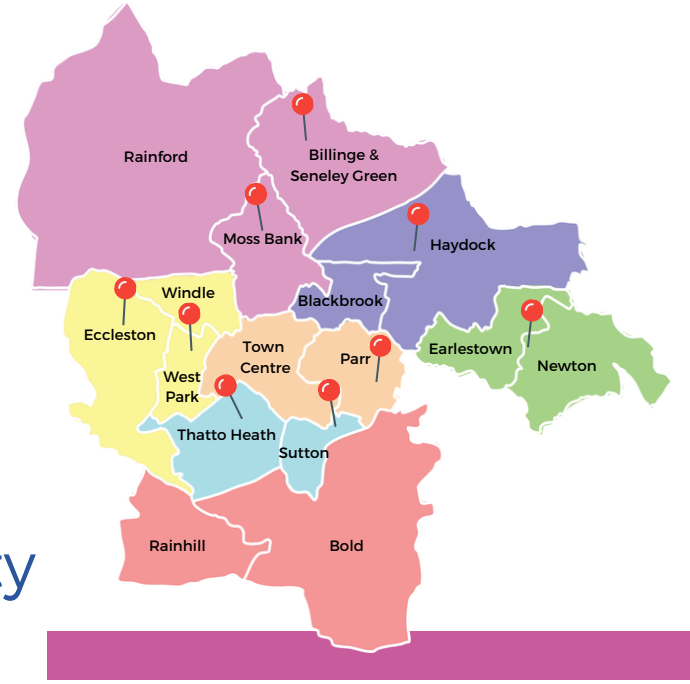
- HAYDOCK
- BILLINGE




There are **12** 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**

### Sutton Family Hub MOBILE Pantry

Ellamsbridge Road, Sutton
St Helens WA9 - 3XP

**OPENING TIMES:**

**Tuesday - 10:30am - 12 noon**

### Parr Pantry

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

**OPENING TIMES:**

**Tuesday - 1:00pm - 3:00pm**

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

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

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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**

### HOPE Pantry

St Luke's Church, Knowsley Road,
St Helens - WA10 4PU

**OPENING TIMES:**
**Wednesday - 11:00am - 1:00pm**

**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.

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## Where & When 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 Sit and have a cuppa whilst you wait for your turn.

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## Where & When FRIDAY

MOBILE PANTRY
ST HELENS BOROUGH

### Peasley Cross United Reformed 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** - 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 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.

# 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)

# 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.

# Other Support

## The Henry Programme

Being a parent can be tough – HENRY is here to help! The Henry Programme offers a diverse range of events, ranging from day sessions to 8-week programmes. Each event is designed to support families to enjoy a healthier, happier start in life.

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**Aimed at families with children aged 0-12 years old.**
**Families can book onto sessions by scanning the QR code !**

The NHS Healthy Start scheme helps young families and those who are pregnant to access healthy food, milk and vitamins.
The scheme is available in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

People may be eligible if they have responsibility for at least one child under the age of four or are more than 10 weeks pregnant.

Eligibility also depends on the benefit the person receives and what their income is. People apply for the scheme online and get a prepaid card, which they can use to buy healthy food and milk. They can also get free Healthy Start vitamins.

The prepaid card can be used in most places that sell eligible healthy food and milk items and accept Mastercard®. The card is topped up every four weeks with their payments. Once on the scheme, people will get:

- £4.25 each week of their pregnancy (from the 10th week of pregnancy)

- £8.50 each week for children from birth to one year old

- £4.25 each week for children between one and four years old

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# Crisis and Resilience Fund

The government has announced new funding to support people who are in financial crisis. This funding replaces the Household Support Fund from 1 April 2026 and will run until 31 March 2029.

The new fund, called the Crisis and Resilience Fund, is funded by the UK government and is intended to help people cope with a sudden and unexpected expense or loss of income, while also helping to build longer term financial resilience. It also includes support towards housing costs to replace Discretionary Housing Payment.

Funded by UK Government

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**To visit the council website scan the QR code above**

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**NEED HELP TOWARDS HOUSING COSTS**

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