



Foodbank Drivers - Volunteer Position

Overview:

We are looking for a volunteers to register with the foodbank as 'drivers' to support the movement of food across the local area. This work does not involve a regular commitment but simply an indication that, when we have driving work, we can email you to see if you might be able to help. This role will require the use of your own vehicle. Work may include taking food from our cabin next to Tesco to foodbank partners in Coventry, the Cotswolds or Birmingham, or bringing it back from these locations. You will work closely with our volunteer who takes care of our 'food share' work responding to her email requests for help when convenient with you.

Time Commitment:

Working closely with the volunteer Foodshare Partner – driving jobs will be arranged at your convenience.

Requirements:

- Light lifting and bending to transfer food from the collection location into your car, crates and bags are usually provided
- Safe lifting guidance will be provided
- Access to a car, email and a mobile phone
- Your collection day will be agreed in advance and you can help as often as you wish
- All volunteers doing this type of volunteering work should check with their car insurance company that they are covered (in our experience there is not usually an issue with this)

Description of possible tasks

- To collect/deliver food from partners in Coventry, Warwick, Birmingham, Cotswolds
- To collect/deliver food to the Foodbank warehouse on Tesco carpark
- To label food deliveries so warehouse volunteers recognise it as food that needs to be needs 'weighed in'
- To sign the warehouse day book at time of food delivery into the warehouse
- To liaise with the volunteer Foodshare Partner as necessary

What is Stratford upon Avon Foodbank?

Stratford Foodbank is an independent charity helping local people in crisis. This is done by providing food parcels to people referred by partner referral agencies, and providing 'signposting' information to those visiting the Foodbank to help improve their situation. Stratford Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's network of 400+ foodbanks, and benefits from operational guidance provided by the Trust. In 2019 an average 201 food parcels a month were distributed. Distribution sessions and warehousing operates from the Foodbank's cabin on the carpark at Tesco's Birmingham Road store. Currently largely funded by Stratford's Town Trust, the Foodbank has a board of Trustees to guide its work and benefits from a Foodbank Manager employed five days a week to work with volunteers and oversee the operation.

What's in it for me?

By volunteering with Stratford Foodbank, you will have the opportunity to make new friends, use your skills and learn new ones, and to have new experiences. Your efforts will make a huge difference to those in our local area who are struggling and need support to work themselves through their crisis situation. Whilst no one wishes the Foodbank should exist, you will find the friendship and camaraderie amongst our team of volunteers immensely rewarding.

How to Apply

If you are interested please email Marion Homer (the Foodbank Manager) on volunteer.suafoodbank@gmail.com stating reasons for suitability, applicants will need to provide two referees.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

This role description reflects the hopes and intentions of the charity and is not intended to be contractually binding on either party, or to form a contract of employment. Please note that the Foodbank is Christian organisation and welcomes volunteers of all faiths and none.

For more information

Please read the task description above – should you have any further questions please email Marion Homer the Foodbank Manager on volunteer.suafoodbank@gmail.com or call on 07736 611323 for more information.