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Nourish Update

by Paul Haines and Olga Johnson (Co-Chairs)

The past three months have been extremely eventful for everyone at Nourish. We have been awarded the **2016 Charity of The Year** at the **Love Where We Live Awards** and we also came away with the overall **2016 Love Where We Live Award**.

We were also honoured to be recognised this year with the 2016 Community Contribution Award from the Royal Tunbridge Wells Civic Society.

We have seen a sustained level of demand as we have gone into Q3 and since October 1st 2016 we have also been supplying foodbags to Tonbridge residents in crisis through a limited number of referral agents. We plan to expand this reach further in April 2017. We now have collection points in Iceland and Sainsburys in Tonbridge and a permanent drop point at Lloyds Bank, Tonbridge.

In Q3, we issued **302 individual** and **387 family** bags to local people in crisis and we have been extremely busy over the Christmas period. Our reverse advent calendar was a huge success and we

collected over 4.5 tonnes of food and provisions. This along with the 7 tonnes of food collected through Harvest has meant that we have had to move into a new larger unit at **Big Yellow** and have hired a Van.

Alongside the food donations, we have received some amazing financial donations over the past three months and would like to say a special thanks to the **Don Hanson Foundation**, **Tonbridge Lions**, **Southborough Lions** and many individuals who have donated through our online systems. These funds have come at a very important time for Nourish as demand is significantly increasing.

Our fundraising has continued and we had a fantastic night at the High Rocks in November raising over £6k with special thanks to **Childrensalon** and everyone who donated prizes to our Auction, Raffle and Wheel of Fortune.

As we look forward to 2017, we would like to express a huge Thank You once again to all our volunteers, supporters, donors and funders for all the help and support. We couldn't do it without you.

Paul Haines and Olga Johnson
Co-Chairs



Tonbridge Lions Donation

Huge thanks to the **Tonbridge Lions Club** for their generous donation of £650. The funds have been used to provide donation boxes throughout Tonbridge to enable us to collect food for local residents in crisis.



Love Where We Live Awards 2016

Nourish was honoured this year to be awarded the **2016 Charity Of The Year** and we also came away with the overall **2016 Love Where We Live Award**.

We are so thankful to all our supporters, funders and volunteers that enable us to do what we do and of course to our amazing Operations Manager for all the hard work.

Fundraising, Collections and Events

2016-2017



Casino Night 2016!

We had a fantastic night on the 12th November at the **High Rocks** with a brilliant Auction, Raffle, Casino and live music from **The Roccos**



We raised a fantastic **£6,179.91** which has surpassed all our expectations so thank you to everyone who supported us by coming on the night and of course to everyone who donated prizes.

Harvest 2016 At Nourish

Harvest 2016 was a huge success once again and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who chose to support us this Harvest.

7,615.95 kgs of food and provisions

The support has once again been overwhelming and everyone involved is extremely grateful.

We collected over 7.5 tonnes of food and provisions.

Sainsburys Christmas Bag Packing

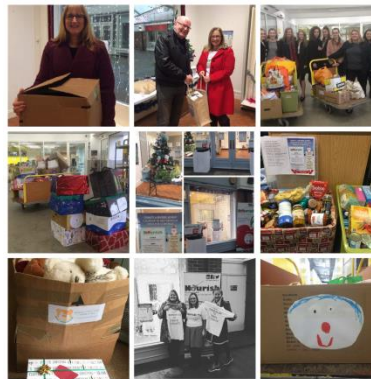
Thank you to all our volunteers who helped us pack bags on 12th December. We raised **£174.87**.



Reverse Advent!

We have been completely overwhelmed at people's generosity this Christmas.

We had 85 reverse advent calendars dropped to our pop up shop in Royal Victoria Place plus many other donations from schools, churches, individuals and businesses dropped to our unit at **Big Yellow**.



The support of Royal Victoria Place was invaluable in creating a focal point to not only drop their completed calendars off, but it also helped us increase awareness of our charity and the number of people in crisis.

In total we collected over 4.5 tonnes of food and provisions. Thank you to everyone that took part.

A FANTASTIC DONATION

Don Hanson Donation

Huge thanks to The **Don Hanson Charitable Foundation** for their generous donation for the second time in 2016. The funds have come at a much needed time for Nourish and we are extremely grateful for the support.

SOUTHBOROUGH LIONS DONATION



Southborough Lions Donation

Huge thanks to the **Southborough Lions** for their donation of £250.00.

TESCO AND RVP COLLECTION



Tesco Collection Kicks Off Reverse Advent!

Massive thanks to the staff from **Tesco Pembury** and the 3 **Tunbridge Wells Tesco** stores who kicked off our Reverse Advent campaign. They held a 3 day collection at Ely Court thanks to a shop donation from **Royal Victoria Place**.

We collected an amazing **£1,782.50** and **3,013.28Kgs** food and provisions!!

GET INVOLVED!

Want To Help?

If you would like to get involved with fundraising, volunteering or would like to set up a food collection for Nourish, please give us a call on **01892 548 892** or contact us at office@nourishcommunityfoodbank.org.uk