

Thank you and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all

Autumn into Winter has been a busy time here at Waveney Foodbank, we've had a fantastic Harvest Festival, more recently the Tesco Winter Food Collection, and a mention for Waveney Foodbank in parliament last week by Adrian Ramsay Member of Parliament for Waveney Valley, all helping to raise awareness of food insecurity in our local area.

With food banks across the Trussell community estimated to provide a food parcel every 10 seconds this winter, all help is gratefully received. We would like to say a huge thank you to all our supporters, helpers and volunteers, we couldn't do it without you, you really are helping to bring about change and make real differences to local people in need.

We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a happy, healthy, and peaceful 2026.

Tesco Winter Food Collection

A massive thank you to Tesco Diss and Tesco Beccles and all their customers for their help and collaboration in running another successful Winter Food Collection in stores this November. This event is incredibly important for us as along side the very generous donations, it helps us to raise awareness of the role of Foodbanks within the local area, with our ultimate goal of ending food insecurity in our society.



“ Kevin at the Waveney Foodbank hopes that one day he'll be able to close the foodbank, for good. ”



Adrian Ramsay
MP Waveney Valley
As part of the Green Party Budget Response,
2nd December 2025

Xmas Opening Times

Waveney Foodbanks will be open between Christmas and New Year, helping to support local people in need, opening days and times may differ to usual, so please check our website for detailed information www.waveney.foodbank.org.uk



In other news...

Packing Boxes

We were pleased to welcome Sir John Leman School Sixth Form, Beccles to the Waveney Foodbank warehouse, who arrived with a wonderful donation of 70kg of donated foods. This is the second time the school has supported us, and this year they visited us here at the warehouse to help with packing food parcel boxes for distribution on to the foodbanks.



Harvest Festival

A huge thank you to everyone that made a contribution or donation for Harvest Festival this year, we really are so grateful for everything received. This year a highlight for us was Palgrave Primary who paid us a visit to see the Foodbank in action and bring us valuable donations.



Help from local our local community...



Co-op Harleston

A very generous donation from Co-op Harleston of £1,000 worth of food including tinned meat and fruit juice, which are in particularly high demand at the foodbank. This was following a fire at St John the Baptist Church in Harleston, which hosts a weekly Foodbank session on Tuesdays. The service has temporarily relocated to London Road Methodist Church in Harleston to continue to meet the needs of the local people it supports.

The East of England Co-op Food Store Manager in Harleston, Garry Spink said: "Waveney Foodbank provides valuable support within our local community and we're glad that we've been able to help them during this challenging time."

AUTUMN FOLK

A special evening of "Winter Folk" was held as a special fundraising event, at the Canopy Theatre in Hungate Church with Peter and Jane, Martin Lovett and The Goslings (plus special guests) performing an evening of song in aid of the Waveney Foodbank organisation. The evening was a huge success, and raised a fantastic £250.



National Gas & Wood Group UK Ltd

Thank you to National Gas Transmission and Wood Group UK Ltd for their generous donation of £5,000, presented by Luke Wessels and Aydin Mallender who visited the Warehouse and met with members of the Waveney Foodbank Team.

Upcoming Events for 2026...we'd like to wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

We want to see a future where food banks aren't needed.
We know that – together – we can make that happen.

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