

Community Food Link NEEDS YOU!



The **Community Food Link (CFL)** is a Basingstoke based charity dedicated to taking surplus food from the major supermarkets and distributing to the needy and disadvantaged in and around the town. Food pick up times are in the morning, afternoons and evenings, depending how the individual supermarkets manage the disposal of food reaching its “sell by” date. We currently take from Tesco, Aldi, Marks & Spencer, Booker, Waitrose and Lidl.

All food finds its way to the URC, on the day it is collected, where produce can be refrigerated or frozen as appropriate. An additional volunteer team sort and box the food by 10am for immediate distribution through a number of hubs at local schools, churches and the Food Bank, where further teams of volunteers oversee its distribution.

The activity currently under resourced is that of collection drivers.

The CFL owns one refrigerated van, currently based at the Basingstoke Baptist Church (BBC) which can handle approximately 50% of collections. The remaining collections are currently made by drivers using their own vehicles. The afternoon and evening time commitment can be up to two hours. The morning collection and delivery runs can take up to four hours although this could be split into two roughly equal units.

If you are interested in actively supporting the CFL as a volunteer driver, either on a regular basis or as a bank volunteer, please contact Brian Foster (07753828673 or brian.foster@ineos.com) or Penny Dilley % URC, London Street or urc.communityfood@gmail.com