

# SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOD HELP

Many families need a little extra help during the school summer holidays. Below is a list of some of the projects offering support in Bath and Northeast Somerset.

## Help through Hardship

If you are in financial crisis and live in England or Wales, please call Help through Hardship, a national helpline run by the Trussell Trust and Citizens Advice, on **0808 2082138** for free. You will talk confidentially with a trained Citizens Advice adviser, who can help address your crisis; provide support to maximise your income; assist you to navigate the benefits system; and identify any additional grants you could be entitled to. If needed, they will issue you with a voucher so you can get an emergency food parcel from your local foodbank (see below).

Open Monday to Friday 9am–5pm; closed on public holidays.

## Foodbanks

There are three foodbanks covering B&NES. Please note that to access them you will need a referral. These are available from many organisations, including Help through Hardship (see above). Referrals can also be made through:

Welfare Support: 01225 477277

Citizens Advice Bureau: 0344 848 7919 or Freephone 0808 2787897

## Bath Foodbank

Bath Foodbank is currently operating a delivery-only service, delivering within Bath on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12–3pm.

See <https://bath.foodbank.org.uk> for further details.

## Keynsham Foodbank

This covers Keynsham, Saltford, Chew Valley and the B&NES areas of Stockwood and Whitchurch. Currently operating a delivery service on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10.30am–2.30pm. However, clients who prefer to collect their food can pick it up at St Mary's Church Hall, Queen Square, Saltford BS31 3EL on Fridays, 10.15–11.45am.

See <https://keynsham.foodbank.org.uk> for further details.

## Somer Valley Foodbank

Collection only, with a referral voucher, from the following distribution centres:

The Salvation Army, Radstock Road, Midsomer Norton BA3 2AJ: Monday 12–2pm.

St Nicholas Church Café, Church Street, Radstock BA3 3QQ: Wednesday 12–2pm.

St John Methodist Church, Bath Road, Peasedown St John BA2 8DN: Friday 12–2pm.

Paulton Methodist Church, Park Road, Paulton BS39 7QQ: Wednesday 11.30am–1.30pm.

See <https://somervalley.foodbank.org.uk> for further details.

## Food Clubs and Pantries

Food clubs and pantries are a community initiative supplying low-cost, good-quality food to local residents.

## Welcome Café and Food Club

Join the Food Club and pick up what you need for £3 per family, £2 for an individual. No booking needed – just come along. Free cooked lunch (donations welcome). For more information, call Naomi on 07470 262372; email [welcomecafe@allsaintsweston.org.uk](mailto:welcomecafe@allsaintsweston.org.uk); or visit [www.westonhub.org.uk](http://www.westonhub.org.uk).

Weston Hub, Penn Hill Road, Weston, Bath BA1 4EH  
Open Monday 12–2pm.

### Action Pantry and Clothesline

Families can self-refer or be referred by a health or social care professional, or a school. Membership of £3 a week covers 2–3 meat/vegetarian items, 1–3 dairy products, plus fruit and veg and plenty of store-cupboard food. New families are asked to fill out a form giving contact details, dietary requirements/allergies and whether they have a working fridge and freezer.

For more information, call 07874387717 or email [actionpantry@mercyinaction.org.uk](mailto:actionpantry@mercyinaction.org.uk).

Open Monday and Friday 1.30–3.30pm.

Clothesline runs alongside Action Pantry and provides good-quality clothes and accessories for children aged 5–15 years.

### Oasis Pantries

Please register in advance, either via [www.oasisbath.org/projects](http://www.oasisbath.org/projects) (select Oasis Pantry) or by phoning 07984 014704. You can choose to pay £5 a week for 10–12 chilled and store-cupboard items plus fruit and veg or £3 a week for 6–8 chilled and store-cupboard items plus fruit and veg.

Oasis Pantry, Oasis Church, Fountain Buildings, The Paragon, Bath BA1 5DU: Thursday 1.30–3.30pm.

Oasis Pantry, Roundhill Centre, 53 Mount Road, Southdown, Bath BA2 1LG: Monday 2–4pm.

**NB** While the pantries are open for most of the summer, they will be closed w/c 16th and 23rd August.

### Food On Our Doorstep (FOOD) Clubs

Membership costs £1 a year and is open to families (with children up to 18 years old) who live or work within 15 minutes of a club. It entitles you to buy a bag of food each week, worth approximately £10–15, for £3.50. For more information, contact [brightstartcc@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:brightstartcc@bathnes.gov.uk).

Keynsham Children Centre, 65 West View Road, Keynsham, Bristol BS31 2UE (tel: 01225 395400):

Thursday 1.30–3.30pm

The Hub, Mulberry Park, Mulberry Way, Combe Down, Bath BA2 5BU ([liz.kite@family-action.org.uk](mailto:liz.kite@family-action.org.uk)):

Friday 10–12pm

Radstock Library, Church Street, Radstock BA3 3QG (tel: 01225 396660): Friday 1.30–3.30pm

### Foodcycle

Free meals for all at Nexus Methodist Church, Nelson Place, Bath BA1 5DA. No questions asked, three-course meals, all vegetarian and made with surplus food stopped from going to landfill.

Every Wednesday 7.30pm.