

Warehouse Communique (April 2021)

St Albans & District Foodbank is a charity focused on helping local families facing crisis. We have grown in size since we started operating in 2014 and in the last 12 months we have provided over 10,000 emergency food boxes for local people. We deliver this with just two employees supported by a fantastic team of about 100 hard working volunteers.

In the last 2 years we have been operating from a warehouse space in Harpenden generously provided to us by The Jarvis Group. We knew that this was a temporary home when we moved in as the site was always earmarked for development. We have recently learnt that a planning decision is imminent and we will have to be prepared to leave the premises in the summer.

Our long term plan has been, for some time, to secure a permanent warehouse facility and together with Emmaus (a local homeless charity) we have recently submitted plans for the development of a new warehouse site at their Hill End location in St Albans, however this will require not just planning permission but also full funding before the construction work can commence. As a result **we are looking for a temporary warehouse for the next 18 months or so.**

Ideally we need a site, somewhere **in the St Albans & District area, with approx 250-300m² of secure space with loading bay access.** We acknowledge that a single space of this size may not be available and so we will have to consider splitting our warehouse operation across multiple, smaller sites.

If you know of any space that may suit our needs, or indeed know anyone who may have any leads on available spaces then please do let us know. You can contact Mark Pontin on mpontin@stalbandsdistrict.foodbank.org.uk

St Albans & District Foodbank would not be able to operate without the valuable help we receive from so many supporters. Thank you.