



West Wight Timebank is a community project that operates under Action 4 Support CIC

FOOD REDISTRIBUTION SCHEME

Background information

Discussion work started in the spring 2017, with the idea of saving food waste from supermarkets, by asking Timebank volunteers to collect it from a store, and take it to different community groups in the West Wight free of charge.

The Coordinator and sessional worker visited Aspire in Ryde in 2017 where a scheme currently operates, before formally approaching Sainsbury's Local in Freshwater for a service level agreement to collect the bread that was within its use by date, and take it to community groups. Sainsbury's head office asked for the scheme to operate from a premises that was registered with the Isle of Wight Council, so the Freshwater Methodist church was asked, and agreed as they are an organisational Timebank member.

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Groups were identified by members and the local community and to date are:

Freshwater Methodist Church (OASIS) Monday

Family Drop and Swap (Barnardos Family Centre in Freshwater) Monday

Our Place (WWSC Community Hall) Tuesday

Alzheimer's Café (third Wednesday of the month)

SHG sheltered housing scheme Freshwater (Wednesday am)

West Wight Nursery school (Friday am)

St Saviours primary School (Friday am)

Toddler Group help on a Thursday at Freshwater Methodist Church)

Brighstone Pre-school (Wednesday am)

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Food Safety Procedure

Identified community groups met personally and individually with the WW TB coordinator in October 2017 to discuss the ethos (which is about food waster, not necessarily by personal 'need' and agreed (verbally) to 'dispose' of any left-over bread at the end of their session, by taking off the wrapper and putting the bread in the normal food waste bin). If at any time the coordinator is unable to deliver a bag of bread to a group, she will take it to a local pig farmer.

The WWTB Coordinator pledged to undertake a Basic Food Hygiene certificate in 2017, and train any Timebank members who become involved in the scheme, to follow the procedure as identified below. NB the bread is already packaged in the main, but some rolls need putting into separate food bags.

The WWTB Coordinator would arrange to collect bread within its 'use by' date each morning from Sainsbury's local in Freshwater (provided in a yellow plastic sack in the cold store), (Monday to Friday, excluding school holidays). She would then take it to the identified community group, where it is transferred to a lidded plastic tub (provided by the WWTB), using disposable gloves, tongues for the bakery bread, which is put into food bags ready for members of the public to take away that day.

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The Aim for this scheme in 2018 will be to:

1. Encourage other shops to become involved: Brighstone local store agreed to give the TB loaves of sliced bread within the 'use by' date this is then taken to Brighstone Preschool.

Further discussions are to take place between 'Grace's bakery, who have a shop in Yarmouth and the Co-op in Freshwater

2. To request a wider variety of foods to be collected from Sainsbury's local and Brighstone store i.e. biscuits and cake with a 'best before' date on the date of collection.

3. To request that surplus vegetables from Sainsbury's and Brighstone store, that they are not going to sell be taken to the community groups.

4. To request Allotment holders on the island consider giving the WWTB any surplus vegetables and fruit. NB the WWTB insurers have been informed of this request as have our funders the Big Lottery. We will only take vegetables and fruit from growers where any manure used has been batch stored for at least 6 months.

5. To request that farmers give TB members the opportunity to 'glean' any surplus crops/crops which are not perfect and that this is then also distributed to community groups.

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6. To have a 'Community Cook up' once a month in a community establishment e.g. a village hall using the collected bread, Fruit and vegetables and biscuits and cake.

A partnership arrangement between Action 4 Support and The Real Junk Food Project Isle of Wight CIC was made, and collaboration on the monthly Cook Up 's(called Meet and Eat) mean that any donated money on the day goes to The Real Junk Food Project. Action 4 Support received £700 from the High Sheriff to purchase goods needed for the Meet and Eat. In addition The Big Lottery provided continued funding for the hall (for Action 4 Support).

Contact with environmental health bodies in 2019 resulted in an agreement for a Time bank member to prep food for events for Action 4 Support CIC.

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