

Gateway Update

Due to 'lockdown' the way that the food bank responds to the needs of the community has changed. It is now staffed by a group of young people as most of the people on the church rota previously came into the vulnerable age group. Because of social distancing, the serving now takes place in the Salvation Army car park. No refreshments are served, but some important conversations are still taking place. Bags are pre-packed and at this time of crisis new people are registering each week.

The donation point in the Co-op is still available, but as most people are staying home to help with funding a Just Giving page as been set up. The money raised this way will ensure that the bags are 'balanced' and contain the staples of long life milk, tinned meat and tinned fish. If you are able to contribute this way the link is

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wickford-the-salvation-army>