



22nd May 2020

Dear Clerk

Proposed Parish Council Joint Food Bank Funding in Response to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic

Horninglow and Eton Parish Council are leading on a joint funding initiative. The aim is to invite all 35 Parish Councils located in the East Staffordshire Borough to unite in support of the three main registered charitable food banks operating within the area;

- Salvation Army (Burton Corps)
- Burton Hope
- YMCA (Burton Branch)

In these unprecedented times, the coronavirus lockdown has triggered a record rise in the demand for food parcels from the three food banks. More families than usual, especially those with children, are experiencing financial hardship and are turning to the charities for emergency food support. All three have reported an unparalleled request for food parcels since the lockdown and are struggling to replenish food stocks to keep up with the increase in demand.

If a donation of £100 is sought from each Parish Council there is potential to jointly raise £3,500 which will be divided equally between the three organisations for the purchase of replenishing their food stocks. It is hoped that some Parish Councils are in a financial position to donate a little more than the requested £100. This will boost the joint fund even more to the benefit of all of our residents that are in desperate need of support.

As this is an emergency funding request an early response would be appreciated. It is proposed that funds be sent in the first instance to Horninglow and Eton Parish Council via Bacs transfer or cheque.

Once monies have been collected the sum total will be divided between the three organisations. A full audit trail will be provided to all contributing Parish Councils.

Horninglow and Eton Parish Council would like to take the opportunity to thank you in anticipation of your support. By acting together, a real difference to the residents we represent can be made.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

On behalf of Horninglow and Eton Parish Council

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Clerk/Proper Officer