

## Stroud District Foodbank

A foodbank is being set up in Stroud within the next few months to help people, whether in a family or alone, cope with any sudden crisis or emergency in their lives. It often takes at least three days before the established government agencies can step in to help a family or individual, so Foodbank will provide meals for three days to help people deal with the immediate practical effects of some disaster, whether it is sudden homelessness, a death of a breadwinner or some such calamity.

Foodbank is, however, not a drop-in centre and people in need are referred to a foodbank by priests, ministers, doctors, CAB, social services or any such organisation. A foodbank needs supplies, though, and Stroud District Foodbank will rely on local churches, schools, people going into supermarkets to shop and buying on extra tin of non-perishable food and donating it to Foodbank or people simply donating tins from their pantry at home.

I am therefore appealing to residents living in Rodborough to help us as we set up Stroud District Foodbank. If you can donate a tin or two of food it will help us a lot.

It is suggested that Stroud District Foodbank should have 3 tonnes of food available before it opens its doors, and keep on replenishing stocks to meet what we expect will be a growing demand. If you can help, please contact me on 872446 or on [oost@btopenworld.com](mailto:oost@btopenworld.com).

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