



Newsletter February 2026

Facts & Figures:



It's 2026! From **January to December 2025**, we provided emergency food & toiletry supplies to a total of **11,971** people across our Durham foodbank network. We helped **8,024** adults and **3,947** children.

We currently have a total of **35 Foodbanks** across Sunderland & County Durham.

NEWS

Two-child limit on Universal Credit and Tax Credits, is being scrapped from **April 2026**.

The **Department for Work and Pensions** plans to complete the managed migration of all remaining legacy benefit claimants to Universal Credit by **March 2026**.

The **North East Child Poverty Commission** is backing the "**The No Child Left Behind**" Campaign to extend **free school meals** to every child in primary school.

Upcoming Events:

Give in Lent: From **18 Feb - 2 Apr**, make a small daily sacrifice that can make a big difference. Put aside **40p a day for 40 days** or donate **an item a day for 40 days from our shortage list** and donate at the end of Lent. [Learn more](#)

Food Summit - 14 Mar: **Beyond Food Banks** launches the third course of their **Beyond Food Banks Menu** with the **Food Summit** at the **Sjovoll Centre**. Join workshops and Q&As with Trussell Trust, Feeding Britain, Food Durham, and many more. [Find out more.](#)

Additional News:

Newton Aycliffe Foodbank is currently operating on a limited food supply due to issues with their venue. For this reason, **Community Money Advice County Durham** has temporarily moved to **Life Line Community Action** on **Wednesdays** from **10:00 am to 12:00 pm**.

In 2025, **Community Money Advice County Durham** managed **£2,825,835.05** of debt and supported **467** people through the foodbank network. The team also welcomed Louise, who provides benefit checks and advice.

Household Support Fund, will be changing to **Crisis and Resilience Fund** in **April 2026**. The CRF will provide **grant funding** to local authorities in England to help prevent hardship and support people during financial crisis, with funding available until **31 March 2029**.



SHORTAGE ITEMS:

Long Life Fruit Juice, Tinned Fruit, Long Life Milk, Coffee, Tinned Tomatoes, Shampoo and Deodorant.

THANK YOU, AS ALWAYS FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT. IT REALLY DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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