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Activity report for Waveney Foodbank in the Harleston area, April 2016 to March 2017.

Waveney Foodbank is well established in Harleston with two Distribution Centres, local people are enabled to redeem vouchers on Tuesdays and Fridays, in the parish church and the Methodist chapel. Teams of volunteers distribute food boxes giving at least three days supply of food. They offer a cuppa and support as appropriate.

Food boxes are made up in our warehouse and contain a balanced diet of 'in date' food, which is dried, in tins, jars or cartons. We are indebted to the generosity of the public who supply all our stocks, much of which comes from the Harleston area. People are thoughtful givers so that we also have stocks of other essential items such as nappies, pet food, toiletries.

In the last year activity levels have increased by at least 25%. For instance the number of vouchers redeemed in Harleston between 4/15 and 3/16 is 71, made up of 105 adults and 101 children. We anticipate no reduction in activity, since financial restraint continues to bring pressure on lower paid people.

The figures for 2016/17 are as follows:

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| Food vouchers redeemed | 100 |
| Adult clients | 146 |
| Children clients | 89 |
| Total clients | 235 |

Adult age ranges:

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| 17 - 24 | 36 |
| 25 - 64 | 40 |
| 65+ | 24 |

Categories:

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| Singles | 21 |
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| Couples | 30 |
| Families | 49 |

Out of 100 vouchers, 56 included someone in paid employment.

Reasons stated for the issuing of a voucher:

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| Low income | 58 |
| Benefit changes | 12 |
| Domestic violence | 5 |
| Debt | 9 |
| Children holiday meals | 16 |

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