



Chris Walker

Chris volunteers at Maghull and District Foodbank which is located at the Methodist Church on Liverpool Road North

Prior to retirement Chris was Head of RE at Deyes High School she is a member of St George's URC Maghull and was immediately attracted to the Christian values of the Trussell Trust. She became a member of the Steering Group in 2013 when it began and she has volunteered there ever since. Chris has a strong belief that Christian faith has to be shown in action and the Foodbank allows her to do that within her own community. Although Maghull and District can appear to be a prosperous area there are many people here, as in every town, who sometimes need extra support in difficult situations.

Volunteering at the Foodbank involves a variety of tasks:

Organising the rota of the amazing volunteers

Setting up the room that Maghull Methodist Church allowing a different type of use (obviously in a very different way at the moment because it would usually provide tea and coffee and a space to chat)

Talking with people who come for help and signposting them to other agencies who may be able to help

Managing the stock that is so kindly donated from individuals and organisations within the community

Liaising with local schools and churches to help coordinate support and work carried out by the Foodbank.

When the Foodbank is open every Tuesday morning includes at least one memorable moment ..... but at present it has to be the overwhelming generosity of people in Maghull and Lydiate who bring donations to support their less fortunate neighbours. From a lovely young girl who had organised a collection in her street to an older couple who come every week to bring something. We live in a generous, caring community and we are able to witness this every week.

Chris says "being a volunteer at Foodbank is a privilege and a source of joy. All of the volunteers are a pleasure to work with and we have formed solid friendships; and it is a blessing to be part of something that can make a positive difference in a person's life when they most need it."

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