

Emergency food provision

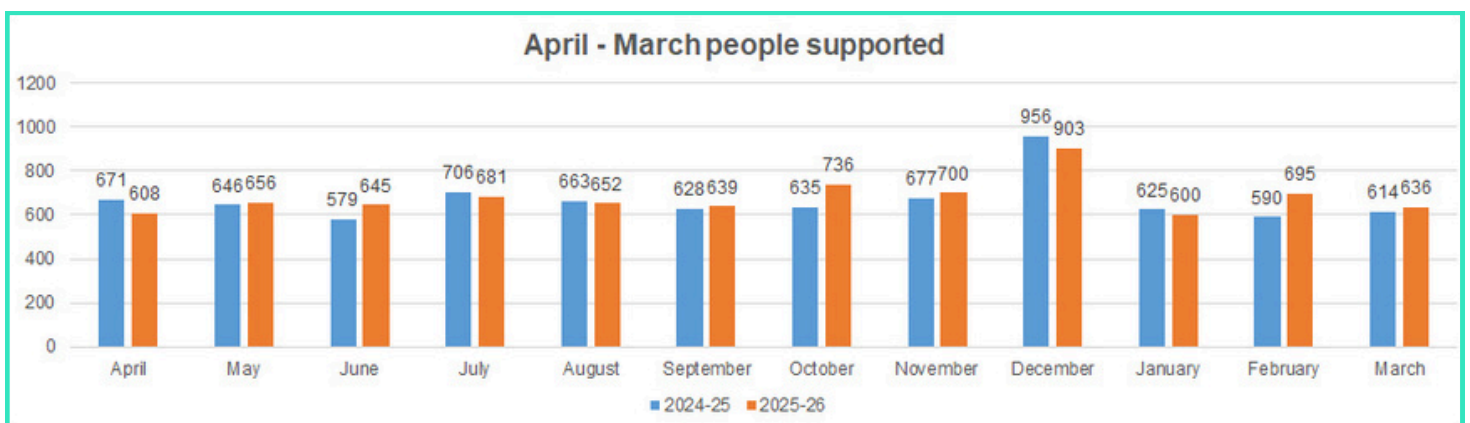
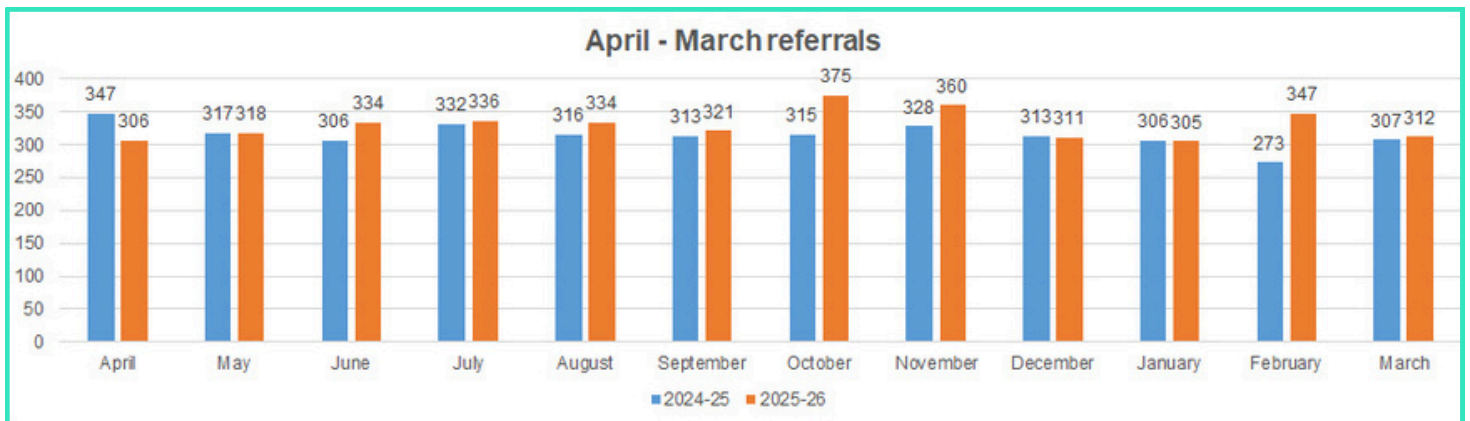
During the period of April 2025 to March 2026 we experienced a slight increase in the number of referrals received and the number of people supported. This has been the first increase in several years but looking at the month-to-month comparisons numbers are close to those of the year before with only a couple of spikes. In total we received 3,959 referrals (5% increase) and supported 8,151 people (2% increase).

Although the overall increase is slight there were some significant demographic increases. The number of adults aged 17 - 24 increased by 26% and the number of adults over 65 increased by 38%.

We are still spending over £3,000 per month on stock and have had to make a few small changes to what is included in a parcel. This is only possible due to the monetary donations that we receive from the community and we appreciate this support immensely.

We would like to thank all our funders for supporting our work, and everyone who has donated food or money to the foodbank service.

Finally, we would like to say a special thank you to our amazing team of volunteers who are so dedicated in all that they do.



Big Blue mobile pantry service

Big Blue has become a familiar site around Moray and we are thrilled by the welcome we have received from local communities.

Membership has increased to 412 and we now stop at 30 villages over the course of the month sometimes travelling up to 350 miles a week! We have saved almost 22 tonnes of quality surplus food from waste and have had 3,681 visits over the year.

We have increased the number of outreach activities to include nature walks, holiday craft sessions, zero waste cooking, murder mystery fun, quizzes, and community meals.



Thank you to The National Lottery Fund and The Robertson Trust for their funding support.



Food hub

This year we supported many Moray community groups by distributing almost 28 tonnes of quality surplus food to help clients and activities.

We also maintained service to local community larders by providing nearly 8 tonnes of food avoiding the need to refer for emergency food provision.

Nourish

We were delighted to expand our nourish work and this year delivered 75 sessions to 100 people. We worked in partnership with schools in Forres, Buckie, Rothes, and Keith and look forward to working in Knockando and Kinloss next year.

Thank you to The Ashworth Charitable Trust, Andrew Chrystalls Fund, Tesco blue tokens, and Berry Burn Community Fund for providing the funding to make this work possible.



The Bosie

We've had another successful year at The Bosie delivering 325 sessions to 420 children and 962 adults. Sessions have included cooking, supper clubs, craft sessions, parenting groups, and holiday activities. We have increased more of the intensive one-to-one sessions and have also worked with more new organisations than before.

Thank you to the David And Averil Macdonald Fund, Truelight Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation, and Sainsbury's Stardust Grants for supporting us and the work that we do.



Combat Poverty

We were delighted to receive funding from the Energy Redress Scheme to expand our Combat Poverty service to include energy advice.

Lewis came into post in July and had the service up and running in the space of a few weeks! Since then he has been busy issuing emergency vouchers, showing people how to use their heating systems, given fuel debt

advice, supported people changing meters or switching suppliers, referred to other funding schemes, and given advice on renewables. He has also met with partner organisations to make them aware of the service and given talks to various groups.

From July 2025 to the end of March 2026 the service has received 245 referrals and Lewis has supported 207 clients; he has issued 90 emergency fuel vouchers and provided a total of £18,883 in energy voucher support.

Wendy continues to be incredibly busy with the money advice service and has found that cases are becoming increasingly complex.

From April 2025 to March 2026, Wendy supported 230 people and secured an amazing £1,195,380 in unclaimed benefits and grants for clients.

Both services illustrate our commitment to the cash first approach.



Family support and school based work

We have had a very busy year working on a 1:1 basis with 15 families comprising of 16 adults and 25 children.

We have increased the amount of work being delivered in schools including running 27 kitbag groups and 10 supper clubs.

We also had lots of fun delivering activities during the school holidays with 13 sessions reaching over 100 children.

Thank you to all the schools who have welcomed us in but in particular to Rothies Primary who allowed us to trial new ways of

delivering our money advice service to families and money awareness sessions to the children.



Garden project

Our partnership project with The Moray Council Community Justice Service has had a bumper year and we continued harvesting well into the winter. Our new crops of kohlrabi and celeriac did well and we are excited at the possibilities for next year.

The winter has been spent revamping inside the polytunnel and preparing for the new growing season - we can't wait!

Thank you

A BIG thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who gave an amazing 8,200 hours of their time supporting our work. We are particularly thankful to our volunteer drivers who have been out in all weather to ensure food parcels are delivered.

Thank you to all our funders who enable us to deliver work that makes a real difference.

