

Notice of an event

Charities operate in a apolitical manner but it doesn't mean we should sit quietly when there is injustice. Clay Cross Foodbank are hosting an event on behalf of anyone in North East Derbyshire who has experience or is concerned about food poverty in the UK. We hope that in the future foodbanks will not be needed. We would like our local MP to work towards ending food poverty. We have invited all NED MP candidates to attend this event (4 have confirmed, one has sent apologies but would like to meet at a different time and one is yet to confirm) and we would love as many people as possible to come and stand with us to say they care about people being unable to purchase their own food in North East Derbyshire. It will be a chance to talk to your North East Derbyshire MP candidates about your experiences, concerns and hopes about food poverty. It will be politically neutral and no favour will be shown to any individual party. Food projects in North east Derbyshire, North East Derbyshire Citizens Advice, Churches, social groups and individuals have all been invited.

We will also be collecting ambient food to share with all attending food projects from North East Derbyshire. So if you can afford it it would be great if you could bring an item along. If you could do a collection at your church and some of you could bring it with you when you come it would be a real blessing.

Lay it On the Table - let's end food poverty.

Thursday June 20th 12-2 pm. St Bartholomew's Church.

Agenda

12-1 - we gather for a drink and share stories of our experiences, concerns and hopes. A chance to record these on a table cloth for the candidates to read.

1-2 - Candidates are welcomed, brief awareness of the issues regarding food poverty, candidates have a chance to respond and then spend time chatting one to one with constituents.

We would be very grateful if you could spread the word to anybody you feel is concerned for the need of foodbanks and other food projects. Here is a link to our Facebook post if you would like to share it.

[INVITATION to all in North East Derbyshire... - Clay Cross Foodbank | Facebook](#)

If you would like to know about what we are asking of our MP's we are in support of this campaign being run by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and the Trussell Trust and is supported by over 90 charities. Guarantee our essentials. The current social security system is not currently covering the basic essentials needed, including food.

[Guarantee our Essentials: reforming Universal Credit to ensure we can all afford the essentials in hard times | Joseph Rowntree Foundation \(jrf.org.uk\)](#)

Please do not hesitate to ask me any questions.

It would be encouraging and helpful to know if anyone is planning to attend. Please stand with us so the candidates know it's not only the foodbank concerned about people needing to use them in 2024.

Kind Regards

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