

Press Release

Food bank receives helping hand from water company

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Roger Harrington, SBW's Managing Director, presents a £200 cheque to Sandy Williams, Co-ordinator, The Community Food Bank.

A Food Bank which has assisted dozens of cash-strapped families in its first six months has itself received a helping hand from Sembcorp Bournemouth Water (SBW).

The Community Food Bank covers the Kinson and West Howe areas of Bournemouth where up to 37 per cent of children are classed as living in poverty.

Since opening its doors last November a total of 257 adults and 189 children have been helped by the food bank which is based at St Andrew's Church Centre in Millhams Road, Kinson.

Organisers have now been presented with a £200 donation by Roger Harrington, SBW's Managing Director. The money will be used to top-up food supplies as well as pay for toiletries and other essentials.

Mr Harrington said: "Our water supply service reaches just about every property in the region. We are conscious that some people find it really hard to cope and are pleased to be able to assist in a small way to target those most in need with basic essentials."

The Community Food Bank was established in partnership with Faithworks, Bournemouth council, housing associations and other agencies.

Sandy Williams, Co-ordinator, said people who were working but finding it difficult to survive were just as eligible for food donations as those who were on benefit.

She added: "Many people where both adults are working can easily find themselves in need of a little support. Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) issue our red vouchers and I urge anyone experiencing financial difficulty to speak to a CAB adviser. We can also help with budget coaching and debt advice."

"We'd like to offer our special thanks to Sembcorp Bournemouth Water and Roger Harrington for their generous donation of £200. This will be put towards buying items that become low stock."

Anyone who can offer support to the Community Food Bank is asked to ring 01202 570010 or email communityfb@hotmail.co.uk

- Latest figures from the Trussell Trust, which runs more than 200 food banks across the country, revealed record numbers of people are turning to charity to help feed their families. Last year the trust fed nearly 129,000 people.