



Newsletter

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Hello and welcome to the 4th pantry newsletter.

There are now four pantries in Stockport, with Mottram Street Pantry and Pantry at Number 5 the most recent additions to the family.

Mottram Street is open to those living in the town centre but also welcomes residents from across Stockport who don't have access to their own local pantry.

Pantry at Number 5 is available to residents living in the Adswood and Bridgehall areas and is already fully subscribed after just three months, but you can add your name to the waiting list or join another Pantry until a space becomes available.

In total, the four pantries have welcomed over 2,600 customers through the doors since April, which shows



what a valued resource they have become.

Fresh meat now available!

We're always working hard to increase the variety and quantity of stock available in the pantry and we're pleased to announce that fresh meat is now available. Products will vary week from week so you never know what goodies are going to be in stock – but always a pleasant surprise! Please feel free to use the pantry suggestion box to let us know what items you'd like to see on the shelves.

Storing frozen or chilled products

A freezer bag and two thermometers have been issued to all pantry members to ensure that any frozen, chilled or meat products arrive home in perfect condition. One thermometer should be placed in your fridge and the other in your freezer. You will be asked to sign and confirm that your fridge and freezer are at the correct temperature. Please remember your freezer bag, you won't be able to complete your shop if you don't.



Seasonal competitions

At the pantry we offer more than just food supplies so we're pleased to confirm the dates of our new seasonally themed competitions:

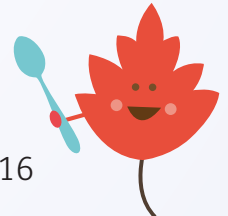


Summer Ice Lolly Comp

22 July – 31 August 2016

Autumn Soup Competition

24 October – 28 October 2016



Winter Stew Competition

20 February – 24 February 2017

Easter Competition

3 April – 17 April 2017



For further details please enquire at your local pantry or visit our Facebook pages.

Pantry facts:



Interested in volunteering?

It's thanks to our loyal volunteer teams that we're able to open the doors of the pantry to local communities. We're always looking for new recruits.

If you'd like to find out more about the roles available please contact **Anna Jones** on
 0161 474 4760 or
 anna.jones@stockporthomes.org

Improvements to Your Local Pantry

At Your Local Pantry we are constantly looking at ways to improve the service and the range of goods we supply. To make the most out of the weekly FareShare delivery the Pantries will be changing their opening days – this means that there will be a significant increase in the variety and quantity of stock available.

The proposals are as follows:



Opening times:

Tuesday	3.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday	10.00am – 12.00pm

Pantry cash office
at Stonemill Reception:
Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 10.00am – 11.00am



Opening times:

Thursday	3.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday	10.00am – 12.00pm

Pantry cash office
at First House:
Thursday 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Friday 10.00am – 11.00am



Opening times:

Thursday	3.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday	10.00am – 12.00pm

Pantry cash office
at Fred Perry House:
Thursday 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Friday 10.00am – 11.00am



Opening times:

Thursday	3.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday	10.00am – 12.00pm

Pantry cash office
at Bridgehall:
Thursday 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Friday 10.00am – 11.00am

If you have any comments please complete the form below and submit in the suggestion box which is located in the pantry shop by **31 August 2016**.

Comments form – please return to suggestion box by **31 August 2016**.

Membership number / Name

Comment