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### Chairman's Charity is Albrighton Food Bank

One of the first duties for the newly elected Chairman for Albrighton Parish Council has been to declare his support to Albrighton Food Bank as his chosen charity for his term.

Councillor Adrian Robinson was elected at the parish council meeting in May as the Chairman of Albrighton Parish Council for the next 12 months, and has pledged £100.00 from the Chairman's allowance to kick start the collection of none perishable food items for Albrighton Food Bank.

Councillor Robinson said; *'I am honoured to have been elected as the Chairman of the Council for the next 12 months and I wanted my term to be an opportunity where I can give back to my community and also raise awareness of Albrighton Food Bank'*.

*'Albrighton has an amazing network of community groups, volunteers and organisations that work tirelessly to help and improve the lives of our residents and our community. I wanted to build on these strong links and work together to help those in our community who are worried about the economic situation or may find themselves in a time of need'*.

There has been a donation point set up in the Parish Office and Library, where anyone who wishes to donate none perishable food and toiletries can bring their donations and the Parish Council will ensure all items are delivered directly to Albrighton Food Bank. The Parish Office and Library building is open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm and on a Saturday 10.00am to 1.00pm, where all donations will be gratefully received.

Donation items include: breakfast cereals, tinned meat products, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, pasta, pasta sauces, rice, cordial, long life milk, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, jars of coffee, tea bags, sugar, biscuits and jam.

Albrighton Food Bank was set up by the ministry team and parishioners at St Mary Magdalene, Albrighton, to help families in crisis in the local communities of Albrighton, Boningale and Donington.

Reverend Jess Harper said, *'We are extremely pleased that Adrian is supporting the Food Bank as his chosen charity for this year and really grateful for the partnership with the Parish Council. The donation point at the parish office and library increases times for people to donate and is in a central location within the village'*.

Albrighton Food Bank has seen an increase in local people needing its support, this is due to people's finances being hit by the coronavirus and the increase in costs for essential items.

The Albrighton Foodbank distributes 10 to 12 food parcels per week to the local community and they are preparing for this to increase in the next 12 months.

Albrighton Food Bank: If you need help or if some you know needs help, please contact St Mary's Church Centre Office on 01902 373160. A referral from a frontline professional or agency is not required to access this service.



**Councillor Adrian Robinson, Chairman of Albrighton Parish Council donation to Chairman's Charity – Albrighton Food Bank**