

social value case study

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Protecting a community lifeline

Gateway Foodbank is based in Barnsley and has been running for a decade, serving as a lifeline for the surrounding community. Starting out with 20-30 parcels per week it now provides up to 120.

Founder, Stephanie Aplin-Wakefield has dedicated herself to the foodbank, often going above and beyond to make sure it has the right storage equipment, that it follows regulations and that it provides what the individuals or families need.

What did we do?

The foodbank is part of and based in Gateway Church, a community-owned and run independent church. It's based in a small building that's used for multi-faith groups and Christian-led poverty support and numerous other groups. It's also widely recognised as one of the best run foodbanks in the wider area.

So, when the storage room had a leak from an unknown source that led to standing water and dampness, Stephanie was concerned about being able to fix it and ultimately, keep the foodbank open. She had been given a short time scale to fix the leak by inspectors.



The storage room



After the leak was fixed



Luckily for Stephanie, someone that she knows, works for AmcoGiffen and a plea for help was passed to a local team who were able to visit the location and assess the damage.

The leak had been caused by a missing brick which the team replaced, along with rendering and membrane. Solving the cause of the leak.

Above and beyond

The footpath to the foodbank storage entrance at the back of the church was dangerous, full of potholes and volunteers had to take food donations and parcels up and down the steps and through the church to avoid using the path.

When faced with leftover tarmac at a job nearby, the team knew exactly what to do. It was redirected to Gateway Church to fix the potholes. Ensuring the safety of the volunteers, preventing the tarmac being sent to waste, and protecting the future of Gateway Foodbank, which is a lifeline for the community.