

The Salvation Army Felixstowe

Summer Holiday Club

During the summer of 2022 Felixstowe Town Council funded the delivery of Summer Holiday Club for children. This Club was then followed by a meal for the whole family.

We are pleased to report that over 25 children accessed the Holiday Club. The Club was themed "Under the Sea" and included lots of games, crafts and singing. Biblebased stories led to conversations about looking after God's creation and encouraged the children to know that they were all wonderfully made by God.



Over a period of four weeks, we provided over 200 hot meals to about 60 individuals. The meals were greatly appreciated by all participants and included favourites such as roast dinner and fruit crumble and custard. A highlight of the meals was seeing families sharing a meal around a table. Due to volunteer staff shortages on the last two Mondays of August, we provided the families with supermarket vouchers so that they could prepare their own meals (These vouchers were purchased with Salvation Army funds).

Our aims for this project were three-fold. Firstly, we wanted to foster social interaction with other children while schools were closed for the summer. Secondly,

we wanted to support families during economically challenging times. Thirdly, we wanted to provide an opportunity to strengthen family cohesion by offering them the chance to sit together while enjoying a meal and, hopefully, conversation.

It is important to point out that we were not alone in this venture. Other churches and groups also participated on other days of the week over the same time period.



We are extremely thankful to Felixstowe Town Council for funding this project.

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