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FOODBANK APPEAL LAUNCHED BY LOCAL MP

Local MP Corri Wilson is calling on residents in Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock to help local foodbanks feed people in crisis as she opens her office to donations of much needed food this month.

Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. A simple box of food makes a big difference, with foodbanks helping prevent crime, housing loss, family breakdown and mental health problems. People can be referred to a foodbank by a wide range of care professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers and police, who identify people in crisis and issue them with a foodbank voucher, which can be redeemed for three days' emergency food.

Ms Wilson said:

“The people of Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock have proved their generosity time and again, and I am confident they will come through once more for some of our most vulnerable families.

“The rise in food bank use across Ayrshire has been an issue for some time now. As austerity continues to bite, hard up families are struggling to put food on the table. Cuts in benefits, zero hour contracts and low wages all conspire to make feeding a family a real challenge for many.

“I am only able to take specific items, so donations of tinned or packet custard, tinned vegetables and fruit, tinned or packet potatoes, tinned main meals like curry, stew or chicken casserole, cereals like Corn Flakes, Rice Krispies or Weetabix, dried packet rice, diluting juice and biscuits will be gratefully received. Tea, coffee and sugar are also welcome.”

All donations can be dropped off at the Constituency Office at 45a Fort Street in Ayr, between 11am and 3pm, Monday to Friday, between 14th – 25th November. If people are unable to come into the office, they can call 01292 288623 and staff can advise on the nearest foodbank drop-off point.

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