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| **A Message from our Manager Marion**An update and a plea for help.... As you may know the Covid 19 Pandemic has had a significant impact on our charity – forcing us to completely relocate. A move, that would normally be months in the planning, has happened in less than three weeks. Thanks to the amazing generosity of Stratford Methodist Church we are now distributing emergency food parcels from the Methodist Church Centre in Old Town. We hope soon to bring you details of how you can bring food donations directly to us, but whilst we work out the safest way to do that please continue to use our supermarket collections points. We are so grateful to our local stores of Tesco, Waitrose, Morrisons, Sainsbury on Bridge Street and Budgens at Bidford for keeping this life line open to us. At the moment we would particularly welcome donations of UHT milk and UHT juice.It’s an overused phrase – but we are in strange and previously unimaginable days. But it is an absolute honour to lead this charity at this time – but TBH I do very little – it's all down to our volunteers, who have refused to let this emergency situation stop us delivering this essential service to our local community - a service that shouldn’t need to exist - but one we will continue as long as there is need. Since the start of lock down on the 23rd March we have provided 172 emergecy food parcels, 37% of which went to children - all of these going to those in financial crisis. However, we fear this may be the tip of the iceberg – we are hearing reports that Universal Credit claims have significantly risen since lock down, and a regrettable increases in UC often results in greater foodbank usage. Food donations always help us but cash donations are also very welcome, as that allows us to adapt to what is rapidly changing situation. So…. I’m wondering if you might help Stratford upon Avon Foodbank to benefit from the 2.6 challenge!....read on to find out more…..Please read on for ideas about how you can support us at this time.  If you’d like to get in touch please contact me at info@stratforduponavon.foodbank.org.uk |

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