

Case Study



Horizon funds new electric van for Rural Food Bank

The Rural Food Bank will soon be hitting the roads of Anglesey in a brand new electric van following a donation from the Horizon Charitable Donations, Community Support & Sponsorship scheme.

Providing vital services to those in need can be challenging, but when your services cover over 700 square kilometres of rural countryside, that challenge can quickly seem impossible.

The Rural Food Bank provides one week's emergency food to local people who are in crisis; in 2016 1,256 emergency food supplies were distributed on Anglesey. As part of a nationwide network of food banks, supported by The Trussell Trust, the Rural Food Bank works to combat poverty and hunger across the island.

The need for a delivery service arose when it became apparent that some people were unable to travel to collection centres due to disability or lack of funds. As a project funded by local churches and community groups and supported exclusively by volunteers, sourcing a cost effective mode of transport was a must.

The Rural Food Bank applied to Horizon's Charitable Donations, Community Support & Sponsorship scheme to raise funds towards purchasing a fully electric van that would dramatically reduce running costs, saving around £100 per week in fuel and reducing the organisation's carbon footprint.

Martin Brook, Liaison Officer at The Rural Food Bank said: *"We are the only Foodbank that delivers on Anglesey and we currently provide support to 30 individuals and families each week, which sadly is a growing figure."*

"The new van will allow us to reach those most in need and ensure that more funding goes towards providing support rather than transport."

To learn more about The Rural Food Bank you can visit their [website](#) or follow their [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for all their latest updates. If you'd like to find out more about the community support Horizon offers and how you could apply then please visit www.horizonnuclearpower.com/community-support.



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