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Bishop's Stortford Food Bank has appointed its new Chair of Trustees – Jim Tatchell

This January, Bishop's Stortford Food Bank welcomed Jim Tatchell as its new Chair of Trustees. Jim has been the Treasurer for the Food Bank for the last six years and is very much a part of the local community. He is a local businessman, Vice-President of the Stort Valley Rotary Club and co-founder of the charity Helping Herts. He said, "I look forward to carrying on the amazing work that was put in place by previous Chairs of Trustees Bill Macdonald and Mione Goldspink, as we aim to reach even more deeply into our community to help even more people in need."

The Food Bank in Bishop's Stortford has changed a great deal since it first opened in 2012. It is now managed by two members of staff and a large team of very committed volunteers. Jim acknowledged them all when he said "the amazing care and professionalism of the staff and volunteers at Bishop's Stortford Food Bank is testament to Bill and Mione's leadership, together with a truly remarkable board of Trustees. It is a real honour to be chosen as the new Chair, and I have a really hard act to follow."

Despite Bishop's Stortford and the surrounding area being relatively affluent compared to other parts of the UK, there are still people in need. Many still fall on unexpectedly hard times and the Food Bank is there to provide that vital safety net for them. After his appointment, Jim expressed his wish to the Trustees that the Food Bank no longer be needed in the town, but he also acknowledged that demand in the community for practical support is still very high. He added "the Food Bank in Bishop's Stortford is constantly evolving our offer to help address some of the root causes of the challenges that many people face." He wants to continue to support the team at the Food Bank in working ever more closely with Citizens Advice East Herts, Clarion Housing and other partner agencies. He and his fellow Trustees believe that this

collaboration will continue to see real progress being made with clients facing complex situations.

Jim concluded by saying that he would like to “express his gratitude for the tremendous support and encouragement that the Food Bank receives from the whole community in Bishop’s Stortford.”



Jim Tatchell