

The Footy Foodbank Tour

Spring – Summer 2021



Collecting donations
for Foodbanks
across the North



The Motivation



To Turf Moor

To Bramall Lane

Supporting Football Foodbanks

To Elland Road

To the Keepmoat Stadium

To Old Trafford





Introduction

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Its such a tragedy of our times that we live in a country that has one of the richest economies yet there has been a dramatic rise in the reliance on Foodbanks. There are now twice as many Foodbanks as there are McDonalds.

We first met Dave and Ian and the crew at Fans Supporting Foodbanks as part of a Hillsborough 30th Anniversary Tribute walk in April 2019. The work that they do and the support they get at every Everton or Liverpool home match is quite humbling. On the same event, we also supported the Leeds United Fans Foodbank manned by another group of selfless individuals. Its fair to say that the concept of foodbanks linked to Football clubs is becoming very common. There are many teams across Yorkshire and Lancashire and the north east who are actively supporting foodbanks. We wondered what we could do to help.

As the season finishes in mid May for 3 months, the opportunities to collect from crowds disappear for a quarter of the year. However hunger doesn't disappear. So our plan is to stage an event, a challenge that brings together supporters of many clubs to stage collections of food on one weekend in the close season. Lets show our support. Please get behind this venture.

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Liverpool fan
Redwood Events

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Leeds United fan
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Many charity walks are all about fundraising, getting people to part with cash in support of worthy causes. This is not our intention. Our aim is to encourage fans of clubs on the route to some and welcome the walkers on arrival at their grounds and bring with them donations of non-perishable foods.

Our aim is to arrange for the Foodbank collection points at as many of the grounds on the route as possible. At a time of the year when football is in close season, it would be so amazing if football fans can continue to show their support for their local community by coming along with food parcels

BEST ITEMS TO DONATE

1. Cereal
2. Soup
3. Pasta
4. Rice
5. Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce
6. Lentils, beans and pulses
7. Tinned meat
8. Tinned vegetables
9. Tea/coffee
10. Tinned fruit
11. Biscuits
12. UHT milk
13. Fruit juice



The Event



The key to the event is that it is a walk that visits 24 football grounds, not just those with an official club Foodbank initiative. The route will be split into three with three teams of walkers recruited from Foodbank support teams across the north. Each section will take around 24 hours to walk. There are no stops other than 10 minutes at each ground for a photo call.

Each 24 hour section is split into 20 legs of around 4 miles each. A team of 12 is recruited for this 80 mile section and each will be allocated 5 of those sections to walk in a group of 3. The rest will rest in a support minibus.

Team 1 will cover Doncaster Rovers to Huddersfield Town. Team 2 will take over and complete a route around Manchester before finishing at Rochdale. The final team, Team 3, takes over at Rochdale and walk up and around Lancashire before finishing at Everton.

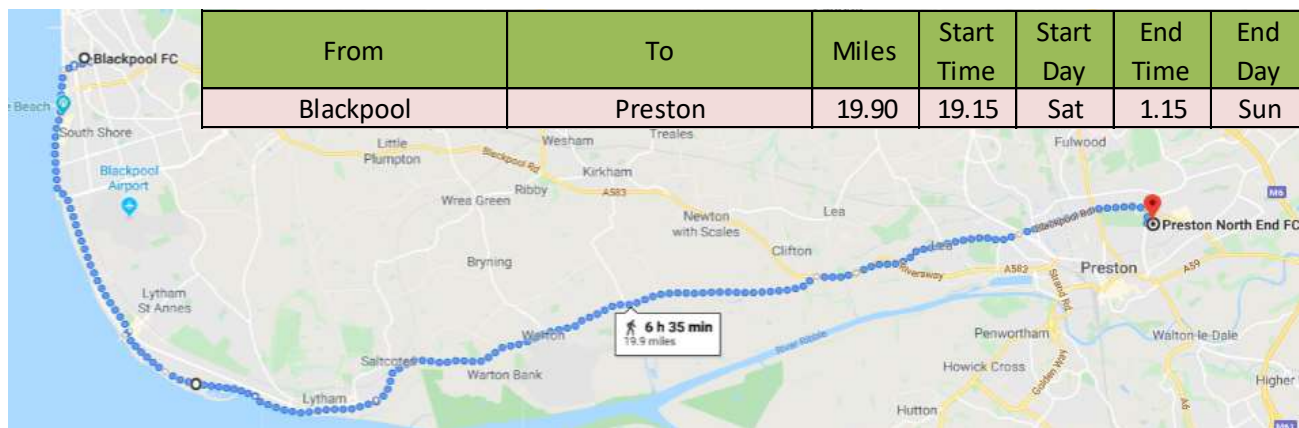
Stage	From	To	Miles	Start Time	Start Day	End Time	End Day
1	Doncaster Rovers	Rotherham United	17.87	9.00	Thu	14.22	Thu
2	Rotherham United	Sheffield United	7.20	14.32	Thu	16.41	Thu
3	Sheffield United	Sheffield Wednesday	3.97	16.51	Thu	18.02	Thu
4	Sheffield Wednesday	Barnsley	11.60	18.12	Thu	21.40	Thu
5	Barnsley	Leeds United	18.99	21.50	Thu	3.41	Fri
6	Leeds United	Bradford City	9.63	3.51	Fri	6.44	Fri
7	Bradford City	Halifax	8.80	6.54	Fri	9.32	Fri
8	Halifax	Huddersfield Town	7.67	9.42	Fri	12.00	Fri
9	Huddersfield Town	Oldham Athletic	19.37	12.30	Fri	18.19	Fri
10	Oldham Athletic	Manchester City	6.68	18.29	Fri	20.50	Fri
11	Manchester City	Stockport County	6.89	21.00	Fri	23.04	Fri
12	Stockport County	Manchester United	8.21	23.14	Fri	1.42	Sat
13	Manchester United	Salford City	4.42	1.52	Sat	3.12	Sat
14	Salford City	Bolton Wanderers	13.94	3.22	Sat	7.25	Sat
15	Bolton Wanderers	Bury	11.51	7.35	Sat	11.12	Sat
16	Bury	Rochdale	6.20	11.22	Sat	13.14	Sat
17	Rochdale	Burnley	14.90	13.30	Sat	17.59	Sat
18	Burnley	Accrington Stanley	7.03	18.09	Sat	20.15	Sat
19	Accrington Stanley	Blackburn Rovers	6.59	20.25	Sat	22.23	Sat
20	Blackburn Rovers	Preston North End	10.42	22.33	Sat	1.41	Sun
21	Preston North End	Wigan Athletic	18.50	1.51	Sun	7.25	Sun
22	Wigan Athletic	Everton	16.91	7.35	Sun	12.39	Sun
23	Everton	Liverpool	0.77	13.01	Sun	13.15	Sun



There are other clubs in the north who have their own football Foodbank initiatives. Practicality and distance suggests it would be difficult to bring them into the main event so we have looked at ways to involve them

Blackpool FC

To Include Blackpool would send the main route a long way out of its way and impact the timings. The nearest ground to Blackpool is Preston. As the main walkers on the main route are all looking to cover 20 miles each, we can involve Blackpool by plotting a 20 mile route from Blackpool to Preston along the coast via Lytham St Annes and Lytham. We could time it so they arrive close to the time the main team arrives from Blackburn Rovers



The North East

There is too much distance between Middlesbrough and Leeds to make it part of the main walk. However, they could have their own even running on a different weekend or concurrently. There is a route of around 40 miles between the three clubs with Foodbanks in the north – Middlesbrough, Sunderland and Newcastle. With a similar concept to the main event, a team walk could be arranged here. This could be seen as part of the overall Footy Foodbank Tour and ensure that all the teams across the north are represented.

Stage	From	To	Miles	Start Time	Start Day	End Time	End Day
1	Middlesbrough	Hartlepool	9.60	7.00	Sat	9.53	Sat
2	Hartlepool	Sunderland	19.30	10.03	Sat	15.50	Sat
3	Sunderland	Gateshead	9.70	16.00	Sat	18.53	Sat
4	Gateshead	Newcastle	2.50	19.03	Sat	19.48	Sat





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How do we make this happen?

There are a number of challenges to be overcome if this is to take place. So what do we need?

Supporting the Core Teams

- We need to find a main sponsor for each of the three core teams willing to provide £300 to pay for the costs of the event for that team. This will cover core team t-shirts, minibus hire and fuel, event banner and minibus signs.
- We will need to recruit a core team of 12 walkers for each event, ideally split between the supporters of the clubs with foodbanks each day
 - Team 1 from Doncaster, Sheff Utd, Sheff Wed & Leeds
 - Team 2 from Huddersfield, Man City, Man Utd & Bolton
 - Team 3 from Burnley, Liverpool & Everton
- For Blackpool and the North East, if they take place, we will need to look for further sponsors there.

Foodbank Support

- We need to mobilise all football related foodbank teams to be ready at their grounds when the walkers are due to arrive. Obviously the timing is not always perfect for this with arrival at ground being at all times of day or night. Where this timing is not ideal, we can look at how we get around that.
- How do we get publicity to get fans to come down to make donations. Can we get local companies involved?
- At the grounds where they don't have a club related foodbank initiative, can we engender support from foodbanks in the vicinity to make collections at their stadiums as we pass.



To be replaced by real designs once created

T-shirts and Hoodies

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“Football Doesn’t Wear Club Colours” is a well used and appropriate phrase when it comes to supporting Foodbanks. It describes, for example, the fantastic way that Everton and Liverpool put rivalries aside to support this hugely worthy cause. Our core teams will wear t-shirts in colours with no connection to the clubs visited.

- Team 1 – Doncaster to Huddersfield – Will wear neon pink t-shirts
- Team 2 – Huddersfield to Rochdale – Will wear neon orange t-shirts
- Team 3 – Rochdale to Everton – Will wear neon yellow t-shirts

There will be hoodies available in three colours too. Participants can buy these in Red, Blue and Black

If the north east event takes place, they will have green t-shirts designed.



The Route





Day 1 – Doncaster Rovers to Huddersfield Town

Stage	From	To	Miles	Start Time	Start Day	End Time	End Day	Walkers		
1	Doncaster Rovers	Warmsworth	3.56	9.00	Thu	10.04	Thu	Tony Currie	Billy Bremner	Emlyn Hughes
2	Warmsworth	Conisbrough	4.81	10.04	Thu	11.31	Thu	Stephen Darby	David Hirst	Frank Worthington
3	Conisbrough	Thrybergh	4.95	11.31	Thu	13.00	Thu	Mark Viduka	Paul Dickov	Benito Carbone
4	Thrybergh	Rotherham United	4.55	13.00	Thu	14.22	Thu	Chris Wilder	Neil Mellor	Dominic Matteo
5	Rotherham United	Sheffield Arena	3.80	14.32	Thu	15.40	Thu	Tony Currie	David Hirst	Benito Carbone
6	Sheffield Arena	Sheffield United	3.40	15.40	Thu	16.41	Thu	Mark Viduka	Neil Mellor	Emlyn Hughes
7	Sheffield United	Sheffield Wednesday	3.97	16.51	Thu	18.02	Thu	Stephen Darby	Billy Bremner	Dominic Matteo
8	Sheffield Wednesday	High Green	4.00	18.12	Thu	19.24	Thu	Chris Wilder	Paul Dickov	Frank Worthington
9	High Green	Birdwell	3.80	19.24	thu	20.32	Thu	Tony Currie	Neil Mellor	Stephen Darby
10	Birdwell	Barnsley	3.80	20.32	Fri	21.40	Thu	David Hirst	Paul Dickov	Mark Viduka
11	Barnsley	Woolley	4.86	21.50	Fri	23.27	Fri	Emlyn Hughes	Dominic Matteo	Frank Worthington
12	Woolley	Belle Vue	4.55	23.27	Fri	0.49	Fri	Chris Wilder	Billy Bremner	Benito Carbone
13	Belle Vue	Thorpe On The Hill	4.96	0.49	Fri	2.18	Fri	Mark Viduka	Neil Mellor	Dominic Matteo
14	Thorpe On The Hill	Leeds United	4.62	2.18	Fri	3.41	Fri	Tony Currie	Chris Wilder	Frank Worthington
15	Leeds United	Pudsey	4.97	3.51	Fri	5.20	Fri	David Hirst	Billy Bremner	Stephen Darby
16	Stanningley	Bradford City	4.66	5.20	Fri	6.44	Fri	Emlyn Hughes	Paul Dickov	Benito Carbone
17	Bradford City	Shelf	4.41	6.54	Fri	8.13	Fri	Mark Viduka	Chris Wilder	Stephen Darby
18	Shelf	Halifax Town	4.39	8.13	Fri	9.32	Fri	David Hirst	Neil Mellor	Benito Carbone
19	Halifax Town	Blackley	3.83	9.42	Fri	10.51	Fri	Tony Currie	Paul Dickov	Dominic Matteo
20	Blackley	Huddersfield Town	3.84	10.51	Fri	12.00	Fri	Emlyn Hughes	Billy Bremner	Frank Worthington





Day 2 – Huddersfield Town to Rochdale

Stage	From	To	Miles	Start Time	Start Day	End Time	End Day	Walkers		
21	Huddersfield Town	Salendine Nook	3.34	12.30	Fri	13.30	Fri	Jamie Hoyland	Francis Lee	Colin Bell
22	Salendine Nook	Pole Moor	3.00	13.30	Fri	14.24	Fri	John McGinlay	Alex Stepney	David Lee
23	Pole Moor	Saddleworth Moor	3.48	14.24	Fri	15.27	Fri	Roger Palmer	Tony Kelly	Rick Holden
24	Saddleworth Moor	Denshaw	4.92	15.27	Fri	16.56	Fri	Mike Summerbee	Yaya Toure	Ryan Giggs
25	Denshaw	Oldham Athletic	4.63	16.56	Fri	18.19	Fri	Jamie Hoyland	Alex Stepney	Rick Holden
26	Oldham Athletic	Failsworth Pole	3.59	18.29	Fri	19.34	Fri	Roger Palmer	Yaya Toure	Colin Bell
27	Failsworth Pole	Manchester City	3.09	19.34	Fri	20.50	Fri	John McGinlay	Francis Lee	Ryan Giggs
28	Manchester City	Levenshulme	3.84	21.00	Fri	22.09	Sat	Mike Summerbee	Tony Kelly	David Lee
29	Levenshulme	Stockport County	3.05	22.09	Fri	23.04	Sat	Jamie Hoyland	Yaya Toure	John McGinlay
30	Stockport County	Didsbury	3.65	23.14	Fri	0.20	Sat	Alex Stepney	Tony Kelly	Roger Palmer
31	Didsbury	Manchester United	4.56	0.20	Fri	1.42	Sat	Colin Bell	Ryan Giggs	David Lee
32	Manchester United	Salford City	4.42	1.52	Sat	3.12	Sat	Mike Summerbee	Francis Lee	Rick Holden
33	Salford City	Linnysshaw	4.80	3.22	Sat	4.50	Sat	Roger Palmer	Yaya Toure	Ryan Giggs
34	Linnysshaw	Four Lane Ends	4.39	4.50	Sat	5.59	Sat	Jamie Hoyland	Mike Summerbee	David Lee
35	Four Lane Ends	Bolton Wanderers	4.75	5.59	Sat	7.25	Sat	Alex Stepney	Francis Lee	John McGinlay
36	Bolton Wanderers	Queens Park	3.95	7.35	Sat	8.56	Sat	Colin Bell	Tony Kelly	Rick Holden
37	Queens Park	Bradley Fold	3.85	8.56	Sat	10.05	Sat	Roger Palmer	Mike Summerbee	John McGinlay
38	Bradley Fold	Bury	3.71	10.05	Sat	11.12	Sat	Alex Stepney	Yaya Toure	Rick Holden
39	Bury	Jericho	3.06	11.22	Sat	12.17	Sat	Jamie Hoyland	Tony Kelly	Ryan Giggs
40	Jericho	Rochdale	3.14	12.17	Sat	13.14	Sat	Colin Bell	Francis Lee	David Lee





Day 3 – Rochdale to Everton

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Stage	From	To	Miles	Start Time	Start Day	End Time	End Day	Walkers		
41	Rochdale	Whitworth	3.80	13.30	Sat	14.38	Sat	Peter Noble	Graeme Sharp	Steven Gerrard
42	Whitworth	Bacup	3.70	14.38	Sat	15.45	Sat	Kenny Dalglish	Sadio Mane	Ashley Barnes
43	Bacup	Crown Point Rd	3.70	15.45	Sat	16.52	Sat	Chris Sutton	Tom Finney	Alan Shearer
44	Crown Point Rd	Burnley	3.70	16.52	Sat	17.59	Sat	Bob Latchford	Will Grigg	Seamus Coleman
45	Burnley	Hapton	3.84	18.09	Sat	19.18	Sat	Peter Noble	Sadio Mane	Alan Shearer
46	Hapton	Accrington Stanley	3.19	19.18	Sat	20.15	Sat	Chris Sutton	Will Grigg	Steven Gerrard
47	Accrington Stanley	Intack	3.36	20.25	Sat	21.25	Sat	Kenny Dalglish	Graeme Sharp	Seamus Coleman
48	Intack	Blackburn Rovers	3.23	21.25	Sat	22.23	Sun	Bob Latchford	Tom Finney	Ashley Barnes
49	Blackburn Rovers	Beardwood	3.71	22.33	Sun	23.40	Sun	Peter Noble	Will Grigg	Kenny Dalglish
50	Beardwood	Samlesbury	2.82	23.40	Sun	0.31	Sun	Sadio Mane	Tom Finney	Chris Sutton
51	Samlesbury	Preston North End	3.89	0.31	Sun	1.41	Sun	Steven Gerrard	Seamus Coleman	Ashley Barnes
52	Preston North End	Bamber Bridge	3.70	1.51	Sun	2.58	Sun	Bob Latchford	Graeme Sharp	Alan Shearer
53	Bamber Bridge	Euxton	4.10	2.58	Sun	4.12	Sun	Chris Sutton	Will Grigg	Seamus Coleman
54	Euxton	Charnock Green	3.30	4.12	Sun	5.11	Sun	Peter Noble	Bob Latchford	Ashley Barnes
55	Charnock Green	Standish	3.70	5.11	Sun	6.18	Sun	Sadio Mane	Graeme Sharp	Kenny Dalglish
56	Standish	Wigan Athletic	3.70	6.18	Sun	7.25	Sun	Steven Gerrard	Tom Finney	Alan Shearer
57	Wigan Athletic	Billinge	4.34	7.35	Sun	8.53	Sun	Chris Sutton	Bob Latchford	Kenny Dalglish
58	Billinge	Windle Island	3.74	8.53	Sun	10.00	Sun	Sadio Mane	Will Grigg	Alan Shearer
59	Windle Island	Croxteth	4.73	10.00	Sun	11.25	Sun	Peter Noble	Tom Finney	Seamus Coleman
60	Croxteth	Liverpool	4.10	11.25	Sun	12.39	Sun	Steven Gerrard	Graeme Sharp	Ashley Barnes
61	Liverpool	Everton	0.77	13.01	Sun	13.15	Sun	All walkers		

