

“MK Can” Guinness World Record Attempt. 16 October 2023 – World Food Day!

We’re only a month away now!

The great Milton Keynes citywide attempt to break the Guinness World Record for the longest continuous line of canned food items on World Food Day this year is now only 34 days away! This fantastic effort to achieve a world record, whilst at the same time creating a huge donation of badly needed canned food items to MK Food Bank is now well under way.

Sherington Parish Council have applied for and been awarded two “sections” to complete and attend on the day. There has been a wonderful and heartening response so far to our appeal for help in this endeavour by local commercial enterprise, local interest groups, clubs etc, and of course by the individual people of our beautiful village. The council have asked for – and are getting – a real “whole community” response to this, and we can all be proud to be taking part.

The two sections we have committed Sherington to require us to achieve a total donation of approximately 700 items of canned foods to be delivered and set out in the line on the day. The plan is that these 700 cans will form a part of the 10 kilometre total line length around Cambell Park which it is hoped will be set up for judging on the day by the officials from Guinness World Records.

If successful (as we all hope), that will amount to a total of some **135,000 cans of food!** It sounds like an enormous amount (because it is!), but it’s only enough to keep MK Food Bank supplied for around 6 months. That’s a sobering thought, but it illustrates just how many people are needing some help just now, and what a good opportunity we have here to make a difference.

The two sections that Sherington are planning to fill with our 700 cans will be 25 metres each – so just 50 metres of the 10 kilometre total but will be a really valued and generous contribution from our village to a great cause. The response we have had since the launch in terms of cans donated has already been very impressive, and we’ve made a great start on our way to achieving that hoped-for total – but we still have a way to go!

The 2021 Census tells us that the population of Sherington is around 985 people, so what we’re hoping to achieve here needs donations of less than just 1 donated can per villager. We are so lucky to live in a village full of kind, generous and caring people – we can easily achieve that!

We now really need everyone who is willing and able to donate to get on board though, and to help us with the big push over the next month to reach our target.

As advised before, there are specific canned food items that the Food Bank need, and these are listed below:

- **Tinned Fruit**
- **Tinned Veg**
- **Tinned Soups**
- **Tinned Puddings/Creamed Rice etc.**
- **Tinned Tomatoes**
- **Tinned Spaghetti (Hoops, Alpha etc.)**
- **Baked Beans**
- **Tinned Meat (Curry, Stew, Sausage etc.)**
- **Tinned Fish**

All donated cans are being received and stored for us at the collection point at Squirrel Stores at the White Hart – you just need to drop your donation there, be it a single can or a boxful (Store opening times only please). Every single can is a valuable contribution and will be gratefully received.

The parish council would like to take this opportunity to thank Squirrel Stores for their generous and invaluable help with this effort – it would be so much more difficult without them!

If you, or someone you know would like to donate but have difficulty getting to Squirrel Stores, please just let us know – we will arrange to collect from you and deliver to the collection point for you.

Every one of the donated cans will go to the Food Bank, so every single donation counts and will be appreciated and used well. That applies to any cans in excess of the 700 total we need – if we go over the number needed to fill our sections, we'll take the surplus cans directly there. **Nothing will be wasted!!**

In addition to the people so kindly donating cans for the effort, we'll also need volunteers on the day to pack, transport, set up, and then re-collect our donated cans for the attempt. We have already had some very generous offers of transport (our 700 cans will weigh around 1/3 tonne!), but we will also need 10 volunteers to attend on the day. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of this, please make yourself known by email to the council, via the SPC Facebook Page, on the Sherington Natter WhatsApp group, or just drop a note of your name & phone number into the Squirrel Stores where all the donated cans are being received and stored. We'd love to hear from you!

Thank you everyone already involved in this and thank you to those about to become involved. This really is a whole community event, and we'd like for every single person in the village to have played a part in it.

We could all be Guinness World Record holders!