



“We believe it is important to continue this provision, to fight isolation and loneliness within the community.”

Becky Selmer

The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Kirkleatham, Diocese of York

Project:

Community Café

Subject:

Facilities and building improvements

Location:

Redcar, Redcar and Cleveland

Overview:

St Hilda's Church and community centre was situated within a parish which is in the top 10% of the most deprived wards in the country, with around 20% of people in receipt of some form of benefit.

The church provided a charity shop and café, and acted as a distribution church for a weekly foodbank, as well as hosting other youth and community groups. Following the demolition of the church, staff at the church rented a local library, - but to carry on the great work of the church, an industrial kitchen was needed to provide hot food.

The Foundation awarded £5,000 to fund the installation of an industrial kitchen in the community library, including a stainless-steel worktop, sinks, a cooker, a commercial dishwasher, a fridge freezer, coffee machine and water boiler, enabling the continued provision of a café and foodbank church to continue to support those who need the most help.