



Your surplus. Sorted

Work with FareShare to redistribute your surplus food to frontline charities





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About FareShare

FareShare is the UK's leading food redistribution charity



25

years' experience working with the food industry

FareShare is the UK's leading food redistribution charity, fighting hunger and food waste. We redistribute surplus food to frontline charities and community groups which support vulnerable people.

132

million meals a year

FareShare reaches 1,960 towns and cities, providing food for nearly 132 million meals a year.

For over 25 years FareShare has been working with the food industry to identify quality, surplus food that can be redistributed to charities.

**4 meals
per
second**

10,500 charities receive food through FareShare. They provide a lifeline to vulnerable people, including homeless hostels, children's breakfast clubs and lunch clubs for older people.

About FareShare North East



FareShare North East is a surplus food redistribution charity located in Newcastle upon Tyne and Teesside that aims to fight hunger and tackle food waste.

In 2021 we saved over 2,021 tonnes of good surplus food from right across the food supply chain and redistributed it to 326 charities and community groups across the North East.



These charities provide meals as part of their services to people in need – such as children’s breakfast clubs, day clubs for older people, domestic violence refuges, homeless shelters and drug and alcohol rehabilitation units. In 2020/21 we provided enough food for over 4,813,096 meals.



One of the groups FareShare North East delivers weekly surplus food to is ENGAGE, an organisation that provides vulnerable young people with education and vocational training. Ian Herron, the Director of ENGAGE, says, “People here are very proud. By the time people ask us for help, they need it immediately, as they will have very little. The food from FareShare North East is allowing us to produce even more parcels.”

For over 12 years, FareShare North East has been working closely with national, regional, and local food suppliers, as well as supermarkets and manufacturers to identify quality, surplus food that can be distributed to charities and community groups throughout the region. “

Our suppliers see our organisation as an ethical, safe, and positive alternative for their surplus food. Due to the challenges presented by Brexit and Covid-19, food volumes are decreasing across the country meaning we need support from local suppliers now more than ever so we can continue supporting vulnerable people in the region.”

How we work

FareShare UK has over 30 warehouses across the country



Retailers Stores
Manufacturers Suppliers Distribution Centres



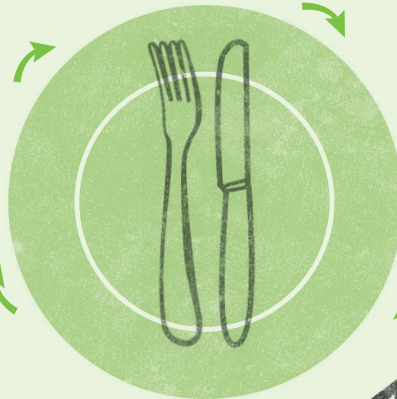
FareShare redistributes surplus food from the food industry...



...last year we provided enough food for nearly 132 million meals.



...with the help of an army of volunteers...



...for vulnerable people every week...



...to 10,500 frontline charities and community groups...



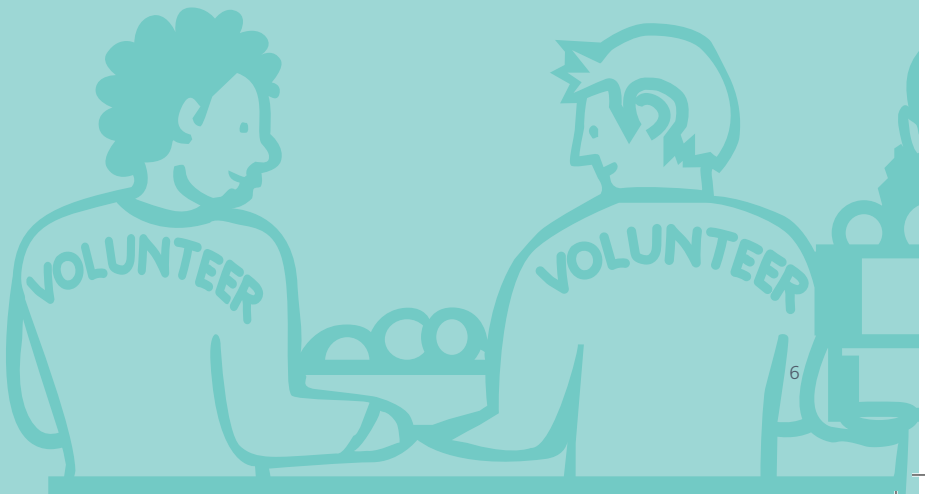
...which turn it into nutritious meals...

Industry partner

FareShare is the trusted redistribution partner to major UK retailers, including Tesco, Asda, Co-op, Morrisons, Aldi and others.



- Our **dedicated Food Team** can work with you to achieve the most cost and time effective solutions for dealing with your unsold food, enabling your business to use your surplus food for social good.
- We have a **flexible operating model** and can deal with your surplus as it arises, whether that is regular or in one off spikes.
- We are able to deal with **large volumes** of short-dated food, whether chilled, frozen or ambient, because our army of volunteers help us break bulk volumes down into smaller, manageable amounts.
- **Food safety, full traceability and compliance** is at the core of the FareShare operating model. Each FareShare warehouse logs goods in and out on our online stock management system and can perform product recalls. Our Regional Centres are annually audited by NSF International and we check every charity who receives food from us is compliant with food hygiene and food safety regulations.
- We have **authorisations** to redistribute own label products from major **retailers**, including Tesco, Sainsbury's, Co-op and Asda.



The food we take

When your business has food that you can't sell to the intended customer, we are here to help.


We can accept and use any stock that is food safe. We are always on the lookout for quality surplus food to supply to the thousands of charities and community groups we support.

What we accept

- ✓ Bulk ingredients for manufacturing
- ✓ Unfinished products
- ✓ Packaging errors
- ✓ Short-dated food
- ✓ Seasonal stock
- ✓ Lines no longer being retailed
- ✓ Retailer rejections
- ✓ Manufacturing errors
- ✓ Quality rejections
- ✓ Foreign label stock
- ✓ Incorrect forecasting
- ✓ Order reductions
- ✓ Damages




The food we can accept

✓ Meat, fish, eggs and dairy products 

✓ Fruit and vegetables

✓ Chilled food, such as ready meals or drinks

✓ Frozen food, or chilled food that has been blast frozen

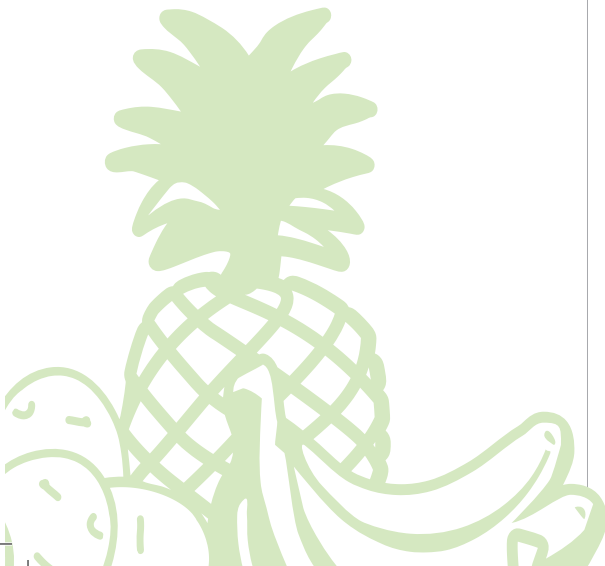
✓ Ambient goods, such as pasta, tins and cereals 

✓ Bakery 

The food we cannot accept

✗ Food that has been warmed or prepared, such as buffet or event food

✗ Food that has exceeded its use by. Please note, we may be able to accept food if it has passed its best before date, if the manufacturer can guarantee that the food is still safe to consume



What our partners say

Working with us to use your surplus food for social good comes with a host of positive benefits for your business.

Find out why over 500 UK food companies have already partnered with FareShare to manage their surplus.

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Supporting local communities

"It's the human story behind getting to grips with food waste that really brings the issue to the forefront and shows what a difference we can make if we work together. Partnering with FareShare not only ensures that the food doesn't go to waste but that it serves an even higher purpose in bringing the community together."

Phil Cater,
Supplier Partnership
Manager at Kerry Foods



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Tailored solution

"Since starting the partnership with FareShare, we've seen continued success and interest from our customers, which doesn't seem to be slowing down with over 35 suppliers currently on board. We would urge as many food producers as possible to get involved in this brilliant initiative and are looking forward to seeing where the partnership goes next."

Nick Hay,
CEO of Fowler Welch



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Employee satisfaction

"I can talk about how fantastic it is, but it doesn't really sink in until the employees go out into the places where FareShare is working. They help distribute the food, sometimes go out in the van and they give it to the people who cook the food, and they come back buzzing every time. Words like proud, inspiring, motivating, are always in the feedback forms."

Bruce Learner,
Senior Manager CSR and
Partnerships Kellogg Europe





Your food can change lives

We ensure your food reaches good causes.

By receiving food from FareShare, the thousands of charities and community groups we support are better able to provide nutritious meals for vulnerable people. These meals are served up alongside life changing support services, to help people back on their feet.

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The scheme has allowed our students to pour their energy and focus into something worthwhile, and challenge the preconceptions of the community, who are realising that these are kind young people who are capable of doing real good.”

Ian Herron, Engage

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We can't emphasise enough the value of the food we receive. Before we worked with FareShare we were only providing tinned food, which is not adequate in sustaining health for those living in extreme poverty over a long period of time. FareShare provide an absolutely amazing service that normalises our clients' diets and makes them feel like everybody else.”

Teresa Clements, Project Manager
at Brushstrokes Community Project



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Financially we would not be able to feed this many people without FareShare, or be able to put on hot food like this every day... and this frees up our resources to focus on getting people into accommodation and employment.”

Cath Gilliver, Chief Executive of SIFA Fireside, homelessness charity

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Having a relationship with FareShare has in the first year reduced our food bill by 30%. As a charity, this has enabled us to put more money towards the cost of day trips, entertainment and activities. It is a bit like fundraising in reverse!”

Erica Ross, Day Centre Manager at Disabled People's Contact







Get in touch

If you're a company with surplus food.
Or if you would just like to have a chat
about how we can help identify surplus.

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