



Supporting your organisation with good food from FareShare

From marvellous meat and dairy to flavoursome fruit and veg, the food we save is good quality, in-date and could help you provide a healthy varied menu for the people you support.



What we do

FareShare is the UK's largest charity fighting hunger and food waste. We redistribute good food that would otherwise go to waste to frontline charities and community groups supporting vulnerable people.



Good food for your service users

FareShare works with national, regional and local food growers, manufacturers and retailers, accessing quality surplus food for redistribution.

Food becomes surplus for a myriad of reasons from packaging errors to short date coding or cosmetic imperfections. But all the food we provide is **within its use-by or best before date** and we follow stringent policies and procedures for storage and transportation to meet all **food safety legislation**.

The types of food received by our members can vary from week to week. We appreciate that this can be a challenge, inherent with working with surplus, but it can also be a bonus, sometimes offering unexpected treats as well as good old staples.

In becoming a FareShare Community Food Member you are joining a network of organisations across the UK committed to making best use of a wonderful array of food and drink to feed the vulnerable in our communities. By working together we can ensure no good food goes to waste.



Benefits to your organisation

There are many benefits of becoming a FareShare member including:

- Access to a wide range of quality food.
- Reduction in your food spending. For a small fee, our members have access to several thousands of pounds worth of food.
- Increased ability to support people beyond the provision of food, as outlined below.

Independent research carried-out by social-research institute NatCen shows the impact of the FareShare food provision.

What the FareShare members have told us:

55%



say FareShare has allowed them to provide food to more service users

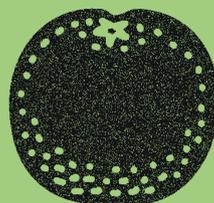
93%



say the quality of food they are providing has increased

77%

say the food has improved the diet of their service users



75%



say that the provision of food has helped their organisation better engage with their service users

What the people who use the services have told us:

53%

said their physical strength had improved with 52% reporting an improvement in energy levels



93%



say having a meal help them face the day ahead

75%

of service users believe that they had saved money as a result of getting food at the charity



71%



stated that this helped them to pay rent and bills

How does it work?

If your organisation or project supports vulnerable people in your community and you are either a charity, a not-for-profit organisation, a community group or a social enterprise providing a meal or food parcel service in addition to other life changing support, please get in touch with us.

In order to become a FareShare member, we ask you to complete an application form following which we will visit your project to discuss food hygiene and safety processes as well as your food requirements. It's not a complicated process and our team can provide advice and help on food safety.

To start the process, [register your interest now](#) and select FareShare Sussex as your nearest Regional Centre.

Once you've signed up to become a FareShare member, here's what you can expect every week.

1



Based on your food profile and what we have in the warehouse, we will email you the list of products allocated to you.

2



You receive food as agreed. This may be collected by yourself from our warehouse.

3



When collecting chilled food you will need to use chill boxes to transport the food to your own kitchens, keeping the food, you and your beneficiaries safe from FareShare to plate.

4



You turn the food into nutritious meals or food parcels for vulnerable people in your community.

[Register your interest](#)

Community Food Membership

FareShare is a non-profit charity and to remain sustainable, our Regional Centres charge members a nominal fee to cover operational costs, which include warehouse space, chillers, delivery vehicles and fuel. The FareShare Sussex membership fee can be for as little as the equivalent of £6 per week if you are able to collect from our Regional Centre.

Membership fees:

Quantity of food received per year	Weekly Delivery Annual Fee	Weekly Collection Annual Fee
Very small (1-2 tonnes)	£400	£300
Small (2-4 tonnes)	£750	£600
Medium (4-8 tonnes)	£1250	£900
Large (8-16 tonnes)	£2250	£1600

Additional services:

Each additional weekly order	£150	£150
Over 20 miles from depot	£150	N/A

What your membership includes:

- ✓ Supply of quality food
- ✓ Creation of your food profile tailored to your needs
- ✓ Advice and guidance regarding food safety best practice from trained staff
- ✓ Access to additional non-food items when they become available
- ✓ Reporting on volumes and types of food received, for your monitoring purposes

FareShare always aims to provide good value food. According to recent research by NatCen, our members estimate that if they had to replace the food they receive from FareShare, it would cost them an additional **£7,900 per year on average**.

*VAT is not charged on the FareShare Community Food Membership Fee.

Join our Network

Still not sure? Read what some of our members are saying:



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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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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

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FareShare means we get a greater variety of food. We take everything from tins to fresh meat as our families need everything. I don't know what we'd do without FareShare. We might have to shut for a particular day. I don't know what people would eat if we weren't able to give them the food from FareShare.”

Christine Connell, Volunteer at Ivy Street Community Centre



Get in Touch

If you are interested in receiving good food, please contact the FareShare Sussex.

Email: info@faresharesussex.org.uk.

Tel: 01273 671 111

or [register your interest online](#)

Volunteers are the lifeblood of FareShare.

We are always on the look out for people to join our friendly and busy teams across the UK and especially in Sussex and Brighton. If you are interested in volunteering, [register your interest online](#). We would love to hear from you!



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