



Your surplus. Sorted

Work with FareShare to redistribute your surplus food to frontline charities



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.

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

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

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.

4 meals per second

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About FareShare Cymru



FareShare Cymru is part of the UK-wide FareShare network of charitable food redistributors, made up of 17 independent organisations. We save over 1188 tonnes of good surplus food from right across the food supply chain and redistribute it to 197 charities and community groups.



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 rehab units. In 2020/21 we provided enough food for over 2,830,651.85 meals.

FareShare Cymru was established in 2010 and began delivering food in July 2011. By using quality, in date surplus food which would otherwise have gone to waste, we turn an environmental problem into a social solution. We are one of a network of over 30 warehouses located across the UK who all work to fight the same issues: food waste and hunger. In Wales there is an estimated 400,000 tonnes* of food wasted each year.

If only 1% of that is edible, it is enough to contribute to over 9 million meals. This is at a time when almost a quarter of the Welsh population are living in poverty and people are struggling to access good, nutritious food and regularly go hungry. We want to see that food put to good use by distributing it to disadvantaged people across Wales.

* NRW C&I waste survey

How we work

FareShare UK has over 30 warehouses across the country



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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A number of the people we support were suffering from malnourishment before we started supporting them. Since we have worked with them their health has improved and they say that they feel much better, look better and have less health problems. It is just brilliant!

Kasia Naperierala,
Women Connect First

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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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