



ANNUAL REVIEW

2025/26



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WE EDUCATE AND CONNECT COMMUNITIES TO TACKLE HUNGER AND ENSURE THAT NO GOOD FOOD GOES TO WASTE

UKHarvest operates to increase food security across the South of England and in London. Using rescued surplus food, UKHarvest ensures that both people experiencing food insecurity and those wishing to reduce food waste, can access affordable healthy food and free food education supporting food sustainability in the home, improved nutrition and increased confidence in the kitchen.

Since 2017, the charity has developed innovative programmes ensuring that rescued food is made available in areas of greatest need. To date, we have rescued over 4,000 tonnes of edible food or 9.5m meals equivalent and distributed this to communities and schools to supplement food shopping, and through cooked meals and community events at our Nourish Hub in London.

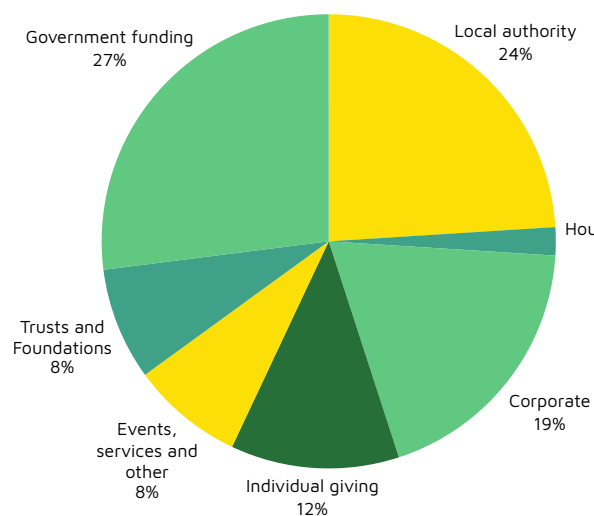
Working with local authorities, housing associations, poverty relief organisations and a wide range of wraparound support services, UKHarvest creates connections and drives community development through access to food, free food education and community collaboration.

UKHarvest operates 16 Community Food Hubs, 15 Grub Clubs, 8 Community Grub Clubs, Nourish Hub in London, Nourish Hub Cafe in Bognor, NOURISHED Free Food Education programmes and donates food to over 30 charities in West Sussex. These operations require 33 full and part time members of staff, 8 vans and nearly 500 volunteers to deliver.

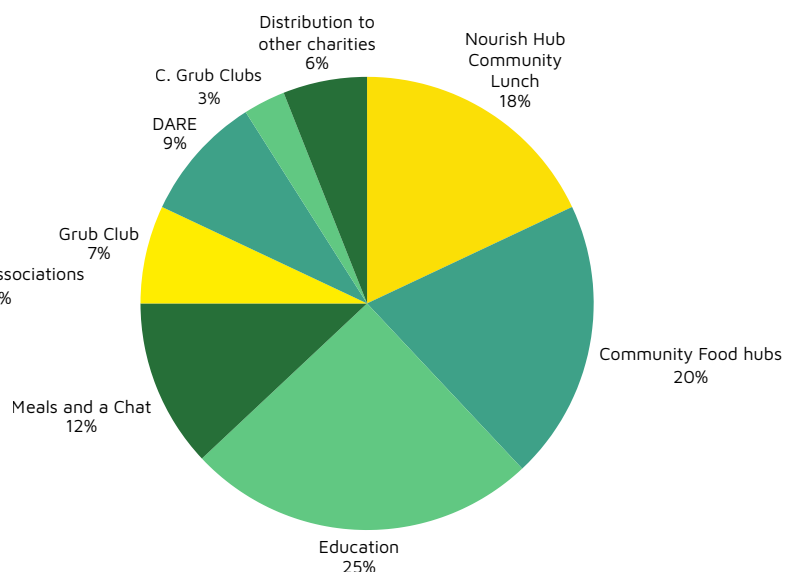
Together we are reducing food waste and increasing food security.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Where our money comes from



Where our money is spent



OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

444.6 tons
of Rescued Surplus Food

106,713
Direct Instances of Support

1,058,571
Meals worth of food

464
Community Volunteers

Volunteers

24,434
Volunteer Hours

263
NOURISHED Sessions

NOURISHED[®]

7,908
People Engaged

299
Community Food Hubs

**Community
Food Hubs**

270,423
Meals equivalent

29,697
Meals Served

**NOUR
HUB**ISH

36,865
Instances of Support

220
Grub Clubs delivered



118,810
Meals equivalent

OUR PATRON

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN



We are honoured that Her Majesty The Queen continues to support UKHarvest as our patron. The Queen has supported UKHarvest since inception in 2017.

Having welcomed Her Majesty to Nourish Hub to open our Community Food Hub in London in 2022, we have continued to work with the royal office, ensuring that the work we do aligns with Her Majesty's charity missions; supporting those in need, addressing food insecurity and providing access to food.

“What you're doing is bringing people together and getting people talking over food. You can't think of many better combinations.” – HM The Queen, February 2022



A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER, YVONNE THOMSON

Since its founding in 2017, UKHarvest has built a strong and distinctive legacy as an organisation addressing food waste and food insecurity, through a model that combines a practical food rescue and redistribution, food education and community resilience. The charity's growth from a regional food rescue operation into a nationally recognised organisation has been underpinned by a consistent strategic intent: to move beyond emergency food provision and contribute to long-term sustainable systems change.

It has been my pleasure to dedicate the last decade to the leadership of UKHarvest. I would like to thank the Board of Trustees for their support, the staff I have worked with for their dedication, commitment and tireless pursuit of our vision, as well as our host of volunteers without whom we could not have achieved the remarkable things we have.

The handover to new leadership of the Board of Trustees supported by our interim COO is not a

departure from UKHarvest's mission, but a continuation of it. The foundations are strong: a clear purpose, a proven model, committed staff and volunteers, trusted partners, and a board with deep understanding of the organisation's values.

UKHarvest enters its next chapter as an organisation that has demonstrated what is possible when food surplus rescue, food education, and community are addressed together. The challenge and opportunity ahead are to scale influence without losing integrity, and to continue shaping a food system that is fairer and more sustainable.

Lastly, I would like to thank all who have supported me personally on this journey and the partners who have provided strategic and financial support during my tenure at UKHarvest.

I will miss you all and am grateful to have had this opportunity and that our paths have crossed.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR INTERIM COO

LAUREN STONER

I'm delighted and honoured to have been asked by the Board of Trustees to support and lead UKHarvest as it navigates Yvonne's departure and looks towards its second decade of operation and the next steps it needs to take to ensure sustainability, strategic alignment and stability for this next exciting phase.

UKHarvest is a phenomenal organisation which delivers impact, reach and influence which far outstrips its size and scale in an increasingly crowded food rescue and redistribution sector. This impact means that we have a seat at the table to speak up for the people whose voices are too often silenced and whose vulnerabilities may be hidden.

By putting the communities we serve at the centre of our programmes we have, during 2025/26, been

able to continue to develop our impact by focusing on those areas where we can drive the biggest change and support people most effectively. That means we've developed our partnerships with over 70 multi-agency partners across West Sussex, implemented a new Community Food Hub at Nourish Hub and adapted all of our services to better meet the needs of our visitors. We've also increased the reach of our food education work into SEND provision, single homeless provision, 17-25 year olds and other groups we know struggle to access and prepare healthy, affordable food.

I'm excited to work with SLT, the Board of Trustees and the whole organisation as we honour Yvonne's legacy, the phenomenal impact of the last nine years and prepare UKHarvest for an exciting, sustainable future.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

SUSANNAH DAY



As the new Chair and a long-established Trustee, I am delighted to be leading UKHarvest this year as we look towards our tenth anniversary and the next phase of our organisational development.

In a challenging external environment and with increased demands on our capacity, resources and time, the Board are delighted to see the ongoing increase in the impact of our work. This includes an increase in partnerships and community events at our Nourish Hub in London, the launch of new Grub Clubs and Community Grub Clubs working with schools and community groups across West Sussex, and through the skills developed by our volunteers everywhere in the charity.

It is clear from analysis of our outputs, outcomes and impact data, and from the stories shared with

our staff and volunteers by the people who engage with our support, that our work is making a huge difference in our community.

As our founder and CEO relocates internationally and moves on from active leadership of UKHarvest, I want to recognise the clear, focused model which Yvonne envisioned in 2017 for combining food rescue and food education. I, the board and the communities we serve thank her for her passion, her commitment and her drive over the last nine years and wish her well for the future.

Looking ahead, I and the Board of Trustees, are confident that we will grow the impact and reach of the vital work that UKHarvest does across all of our services, to increase our organisational resilience and to ensure that we can communicate about everything that we do with passion and confidence.

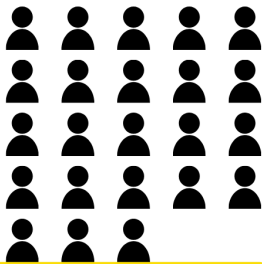
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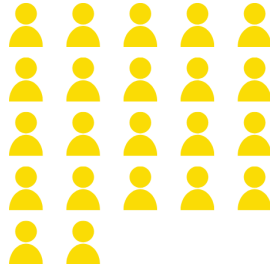
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NOURISH HUB

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS



236 in the South



228 in London

Our volunteer programme at UKHarvest is fundamental to everything we do. From support in our offices to assisting in our kitchens at Nourish Hub, London and Nourish Hub Cafe, Bognor. We couldn't do what we do without the dedicated time and passion our volunteers give across all of our locations.

Rueben @ Nourish Hub

Reuben is so full of joy. We welcomed him to Nourish Hub when he attended an SEND Cookery Course, whilst completing a supported internship. On completion of his internship, Rueben wanted to come back to volunteer. And we had the perfect role for him!

Partnering with Warm Welcome and using our library of boardgames, Reuben established 'Board Game Club' supporting many during the cold winter months.

Reuben has now secured a paid role delivering training to teach people about learning disabilities across the UK. Reuben's favourite thing about the Nourish Hub?

"The food, the atmosphere, the people, laughing with everyone."



Mikey @ UKHarvest

Mikey came to UKHarvest in Chichester, wanting to explore volunteer opportunities following some research into local charities.

That was eight years ago and Mikey, along with his care support, still attend weekly.

During his time at UKHarvest, Mikey has become 'Head Gardener' responsible for maintaining the areas around UKH HQ. Mikey shared:

"Volunteering has helped me through so much. I've been here for eight years – it's given me a purpose to help people and a life to accept myself. I'm so proud to be part of UKHarvest and to have stuck with it."

The UKHarvest volunteer programme offers a wide range of opportunities for people to engage in additional upskilling, whether that is for personal development or seeking employment pathways to work.

This year, the team at Nourish Hub have delivered, or outsourced the delivery of a wide range of training and development courses. These include:

- Food Hygiene and Safety
- Food Allergy
- SEND Training
- Introduction to Barista Skills
- Barista Masterclass (external, London School of Coffee)
- Gardening workshop



"Volunteering and working at Nourish Hub has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. It has given me the opportunity to make a positive impact, become a more compassionate person, and meet amazing people from all over the world." Nourish Hub Volunteer, London

NOURISH^{ed}, UKHarvest's free food education programme includes an accessible range of courses, both face to face and online, created and delivered by our team of nutritionists and educators.

Across all locations, 260 in person education and community engagement sessions took place, reaching just shy of 10,000 instances of support. UKHarvest also offers online cooking courses and resources including 'Cook with Us', our online platform that has engaged with nearly 2,000 people in the last 12 months.



JACK TIZARD SCHOOL, SPECIALIST SEND SCHOOL IN HAMMERSMITH

Accessible Learning was the focus for our bespoke cookery course with students from Jack Tozard School. Ensuring that the students had access to 'easy-read' format recipes, clear accessible instructions and correct student to teacher ratios to create opportunities for learning, independence, dignity, teamwork, communication, confidence, and connection.

"I just thought this was a wonderful course. It has encouraged me to put together past and new food knowledge and shown me how easy and economical and healthy it is to cook."

SEND participant

"I loved being able to cook without worrying if my toddler was safe. And I met people who were also in the same situation as me," Creche participant

7,908

People Engaged



159

Community events

106

Cooking Sessions



Fork and Future: With West Sussex County Council

"I am buying more fresh vegetables and have lots of different ways in which to add them into our diet." Fork and Future Participant

Extending the partnership in the South with West Sussex County Council, UKHarvest began delivering bespoke four-week food education courses across the seven districts of the County, 'Fork and Future'. Each location is working with a range of needs and requirements including adults with learning disabilities at The Aldingbourne Centre in Arun and residents at The Rookery, a retirement housing complex in Selsey, Chichester.

This programme continues throughout the summer, reaching all seven districts of West Sussex.

A highlight of the last year from Nourish Hub is the partnership with Hammersmith and Fulham Family Hubs. This enabled the team to run a 5-week NOURISH^{ed} Cookery Course for 8 adults from disadvantaged or underrepresented backgrounds in the Old Oak ward, taking our knowledge on the road to ensure that we reach more people wishing to learn and engage.

Nourish Hub offered a bespoke cookery course this year that allowed parents and carers to attend a course at the hub while their children were cared for at the onsite creche.

We are so grateful for all the support we receive.

COMMUNITY FOOD HUBS

299

Community Food Hubs and Pantries



113,502 kgs

Food Donated

44,251

Instances of Support



270,423

Meals equivalent



80+

Support Agencies



Staying true to UKHarvest's mission to support, educate and connect communities to tackle hunger and ensure that no good food goes to waste, each food hub has continued to grow and adapt to meet the needs of their communities.

Five of the fifteen Community Food Hubs are now operating as Multi-agency Hubs, where agencies join on a regular basis to help support communities, households or individuals with needs beyond food access, from health to finances.

"I was diagnosed with a chronic illness 18 months ago, so I can't work anymore. Without UKHarvest, I wouldn't eat. You're doing more than saving the environment, you're saving lives!" Community Food Hub Users



New Food Pantry

@ Nourish Hub, London

Nourish Hub, in London, opened its first Food Pantry in January. The Pantry has seen some incredible support and engagement. Using the successful model delivered in the South, Nourish Hub now offers fortnightly Food Pantries creating access to food for a suggested donation.

WSRecycles Community Food Hubs

UKHarvest's long standing relationship with West Sussex County Council continues to support communities across West Sussex with monthly Community Food Hubs reaching Crawley, Worthing, Storrington, Petworth, Bognor, Haywards Heath and Southwick, now relocated to Shoreham from May 26.

The support from West Sussex County Council means that our food redistribution can reach far beyond Chichester, providing ongoing multi-agency support. Crawley and Worthing hubs are now Multi-Agency Hubs, working with at least six additional support agencies at each location.

The NOURISHED Taster Sessions have introduced helpful ways to reduce food waste in the home, to cook, store and budget for food shopping, inspiring more people to eat well and live well.

 **West Sussex**
recycles



Special thanks goes to the support of many local and national organisations and funders, including Hyde Charitable Trust, Clarion Futures, A2Dominion, The Boltini Trust and Selsey Forum.

UKHarvest continues to provide a further eight fortnightly Community Food Hubs taking place in and around Chichester.

NOURISH HUB

36,865

Instances of Support



29,697

Meals Served

77

NOURISHED Sessions



133

Community and Cultural Events

Nourish Hub, West London, is a welcoming community space, tackling food insecurity while encouraging connection, learning, and wellbeing.

Through daily community lunches, regular suppers, skills training, and inclusive activities, the Hub supports residents with healthy food, practical opportunities, and social connection.



Advice and referral services also help people access wider support.

By bringing together nutritious meals, community engagement, and sustainable practices, Nourish Hub helps people feel connected, supported, and empowered within their local community.

H&F Civic Honours Award

In February, Nourish Hub was awarded the H&F Civic Honours Award for group contributions to building a stronger, safer, kinder neighbourhood.

The team were nominated by a group of volunteers, with one writing:

"...the Nourish Hub's ethos and values help build bridges across ages and backgrounds; increase resilience in all groups and promote dignity and social engagement.."



The team also offer Meals and A Chat, a home delivery service that gives local residents the opportunity to not only eat well, but to connect with members of the team. Many of the service users are unable to leave their homes, or cook for themselves. Meals and a Chat opens up a new connection to those unable to visit Nourish Hub.

In the last year, Meal and a Chat has delivered nearly 10,000 instances of support through food, connection and referrals.

Meals and a Chat is delivered thanks to funding from Hammersmith & Fulham Borough Council and is a vital asset to those experiencing social isolation and loneliness.

Each meal is carefully prepared using rescued surplus nutritious ingredients donated by UKHarvest.

New Food Pantry @ Nourish Hub

Nourish Hub's fortnightly Food Hub launched in January, providing residents in Hammersmith & Fulham with affordable fresh produce and essential cupboard staples in a welcoming community space.

Integrated into the Hub's wider programme, visitors can enjoy hot drinks, social interaction, and advice from partner organisations while they shop, and are encouraged to stay for the Community Lunch and other activities. Between January and March, 147 people attended, with 81% living in Hammersmith & Fulham or Kensington & Chelsea, and 21% returning for future sessions.



"Fresh food is good."
Community Pantry User

NOURISH HUB



unpaid carers for sewing, conversation, and companionship.



Nourish Hub provides wraparound support that goes beyond food provision, helping residents access the services, skills, and connections needed to improve wellbeing and resilience.

In March, we were proud to premiere the Nourish Hub promotional film, created with Media Trust around the theme "Every Plate Has a Journey." It was premiered during a special event hosted by Hammersmith United Charities, and can now be viewed on Youtube [Nourish Hub Every plate has a journey](#).

From May 2025, Citizens Advice Bureau delivered 14 weeks of one-to-one guidance on issues such as debt, housing, and immigration, supporting 52 individuals.

Since November, weekly Sip and Stitch sessions led by La Modista have welcomed over-65s and

"I'm happy there was a variety, especially because I'm on Universal Credit. I'm against food waste." Community Pantry User

In June, a weekly shared reading group launched, led by volunteer reader leaders who create a relaxed space for people to connect through stories and poetry. Throughout the year, Nourish Hub hosted organisations including Turning Point, Green Doctors, Dr Bike, and ReGarm, offering practical advice and support to residents. Participants described the sessions as a "warm, safe space" that supports mindfulness, peer connection, and mental wellbeing.

Warm Spaces Champion

In September, the Hub was recognised as a Warm Welcome Champion space, creating new opportunities for funding, corporate partnerships, venue hire, and a celebration event at the Houses of Parliament. Over winter, Nourish Hub distributed 633 meal deal vouchers through referral partners.



Special thanks goes to

- Hammersmith & Fulham Borough Council for their championing Nourish Hub,
- Goodman for their ongoing financial support,
- Grosvenor Services at Westfield Shopping Centre for the incredible collaboration, donations and support for the team at Nourish Hub,
- Kindred for supporting us with their amazing donations through regular dinners,
- and IHG, Veolia, Chiswick House and Gardens, Accor, iQ Student Accommodation, Clearspring, Square Mile Farm and Pfizer for continuing to support Nourish Hub through time, funding and engagement.

Beginning in April 2024, Grub Club offered an initial ten primary schools in the Chichester district the opportunity to redistribute enough food for forty families within each school's community fortnightly; the programme has gone from strength to strength!

NOURISHED Grub Club

PREVENT household food waste
PROMOTE healthy eating and growing
PROGRESS from learning to doing

Using these three areas of focus, UKHarvest have created and delivered learning resources to ten of the fifteen schools.

"[My] child is learning about new ingredients and where they come from. It helps start conversations about food and its source.

Grub Club parent

Thanks to extended funding from King Charles III Charitable Trust, Grub Clubs have increased by 50% this year, welcoming an additional five schools reaching further across West Sussex.

Having seen the success of the innovative project, UKHarvest secured the additional funding to expand the number of schools receiving food. In September 2025, the programme grew to include NOURISHED Grub Club, the educational offering available as a teaching resource for teachers and a learning resource for students.

Each location has been identified as a specific area of need with the highest percentage of Free School

Birdham CE Primary

Thanks to Grub Club food donations, the staff shared that not only do children try new foods but they eat raw vegetables made available every fortnight.

"Thank you so much, UKHarvest. Grub Club makes a huge difference to our family. Food prices keep going up and Grub Club helps to feed our kids."

Grub Club parent

41,132

Instances of Support



220

Grub Clubs delivered

49.9 tons

of food donated



118,810

Meals equivalent

Meals eligibility (FSM) being 39.5% in an urban school setting. The average for West Sussex is 15.5%.

There are further plans to grow the project in September 2026. An additional five schools are already signed up to receive food donations and free food education resources.

Donating nearly 50 tonnes of food, Grub Club has delivered 41,000 instances of support through access to food across the fifteen schools in West Sussex.

UKHarvest has received support and accolades from many influential people in the county. Jess Brown-Fuller, Liberal Democrat Member of Parliament for Chichester shared that:

"The success of Grub Club lies in its focus on sustainability and in its ability to bring people together. I am proud to endorse this initiative and commend UKHarvest."



Special thanks goes to both Barfoots and Squished for their kind and generous donations of fresh produce and snacks.

NEW FOR 2025/26

Thanks to UKHarvest's ongoing relationship with the team at The Regis School, Bognor, an opportunity arose to take on a community cafe space at The Phoenix Centre in January 2026, Nourish Hub Cafe.

Offering budget-friendly meals to Bognor residents, the cafe is a welcoming community space, offering healthy food and drink. The space is fully accessible with free parking and child friendly.

All proceeds from Nourish Hub Cafe go to ensuring that UKHarvest becomes more financially sustainable and can deliver more services to those in need. We were given funding for an incredible salad bar donated by the team at AlphaTracks Systems, allowing customers to buy fresh salads daily.

"I am so thrilled that we have been able to partner with UKHarvest to bring a safe, warm welcoming space back to the local community. "

Emma, Community Engagement, The Phoenix Centre

NOURISH HUB CAFE

"The Café is a happy welcoming friendly environment. You feel welcomed even on your own. It's a great place to form new friendships."

Nourish Hub Cafe Customer



COMMUNITY GRUB CLUB



Thanks to funding from National Lottery Awards for All, UKHarvest have secured eight Community Grub Club locations in areas of identified need and deprivation across West Sussex.

We have partnered with local organisations, church and community groups to help feed those in need.

This programme is for those who cannot access the food they need and those who want to take action to reduce food waste and protect the environment.



Community Grub Club is a new programme delivered by UKHarvest, offering monthly food donations to locations who need this support.

Following the success of the pilot Community Grub Club at The Phoenix Centre, UKHarvest now operate a monthly Community Grub Club at Chichester University across the Chichester and Bognor Campus.

"It's always hard to find initiatives which have a positive impact on the planet, and are accessible to everyone, but ticks both those boxes. On behalf of the University of Chichester I'd like to say a big thank you to the UKHarvest team, and we look forward to working with you again at the start of the next academic year."

Lucy Ferre, Energy and Carbon Manager

OUR YEAR IN PHOTOS



**THANK YOU FROM EVERYONE AT
UKHARVEST**

SUPPORTING UKHARVEST

"At the Goodman Foundation, we are proud to support UKHarvest's mission to tackle food insecurity and reduce food waste. Its focus on food education and skills development is changing mindsets — helping people to make healthier and more sustainable lifestyle choices, and enabling long-term positive change."

Emma Pickering (Marketing Director, Goodman Foundation)

"Food waste is a challenge we all have a part in solving, and at Natures Way Foods, doing the right thing is important to us. Our partnership with UKHarvest turns surplus food into something meaningful — nourishing local communities who need it most. We're hugely thankful for UKHarvest's tireless efforts and excited about what we can achieve together."

Armelle Owen-Navet (People Experience Partner at Natures Way Foods)

"UKHarvest is providing nourishment to those who need it, bringing people together, educating and reducing food waste in the process. We're proud to support UKHarvest!"

Kim Barfoot-Brace (Brand and marketing Manager, Barfoots of Botley)

"It was great to work with UKH for another year on initiatives that support the whole family and contribute to tackling issues that impact everyone, like the cost of living. There are many more exciting projects planned for communities across the county, and we can't wait to get involved and continue the support to vulnerable families."

Sarah Owen (Projects and Partnerships Manager, Hyde Charitable Trust)

"As a company we are proud to support Nourish Hub because it represents everything we believe in: community, sustainability, and shared purpose. We've seen firsthand how the Hub creates a welcoming space where everyone is valued, and where good food becomes a catalyst for connection."

Lindsey Mckendrick Key Account Director, Grosvenor Services

THANK YOU!

We could not have reached so many people or provided so much food or support without your help. We would like to thank everybody, from individuals to organisations who have donated their time, money, resources and food to help us support our communities.



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West Sussex
County Council



Natures Way Foods



OCM Business Systems



Hyde Charitable Trust



A2 Dominion



Marius Production Ltd



Clarion Futures



ITV



Barfoots



APS Group



Infinity Foods
Wholesale



Tangmere Airfield
Nurseries



CityHarvest



Imperial College London



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Acts 20:35



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Gardens



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Nationwide Building Society



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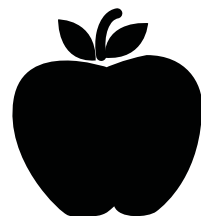
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