



Food Suppliers

A Feeding Britain Guide



This document lists a number of the food suppliers used across the Feeding Britain network. We will continue to update this list. Please email rose.bray@feedingbritain.org if you have any feedback or additions.

You can view a recording of Feeding Britain's webinar (July 2022) about food supplies here: <https://youtu.be/VZ9OJSTAEFo>

Local relationships

For many partners, strong relationships with local businesses are central to their food supply. Organisations may be able to donate produce, arrange for you to collect surplus, or offer discounted rates. This may include:

- Supermarkets - they may have community champions who can support local good causes
- Local shops including butchers, bakers, greengrocers who can offer surplus, discounts of bulk purchase rates
- Markets including wholesale markets
- School caterers and schools
- Restaurants, cafes and caterers
- Other food projects to redistribute and share produce

Supermarkets and wholesalers

As well as purchasing at wholesale or discounted rates, some partners have been able to access donated and surplus stock from local depots. We would recommend speaking to the store manager or community champion to explore any support they can offer.

The following supermarkets and wholesalers have been particularly useful to Feeding Britain projects recently:

- Morrisons Wholesale - www.wholesale.morrisons.com contact bulkpurchase@morrisonsplc.co.uk
 - Bulk-purchase orders offering discounted rates for charities. Minimum order of 40 cases of product. Delivery site must be able to accommodate an 18 tonne delivery vehicle.
- Iceland Wholesale - contact anthony.howard@iceland.co.uk
 - Wholesale catalogue available and will deliver directly to projects.
- Asda - <https://www.asda.com/about/bulk-buys>
 - Offer a 'bulk-buy' option at selected stores:
- Booker www.booker.co.uk
 - Can be beneficial to speak to the store manager to explore options for support.
- Costco www.Costco.co.uk

- Chilled, frozen and ambient, plus household, kitchenware, toiletries and more
 - May be able to deliver to you
- Aldi www.aldi.co.uk or in local stores
 - Some stores are able to offer bulk purchasing which projects can collect from the store.
- Lidl www.lidl.co.uk or in local stores
 - In some stores, the manager is able to offer discounted rates for charities
 - Can be a good source of low cost vegetables such as the £1.50 veg box
- Bestway wholesale <https://www.bestwaywholesale.co.uk/>

Other wholesalers and supermarkets:

- Approved Food www.approvedfood.co.uk
 - Surplus and short-dated stock
- B&M Stores www.bmstores.co.uk
- Bidfood www.bidfood.co.uk 01773 844000
- Brakes www.brake.co.uk
 - Fresh, chilled, frozen and ambient produce, generally in catering sizes. Minimum order is £100 and Brakes deliver throughout the UK. It takes 5 working days for new accounts to be set up.
- British Food Wholesalers https://www.britishfoodwholesalers.com/bfw_uk/
- Creed Food Service www.creedfoodservice.co.uk
- DB Foods <https://www.dbfoods.co.uk/>
- Dee Bee Wholesale <https://www.deebie.co.uk/product-group/view/grocery>
- Essential <https://www.essential-trading.coop/>
- Farm Foods www.farmfoods.co.uk/
- Fruit and Veg <https://www.fruitandveg.co.uk/fresh-produce/>
- George Perry www.georgeperry.co.uk 0121 6224611
- Healthy Halal www.healthy-halal.co.uk
- H.N.Nuttall www.hnnuttall.co.uk
- Hot Deals UK <https://www.hotukdeals.com/>
- Holdsworth Food www.holdsworthsfoods.co.uk 01298 871435
- Home Bargains www.homebargains.co.uk
- Lembas <https://www.lembas.co.uk/>
- Makro www.makro.co.uk/
- Meatex <https://meatex.co.uk/> - A wholesale auction house for meat and fish
- Meat Direct <https://www.meat-direct.co.uk/>
- Mirza and Sons <https://mirzaandsons.co.uk/>
- New Covent Garden Market <https://newcoventgardenmarket.com/>
 - Many vendors use an app and can deliver UK-wide.
- Pound Wholesale www.poundwholesale.co.uk
 - Offer toiletries, kitchenware, cleaning, homeware and baby supplies
- Suma Wholefoods <https://wholesale.suma.coop/>
- TurnQuick www.turnquick.co.uk
 - Specialise in afro-caribbean fruit and vegetables. Minimum orders are:
 - Inside London M25: £125 (below this will incur delivery charge)
 - Greater London, outside M25: £275 to £400 (plus delivery charge)

- Home Counties around London: £400 - £1500 (plus delivery charge)
- Outside Home Counties: £1500 and above (plus delivery charge)
- Unitas Wholesale <https://unitaswholesale.co.uk/>
- Wholesale Meats Coventry <https://wholesalemeatscoventry.co.uk>

Surplus, donations and discount suppliers

Bankuet

www.bankuet.co.uk

Overview: Members of the public donate money to their chosen organisation, and Bankuet uses these funds to purchase items for the organisation from their shopping list. Through bulk buying and pooling donations, Bankuet deliver more than £1 worth of supplies for every £1 donated. Orders are delivered to your chosen delivery site. Feeding Britain can make an introduction to the joining team. There is no set up fee and no monthly fee. Bankuet takes a 5% fee on all donations.

Company Shop

www.companysshopgroup.co.uk

Overview: Selling surplus food and household products at low prices to members. You can find your nearest store and apply for membership [here](#).

Costs: Free membership, and low cost items available in stores.

FareShare - Community Food Membership

www.fareshare.org.uk

Overview: FareShare is made up of 18 independent organisations. Community Food Members have access to a regular supply of fresh, in-date food and store cupboard staples. Members can state the types of food they need, how much they need and how often they need it. However, as the food is surplus, the exact food you receive will vary. Depending on where you are based you may collect from FareShare or they may deliver to you.

Costs: This is a paid-for service and FareShare charge a membership fee. Fees will be based on your food-needs.

Set-up: Register your interest in membership [here](#). Organisations must be:

- Registered with local Environmental Health Office
 - Equipped to safely receive, store, prepare and serve food
 - Hold the IEHO Basic Food Hygiene Course Certificate (or equivalent)
 - Trained to safely handle food
 - Fit to adhere to food safety legislation and best practice
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FareShare Go

www.fareshare.org.uk

Overview: FareShare Go offers surplus foods from local supermarkets including Booker, Tesco, Asda and Waitrose. The food is good quality, but cannot be sold by the retailer. This could be because it has damaged packaging or a short shelf life. FareShare Go will match you with your local store, which will send you a notification on your chosen delivery day to collect. You will need to collect the food from the store.

Set-up: Register your interest in membership [here](#). Please select 'Feeding Britain' on the drop down list for 'Affiliate of / Partner Organisation'.

Food Drop

www.fooddrop.co.uk

Overview: Food Drop is a tech platform connecting retailers and food-to-go stores with local charities across the country, sharing surplus food & reducing food waste.

Set up: Sign up to Food Drop by completing a short form on the website. Choose your collection slot from local retailers. You will receive WhatsApp messages on the day with the time and location of your collection.

Foodiverse

www.foodiverse.net

Overview: A surplus redistribution platform, helping local businesses to donate surplus goods to charities and community groups.

Food Loop

<https://foodloop.app/>

Overview: An app that connects those with surplus food to those who need to access food.

HIS Church

www.hischurch.org.uk

Overview: HIS Church are an emergency good redistribution charity, providing supplies of chilled, frozen, ambient and household goods by the pallet load. Feeding Britain can make an introduction to the team. Email hisfood@hischurch.org.uk

Costs: Members pay a donation per delivery

Nandos

<https://www.nandos.co.uk/>

Overview: May be able to donate food to local community projects.

Neighbourly

www.neighbourly.com

Overview: A surplus redistribution platform, helping local businesses to donate surplus goods to charities and community groups. Businesses include M&S, Aldi, Lidl and Sainsbury's. They may be able to offer regular collection or ad-hoc pick-ups, for example from a local supermarket. You will usually need to collect the items. Register for an account [here](#).

Olio

www.olioex.com

Overview: An app that allows individuals to list and share items, including food. Download and register with the Olio app.

Share My Qurbani

<https://sharemyqurbani.org/>

Overview: Connecting mosques, halal butchers and community food projects to distribute donated Qurbani meat. Currently working in Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Merseyside, West Yorkshire, London, the Midlands and Cambridgeshire, with other areas in development.

Too Good To Go

www.toogoodtogo.co.uk

Overview: Businesses list any surplus food on the Too Good To Go app. Users of the app can then purchase this surplus food at a discounted price. Some surplus needs to be collected on the same day, other stores will list surplus for future collection. This can be a good way to redistribute any surplus from your food project, and to access surplus from other businesses. To start collecting surplus, simply download and register with the Too Good To Go app. To start selling surplus as a business, visit the website.

Costs: Discounted prices for surplus foods.

Warburtons

<https://www.warburtons.co.uk/our-company/sustainability/within-the-community/giving-donating/product-donation/>

Overview: Warburtons bakeries and sites may be able to donate produce to local community groups. You can apply to set up this arrangement by completing [this form](#).

Xcess: The independent food redistribution network

www.xcess.org.uk

Overview: A network of surplus redistributors, with a focus on previously untapped surplus. Organisations within the network cover different geographical areas and each operates in their own way. You can find out more and view the member organisations here:

www.xcess.org.uk/members

Non-food items

In Kind Direct

www.inkinddirect.org

Overview: Distributing donated goods from companies to UK charitable organisations. In Kind's online catalogue displays the products that are currently on offer, with details about the number of units they are available in, the charge and how this compares with retail prices. Includes office items, toiletries, clothing and homeware.

Costs: Register for free and pay for items ordered. On average products are around 80-90% off retail prices, meaning £1 with In Kind Direct unlocks around £7 of value.

Set up: Register online here: <https://cat.inkinddirect.org/customer/account/create/>

Hey Girls

<https://www.heygirls.co.uk/community-partners/>

Overview: Can provide free period products including cups, pants, pads and tampons.

Irise

<https://www.irise.org.uk/free-period-products/>

Overview: Can provide free period pants

Beauty Banks UK

<https://www.beautybanks.org.uk/>

Overview: Can provide free hygiene products

Growing networks

Local growing networks may provide low-cost and high quality fruit and vegetables. Networks include:

- Gleaning networks who harvest surplus crops from farms, and redistribute these to food projects
- Allotment sharing projects, to share any abundance of produce
- Community gardens
- Community and city farms

In some areas, food projects have developed swapping relationships with farmers whereby they use surplus produce, and provide the farm with any waste for animal food.

Other tips

- Cooking nutritious meals with surplus food or catering sized foods, and then chilling or freezing these meals. These can then be offered by members of an affordable food club, or used for social eating.
- Running food drives at local supermarkets to encourage the public to donate food.
- Encourage members of a food project to share anything they have an abundance of - for example courgettes from the garden.
- Work with your local community to develop donation points where people can donate food. For example, GP surgeries, schools, fire stations and police stations.
- In some supermarkets, the Community Champion or Store Manager can give gift cards for projects to spend in store, or offer a discretionary discount.
- Create a Whatsapp group with local food projects to share surplus foods, arrange food swaps or place bulk orders together.