



## 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](mailto:rose.bray@feedingbritain.org) if you have any feedback or additions.

### Wholesalers and retailers

As well as purchasing at wholesale or discounted rates, some partners have been able to access donated and surplus stock from local depots.

- Aldi [www.aldi.co.uk](http://www.aldi.co.uk) or in local stores
  - Low cost groceries and homeware
- Approved Food [www.approvedfood.co.uk](http://www.approvedfood.co.uk)
  - Surplus and short-dated stock
- B&M Stores [www.bmstores.co.uk](http://www.bmstores.co.uk)
- Bidfood [www.bidfood.co.uk](http://www.bidfood.co.uk) 01773 844000
  - Fresh, chilled, frozen and ambient produce
- Booker [www.booker.co.uk](http://www.booker.co.uk)
- Brakes [www.brake.co.uk](http://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.
- Costco [www.Costco.co.uk](http://www.Costco.co.uk)
  - Chilled, frozen and ambient, plus household, kitchenware, toiletries and more
- Creed Food Service [www.creedfoodservice.co.uk](http://www.creedfoodservice.co.uk)
  - Chilled, frozen and ambient, plus clearance items.
- George Perry [www.georgeperry.co.uk](http://www.georgeperry.co.uk) 0121 6224611
  - Fruit and vegetable wholesaler
- Healthy Halal [www.healthy-halal.co.uk](http://www.healthy-halal.co.uk)
  - Halal meat
- H.N.Nuttall [www.hnnuttall.co.uk](http://www.hnnuttall.co.uk)
  - Chilled, frozen and ambient ranges mainly in catering sizes.
- Holdsworth Food [www.holdsworthsfoods.co.uk](http://www.holdsworthsfoods.co.uk) 01298 871435
  - Chilled, frozen and ambient ranges mainly in catering sizes.
- Home Bargains [www.homebargains.co.uk](http://www.homebargains.co.uk)
- Lidl [www.lidl.co.uk](http://www.lidl.co.uk) or in local stores
  - Low cost groceries and homeware
- Makro [www.makro.co.uk/](http://www.makro.co.uk/)
- Morrisons Wholesale [www.wholesale.morrisons.com](http://www.wholesale.morrisons.com)

- Bulk-purchase orders offering discounted rates for charities. Minimum order of 80 cases of product. Delivery site must be able to accommodate an 18 tonne delivery vehicle. Feeding Britain can make an introduction to the team.
- Pound Wholesale [www.poundwholesale.co.uk](http://www.poundwholesale.co.uk)
  - Offer toiletries, kitchenware, cleaning, homeware and baby supplies
- TurnQuick [www.turnquick.co.uk](http://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)

## Surplus and discount suppliers

### Bankuet

[www.bankuet.co.uk](http://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.

**Costs:** There is no set up fee and no monthly fee. Bankuet takes a 5% fee on all donations.

**Set-up:** Feeding Britain can make an introduction to the joining team.

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### Company Shop

[www.companyshopgroup.co.uk](http://www.companyshopgroup.co.uk)

**Overview:** Selling surplus food and household products at low prices to members.

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

**Set-up:** You can find your nearest store and apply for membership [here](#).

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### FareShare - Community Food Membership

[www.fareshare.org.uk](http://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](http://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.

**Costs:** Free

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

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## Food Drop

[www.fooddrop.co.uk](http://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.

**Costs:** Free

**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.

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## HIS Church

[www.hischurch.org.uk](http://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.

**Costs:** Members pay a donation per delivery

**Set-up:** Feeding Britain can make an introduction to the team.

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## Neighbourly

[www.neighbourly.com](http://www.neighbourly.com)

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

**Costs:** Free.

**Set-up:** Register for an account [here](#).

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## Olio

[www.olioex.com](http://www.olioex.com)

**Overview:** An app that allows individuals to list and share items, including food.

**Costs:** Free

**Set up:** Download and register with the Olio app.

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## Too Good To Go

[www.toogoodtogo.co.uk](http://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.

**Costs:** Discounted prices for surplus foods.

**Set up:** 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.

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## Xcess: The independent food redistribution network

[www.xcess.org.uk](http://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](http://www.xcess.org.uk/members)

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## Non-food items

### In Kind Direct

[www.inkinddirect.org](http://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/>

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## 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
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## 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
- Markets including wholesale markets
- School caterers and schools
- Restaurants, cafes and caterers
- Other food projects to redistribute and share produce