

Curiosity and collaboration.

Social Enterprise & the art of translation

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Food insecurity has increased significantly over the past decade, *due to cost-of-living pressures and inflation**



1 in 4
children are growing up in food insecure households*

1.5m
low-income families experience a poor diet***

14.1m
people experienced food insecurity in the past year*

6.5m
people are going without essentials like showers, transport and toiletries***

Source: *The Trussell Trust **The Food Foundation ***Joseph Rowntree Foundation

Freedom to choose *the food we eat.*

The high street provides freedom to choose when, and how, we shop.

When times get tough for people, that freedom is one of the first things that is compromised.

As people slip down the food ladder, choice becomes more limited, and this lack of freedom removes dignity.

In these circumstance, early intervention is key.




When things
get tough...

An extra rung on *the food ladder.*

Our multi-function social supermarket provides a hand up, not a hand out, supporting members on every rung of their journey.

We provide dignified access to affordable, healthy food, helping members overcome the huge challenge of putting food on their plate.

Our members can then focus on moving forwards, with our learning and development programmes enabling them to become stronger individuals.



Community Shop *sits here*

Community Food Hubs

Multi-functional Social Supermarkets

Delivery Schemes

Group buying and Food Co-operative models

Food only Social Supermarkets

Food Larders and Pantries

Social Eating cafes and Pay As You Feel models

Food Bank Networks Trussell Trust, IFAN and independents

Drop-in centres, soup runs and need specific service with food supply


Welcome to
Community
Shop.
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surplus can change lives

Our mission is to build stronger individuals and more confident communities. We do this by creating something better than simply giving out food. *We provide a hand up, not a hand out.*

Community Shop is an award-winning social enterprise tackling the root causes of food insecurity, *supporting tens of thousands of families across the UK to live better.*

Our unique model provides earlier intervention for those on the cusp of food insecurity. While crisis food aid providers, such as food banks, provide a vital service, they should not be a community's first line of defence, as getting food for free can affect people's agency and dignity with the long-term effects of this experience being, most often, negative.

This 'hand up, not a hand out' philosophy is a long-lasting sustainable solution to the problem of food insecurity.

With a decade of growth behind us, we're committed to doing more. With the help and support of our partners we can use the power of surplus food to create even more busy, thriving social hubs across the country, giving more people the tools, and belief, they need to power lasting, positive change.




One shop, three
connected spaces.
Community Store
Community Hub
Community Kitchen
Community Shop
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Community Store

Community Store provides much-needed access for members to deeply discounted food and essentials, including fruit, veg and bread for only 20p. Members are able to purchase a weekly shop for around a third of the retail price, and crucially are able to choose the items they need, ensuring they can shop with dignity and retain a sense of agency.

Community Hub

The profits from the store are then reinvested into Community Hub which deliver life-changing holistic support and development, empowering people to develop their own capabilities and deliver a positive future for themselves. These Hubs are essential for providing members with the personal tools they need to improve their own circumstances and address the causes of their food insecurity, in a supportive, safe environment.

Community Kitchen

To complete the interconnected spaces, each Community Shop has a Community Kitchen, a café that enables people to connect with others and learn through food, as well as providing home-cooked meals for the community with kids eating free every day. This kitchen space is essential to restoring a sense of community to an area with limited resources due to social inequality.

Kids eat free


Community Store
A store bursting with great value,
helping you shop for less.




£1
PRICE
MARKED
PACK


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Everything we do at Community Shop *revolves around food.*

Our Community Stores are powered by surplus – kindly donated by partners. We sell the products at affordable prices to our members, who typically save around £212 per month on their shopping.

Thousands of families get access to healthy food, and we reinvest the revenue raised into the community through our Community Kitchens and Hubs.

Over
83,000
families supported in the UK's most deprived communities

Over
£66m
saved on shopping bills

Since Community Shop opened



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Community Hub




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Community Hub

Helping people *to grow.*

Community Shops' lasting legacy comes from our Community Hubs – a space where our impact leaders deliver life-changing development programmes.

Working with individuals and communities they provide members with the tools they need to live well, and skills they require to get back into work – from health and wellbeing, money matters and community leadership training, and our What If plan.

Over
290,000
personal development programmes delivered

Over
7,000+
members supported through our Progress Academy

Since Community Shop opened



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Community Kitchen


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Community Kitchen

Food that changes lives.

We believe that food should be celebrated. Our Community Kitchens provide a welcoming space where people can come together and enjoy quality, affordable meals – with kids eating free every day.

Our events and family activities get strangers talking, break social isolation and bring communities together. Programmes like Healthy Holidays build positive foundations for children, while our Cook Clubs provide education and inspiration to help families put food at the heart of their home.

We've served over
12,500
Christmas dinners to members

Over
1.1m
kids have eaten for free in our Community Kitchens

Since Community Shop opened



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What we *have learned.*

- Partnership needs a deep level of trust.
- How do we value curiosity, risk and fun.
- Language framing is vital.
- They need systems navigators who are intrapreneurs and interpreters.
- Communities and organisations grow at the speed of trust, but they need momentum.

So... we must foster the art of listening and translation





Meet Michelle, one of our amazing members, who uses Community Shop to provide her family with healthy and affordable food...

Where to *find* us.

Community Shops

- Athersley
- Beechwood
- Bewsey (Warrington)
- Eastfield (Scarborough)
- Fawcett Street (Sunderland)
- Goldthorpe
- Halton
- Hoyland
- Kirkdale
- Knottingley (Wakefield)
- Lambeth
- North Bransholme (Hull)
- Nunsthorpe (Grimsby)
- Stocking Farm (Leicester)
- Sunnyside (Bolton)
- Swarcliffe
- Tong Street (Bradford)



Distribution centre

- Barnsley (Ambient & Chilled)
- Darton (Frozen)



Community Shop


More
than
food

Delivered unwavering support to

83,000

families

in the UK's most deprived communities

Stronger

individuals

more confident

communities

Collaborated with

800+

community partners

7,000+

members supported through our Progress Academy

Be the **best** version of you!

Empowered people to grow by delivering

290,000

personal development programmes

Brought communities together, serving over

12,500

Christmas dinners

surplus can change lives

Fed over

1.1 million

kids with wholesome, home-cooked meals

for free

Received generous support, funding and stock donations

from over **200**

retail and manufacturing partners

Saved members over

£66m

on their shopping

10,000+

members have gone back into higher education opportunities

Created equivalent of

51m+ meals

all with food that might have otherwise gone to waste

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