



Feeding Derbyshire



# Feeding Derbyshire – Food Supply Resource May 2026

This resource is the first part of the Feeding Derbyshire Sustainability toolkit. In partnership with Feeding Britain, we have put together a list of key suppliers to support you in sourcing affordable, nutritious, and diverse food and other stock options.

## 1. Wholesalers and Supermarkets

**Booker** - [www.booker.co.uk](http://www.booker.co.uk)

Booker do offer delivery, you will need to contact your nearest store to discuss, and there is a loyalty scheme.

**Costco** - [www.costco.co.uk](http://www.costco.co.uk)

Nearest situated to Derbyshire projects: Derby, Sheffield, Manchester

Paid membership is required. Chilled, frozen and ambient, plus household, kitchenware, toiletries and more. May be able to deliver to you

**Bestway Wholesale** - [www.bestwaywholesale.co.uk](http://www.bestwaywholesale.co.uk)

**Brakes** - [www.brakes.co.uk](http://www.brakes.co.uk)

**Low Price Foods** - [www.lowpricefoods.com](http://www.lowpricefoods.com)

**Approved Food** - [www.approvedfood.co.uk](http://www.approvedfood.co.uk)

**M & M Supplies** - [www.mmsupplies.com](http://www.mmsupplies.com) - [contact:sales@mmsupplies.com](mailto:contact:sales@mmsupplies.com)

**The co-op** - [www.centralcoop.co.uk](http://www.centralcoop.co.uk)

Contact Fay - [fay.warner@centralcoop.co.uk](mailto:fay.warner@centralcoop.co.uk)

The easiest way to order would be to add how many cases of each item you would like onto a spreadsheet and return it to Fay. The order can then be sent to the retail stock team for processing. The order would need to be collected as they no longer operate a delivery service.

### **Ankosé CIC:**

Feeding Britain is working with Ankosé CIC to broker discounted deals with food suppliers for community food projects within the Feeding Britain network. These are commercial relationships where projects order directly from the supplier, pay for the order, and it is delivered to the project.

You can view a recording from our September 2024 webinar with Ankosé CIC to find out more:

<https://youtu.be/aRbnFWkoGQQ>

To find out more about what wholesale products you can source from Ankosé please contact Colin Kiddell: [colin.kiddell@ankose.co.uk](mailto:colin.kiddell@ankose.co.uk)

### **Dairy Fresh Limited T/A SOS Wholesale Limited**

**Contact:** Jenifer Adams: 01135132325 Ext 306.

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Aston

Birmingham

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### **Universal Wholsale**

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To sign up to receive offers at:<https://www.universalwholesale.co.uk/register>

Here's a quick overview of what they offer

Stock is a mix of clearance and regular lines, so pricing is always competitive.

- They stock following categories: Household & Cleaning, Health & Beauty, Toiletries, Pet food, Pet Treats, Grocery, Confectionery and Soft Drinks.
- Most offers are floor-stocked & are therefore ready to move immediately. (When lead times apply, they're always clearly indicated on each offer).
- Minimum order is a single pallet of any chosen SKU.
- We can deliver pallets and full trucks of 'floor stock' within 2-3 working days.
- All deliveries to UK mainland addresses are free of charge.

**Aldi** - [www.aldi.co.uk](http://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](http://www.lidl.co.uk) or in local stores. In some stores, the manager is able to offer discounted rates for charities

## **2. Surplus, donations and discount suppliers**

**Bankuet** - [www.bankuet.co.uk](http://www.bankuet.co.uk)

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. Orders are delivered to you. Bankuet takes an admin fee on donations to operate the service.

**Country Food Trust** - [www.thecountryfoodtrust.org/food-distribution/](http://www.thecountryfoodtrust.org/food-distribution/)

Can provide high protein, ambient, nutritious meals in ready to use pouches or catering packs using surplus game meat including pheasant and venison.

**FareShare Community Food Membership** - [www.fareshare.org.uk](http://www.fareshare.org.uk)

Community Food Membership provides a regular delivery or collection of surplus food that may otherwise have gone to waste. There is a regular membership fee. Organisations must have relevant food hygiene requirements in place.

**FareShare Go - [www.fareshare.org.uk](http://www.fareshare.org.uk)**

FareShare Go offers surplus foods from local supermarkets including Booker, Tesco, Asda and Waitrose. 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.

**HIS Church - [www.hischurch.org.uk](http://www.hischurch.org.uk)**

A redistribution charity providing supplies of chilled, frozen, ambient and household goods by the pallet load. Members pay a donation per delivery.

**Neighbourly - [www.neighbourly.com](http://www.neighbourly.com)**

A surplus redistribution platform where you can arrange to collect surplus from local businesses including M&S, Aldi, Lidl and Sainsbury's.

**Olio - [www.olioapp.com](http://www.olioapp.com)**

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

**Share My Qurbani - [www.sharemyqurbani.org](http://www.sharemyqurbani.org)**

Connecting mosques, halal butchers and community food projects to distribute donated Qurbani meat. Currently working in North West, London, South, Yorkshire, Midlands, East and South Wales.

**Too Good To Go - [www.toogoodtogo.co.uk](http://www.toogoodtogo.co.uk)**

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.

**Warburtons - [www.warburtons.co.uk/goodstuff/product-donations/](http://www.warburtons.co.uk/goodstuff/product-donations/)**

Warburtons bakeries and sites may be able to donate produce to local community groups.

**Xcess - [www.xcess.org.uk](http://www.xcess.org.uk)**

An independent national network of surplus food redistributors. Organisations cover different geographical areas and each operates in their own way. We would recommend contacting the organisations working in your area to explore any opportunities to work together.

### 3. Non-food items

**In Kind Direct - [www.inkinddirect.org](http://www.inkinddirect.org)**

Distributing donated goods from companies to UK charitable organisations for a low cost. In Kind Direct's online catalogue displays the products that are currently available. Includes toiletries, toys, clothing and homeware. On average products are around 80-90% off retail prices, meaning £1 with In Kind Direct unlocks around £7 of value.

**Hey Girls - [www.heygirls.co.uk/community-partners/](http://www.heygirls.co.uk/community-partners/)**

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

**Irise - [www.irise.org.uk/free-period-products/](http://www.irise.org.uk/free-period-products/)**

Can provide free period pants for community organisations and charities.

**Beauty Banks UK - [www.beautybanks.org.uk](http://www.beautybanks.org.uk)**

Can provide free hygiene products.

**The Hygiene Bank - [thehygienebank.com](http://thehygienebank.com)**

## 4. Other useful tips to find local surplus food and donations

- ✓ Work with your local community to develop donation points where people can donate food. This could be a supermarket, a school, a pub, a sports club. Also take advantage of key times of the year when people are likely to donate (Harvest and Christmas)
- ✓ Come together with other food projects in your area to form a local food network. Learn from a new network; Feeding Chesterfield who have started to share surplus between projects, do joint food drives and put new donation boxes in key locations to maximize public donations. They have found that a WhatsApp group is a quick and easy way to communicate.
- ✓ Where you can use up surplus food or bulky catering packs (these can be provided through FareShare) by cooking nutritious meals that can be offered as take-home ready meals at Affordable Food Clubs or as a community meal.

**If you are interested in trying any of these tips, but not sure where to start, the Feeding Derbyshire team might be able to help.**

## 5. Information about locally grown produce

Growing and gardening organisations 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 (e.g. Cornwall Gleaning Network [www.gleaningcornwall.org.uk](http://www.gleaningcornwall.org.uk)). You can read about a gleaning network supported by Feeding Britain in Gloucestershire; [www.gloucestershiregleaning.org.uk](http://www.gloucestershiregleaning.org.uk)



Allotment sharing projects to share any abundance of produce (e.g. Bath and North East Somerset). Cropdrop [www.cropdrop.org.uk](http://www.cropdrop.org.uk)



In some areas, food projects have arrangements with farmers whereby they receive surplus produce, and provide the farm with any waste for animal food. Growing organisations may also be able to offer volunteering and work experience opportunities for people accessing community food projects.



Real Farming Trust have developed the LUSH Model - Linking up Suppliers and Hubs to get good, locally grown food into community food projects. Find out more here: [www.realfarming.org/resource/lush-starter-pack](http://www.realfarming.org/resource/lush-starter-pack)

## 6. Further resources from Feeding Britain

Webinar on culturally appropriate food supplies: <https://youtu.be/hAMRsrY0cl>

Webinar on collective food purchasing and warehousing <https://youtu.be/TbEULKO4WAs>

Webinar on food supply tips for Affordable Food Clubs: <https://youtu.be/vcMcVZrul8w>

## 7. Further resources from Feeding Derbyshire

Are you an existing food bank that might want to add an affordable food option along with the food bank, or are you interested in transitioning to a community pantry or food club? A way of helping to sustain your food project is to add in a contribution from the people coming along. If you would like support with developing an affordable food project, Feeding Derbyshire can help by joining our Affordable Food Network.

As a network member, we can link you with other projects for support and advice, please contact, Paula Dealtry from the Feeding Derbyshire team for more information: [p.dealtry@ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk](mailto:p.dealtry@ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk)



Through Digital Support Derbyshire (also coordinated by Rural Action Derbyshire) food providers can get refurbished digital devices and other equipment for their group to use. You can also refer your clients/members to this scheme for them to get a digital device to help them get online to maximize their income, find work, learn new skills etc.

<https://ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk/digital-device-referral/>



Offering more advice and support to your clients and members can help your project to sustain by possibly reducing dependency on food support. If you'd like to offer more advice and support to the people that come to your project or are not sure where to find what's available near you please get in touch and we will try and help

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