

The need for community food support in Devon and Cornwall is profound - and it keeps growing.

A quarter of all children in our region are living in poverty, not certain where the next nutritious meal will come from. This rises to over 4 in 10 children in the most deprived Plymouth neighbourhoods.



At FareShare South West, we work with farmers and producers from Riverford Organic to Trewithen Dairy to rescue their nutritious, in-date surplus from going to waste and share it with communities in need like Melissa's below. In three years, our tiny hub in Plymouth has shared vital food for 4.8 million meals!

"We've had children come to school fainting with hunger. We've set up two emergency breakfast club schemes with this food, if they come to school hungry and really dysregulated, or they've had to get themselves ready and their parent ready." Melissa, Green Box

Every single month our Plymouth warehouse rescues...

60 tonnes of food with a retail value of £168,460 - and shares it with

80+ local charities supporting over 9000 people

Food for 142,000 meals - nutritious, healthy and high-quality

Exciting next steps for Plymouth...

Our current warehouse launched in 2022, designed to redistribute food for up to 1 million meals annually by 2025. Rising poverty meant that we exceeded this in our first 8 months and have no capacity to grow further to meet local need.

We have a solution: a bigger, bespoke Plymouth hub that delivers for thousands more families in crisis across our community.

New hub impact	Now	Y1	Y2	Y3
Member charities	80	85	93	100
Individuals supported	9,040	9,605	10,509	11,300
Food tonnes	670	770	835	900
Meals (in millions)	1.6m	1.8m	2m	2.2m

We've already secured half the funding we need to open a new Plymouth hub to feed thousands more people in poverty

We're launching a match funding appeal to reach our target.

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Our vision for Plymouth

The new hub will be able to adapt to the changing landscape of surplus food, rescue more from local growers, boost employability and bring dignity, health and joy to thousands of families in need.

-  Three times our current size at 8000 sq ft with freezers, chillers, catering kitchen, breaking-bulk spaces and new equipment
-  A 7.2 tonne truck, driver and produce coordinator to revolutionise food sourcing
-  A multi-partner hub with bespoke spaces to launch a new employability programme and corporate engagement

Our £400k appeal has gained the support of an anonymous Bristol donor, as well as Defra via their Tackling Food Surplus at the Farm Gate scheme. We've raised £180k: we now need a further £220k to launch in January.



We're delighted to have the backing of Jane and Simon Hallett as match funders for this appeal, who are passionate about the scale of our work in the local community.



"Jane and I concentrate our charitable activities in the United States, but were so impressed by the work that FareShare South West does that we decided to add them to the short list of charities we support. FareShare South West is a small but highly effective organization that helps solve the twin problems of food waste and food inequality - what a wonderful thing it is to use one problem to solve another, thus solving both! It's a small organization with a big mission, staffed by people with big hearts. They deserve your support in any way possible."

The Halletts have pledged to match your donations pound for pound to reach our target. Together, we're ready to take this vital step forwards for Plymouth - but we need your support to cross the finish line.

Please help today.

Please support this appeal with a financial donation, to help us build for the future. You'll be making a profound, lasting impact on the lives of children struggling in your neighbourhoods, bringing health, dignity and routes out of poverty.

To discuss what your support might look like, contact Josie on 01172 356602 or josie.forsyth@faresharesouthwest.org.uk.