



IMPACT REPORT 2025-2026

‘Working to end the need for unsuitable, unsustainable, and undignified food support in Greenwich’

A word from the Greenwich Foodbank team...

Over the past year Greenwich Foodbank has adapted to meet local needs whilst working alongside our partners across Greenwich on our Borough's collective response to food insecurity and poverty. This year we have worked even more closely with our food bank guests, referral partners, volunteers, funders and external stakeholders to guide our strategic direction towards ending *'the need for unsuitable, unsustainable, and undignified food support across Greenwich'*. We are incredibly proud of what we achieved together.

Throughout our charity's last financial year (1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026), we have fed **17,618** people including **6,889** children, worked with over **88** local referral partners across Greenwich. We have set our organisation's values of 'dignity, compassion, community and justice' and continued to make meaningful progress toward our mission. These achievements are a testament to the dedication of our volunteers, staff and the generosity of our supporters.

"We just need people to listen to us. We are not just another number"
- Greenwich Foodbank Guest 2025

None of this would have been possible without the people who stand beside us. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our supporters, volunteers, partners, and donors, whose belief in our work enables us to keep moving forward. Your time, energy, and commitment help us support individuals in Greenwich today whilst working to reduce the need for foodbanks in our borough in the future.



Photo: Greenwich Foodbank staff team (Emma, Charlie, Debbie, Josh and Rosie), March 2026

As we look ahead to the coming year, we do so with ambition whilst also pausing to recognise the impact that Greenwich Foodbank has had within our community over the last year. Thank you for being part of this. We look forward to continuing our work over the coming years.

The Greenwich Foodbank Board of Trustees and Staff Team

Our Impact: 2025/2026

This year, Greenwich Foodbank focused on supporting individuals and families, increasing community engagement, and advocating for preventative solutions to food insecurity through partnerships. Our work reached over **17,618** people and strengthened joined up advice-focused support across the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

Supporting individuals and families

We provided direct support to over **3,227** families and **6,899** children, offering food support to help them during crisis and difficulty.



Photo: Greenwich Foodbank advice, March 2026

17,618 people supported



6,095 households supported



346 food bank sessions delivered



Community support

In addition to giving out food, we created space for signposting, advice and learning. We worked with the Greenwich Foodbank guests, local schools, corporate partners and local organisations.



380 hours of signposting and advice delivered



8 schools hosted at our depot



42 'Impact Days' hosted with corporate supporters



Photo: Greenwich Foodbank Impact Day with Abena Oppong-Asare MP's team, December 2025

Advocacy and Partnerships

We raised awareness on key issues driving food insecurity - including disability benefit cuts, child poverty, housing, local support and cash-based solutions to crisis. We have collaborated with local and national partners to influence change.



5 local and national policies influenced



23 corporate relationships strengthened



145 lived experienced insights collected and shared



Photo: Greenwich Foodbank, Clive Efford MP and partners at Westminster, June 2025

83

referrers



879 hours distributing food

154.1 tonnes of food distributed

6,095

households supported



78.1 tonnes of food donated

7,167 food vouchers

17,618
people fed



472 home deliveries



6,899 children fed



3,227 family vouchers

Ryan's story: "these places are lifesavers"



Photo: Trussell stock image

“ I have a few things in my life that mean I don't always have stuff together. Life's complicated but the truth is without these places I'd have to steal or commit crimes and I don't want to do that. My PIP (Personal Independence Payment) stopped, I was trying to get back to work because I don't want to be on benefits all my life. Its not a good life. But if I don't come to the Greenwich Foodbank I won't eat.

I'm so grateful for the support that this place gives me. Just having a cup of tea, and a chat helps me more than you realise. A lot of my friends are bad news and me trying to get away from them means I'm lonely. But you remember me and everyone here is so kind and takes the time to chat. That's the most important thing, being asked how you are.

I just know I'm going to feel lighter when I've been here. So this place helps me with so much more than the food. ”

-Ryan, Greenwich Foodbank, 2026

“Greenwich Foodbank helps to address immediate food insecurity and offers signposting and other support to those in need”

- Referring partner, 2026

“If I could work again then I would not need to come to a food bank”

- Blackheath Standard Foodbank guest, 2025

“This top-up (food) saves me more than you know”

- Kidbrooke Foodbank guest, 2025

“This is a lifeline and supports me during crisis”

-Woolwich Foodbank guest, 2025

“This is the first time coming to a food bank in 5 years. Everything is just getting too expensive”

- Kidbrooke Foodbank guest, 2025

“This is just a stepping stone for me”

- Woolwich Foodbank guest, 2025

“The volunteers are very nice and helpful people. They make us feel like our own family”

- Blackheath Standard Foodbank guest, 2026

Our Volunteers

We have a team of nearly 200 volunteers united by a shared passion for supporting our guests and a deep commitment to what we do.

From packing bags, collecting donations and delivering food, to supporting sessions in our Foodbank centres, making cups of tea, chatting with guests, organising home deliveries and amplifying the voices of lived experience, volunteers contribute to every part of our work. No role goes unnoticed. We could not do our work without their time, energy, commitment and willingness to work together. Their shared commitment to our goals and values demonstrate the real strength of communities coming together to support one another.



330 volunteering hours every week



154 weekly volunteers



38 new volunteers this year



Photo: Dawn, Thamesmead Greenwich Foodbank volunteer, 2025



Photo: Plumstead team, Greenwich Foodbank, 2025



Photo: Thamesmead team, Greenwich Foodbank, 2025



Photo: Kidbrooke team, Greenwich Foodbank, 2025

"Hearing personal stories about what brought people to (Greenwich) Foodbank really puts life into perspective. I'm grateful that I have met lovely people and I'm glad to give back to my local community"

- Greenwich Foodbank volunteer, 2025

Our Partners and Supporters

We cannot continue to support people or make a local impact on issues of food insecurity, poverty and health without our partners. This year we have prioritised local partnerships to help innovate and rethink the local food support landscape.

Volunteers from companies across Greenwich and beyond have donated over 1,000 hours to help prepare and pack food parcels. We have developed new donor relationships, too. Our Impact Days highlight the importance of cross-sector collaboration and partnership as Greenwich Foodbank moves towards advocating for longer-term, dignified solutions to food insecurity.



Photo: AEG Europe, Greenwich Foodbank depot, March 2026

“We found the day to be a truly insightful and humbling experience. Knowing that our efforts were making a tangible difference gave real purpose to the day and left a lasting impression on us all.”

-AEG Europe (2025)



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Looking Ahead & Thank You

A heartfelt thank-you goes to all our supporters, volunteers, and partners. Your time, commitment, and generosity make everything we do possible. We could work towards ending *'the need for unsuitable, unsustainable, and undignified food support across Greenwich'* without you.

Looking ahead, our priorities for the coming year build on this collective support. We will continue to prioritise our organisation's sustainability, strengthen partnerships, explore new ways of working. We will strengthen our ability to provide sustainable and dignified food support by working with our local partners to embed welfare and cash-based solutions across our services. These goals reflect our values-led culture and our aim to not only provide immediate food assistance but also to connect Greenwich Foodbank guests with local services and advice. We hope that this approach will reduce the long-term need for emergency food support in the Royal Borough of Greenwich and help to create a stronger, more resilient community.





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