



WHERE EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO THE FOOD THEY NEED TO THRIVE







About us

Good Food Barnsley is a partnership of fantastic minds and resources working towards a shared vision of building a better Barnsley where everyone has the right to the food they need to thrive.

Barnsley already has good infrastructure to support its citizens, and Good Food Barnsley both supports existing projects and develops new ones that feed into our wider vision.



Our aims are...

- Promote healthy and sustainable food to the public
- Tackle food insecurity and diet related ill health
- Build community food knowledge, skills and resources
- Promote a diverse and vibrant food economy
- Transform catering and food procurement
- Reduce waste and the ecological footprint of the food system





Our mission is...

Be connected – work in genuine partnerships across the private, public and community sector which focus on action to deliver our vision.

Be local – always promote the sustainable production and consumption of local food and seek to celebrate a vibrant local food system.

Be global – find local solutions to global problems. We will seek to reduce, reuse and redistribute surplus food. We will also work with the UK food redistribution network to best serve the people of Barnsley and amplify our voice and achievements at a national level.

Be engaging – in everything we do we will celebrate choice and help people choose the best things for them.

Be positive – We believe that the people of Barnsley and the possibilities of and around food are good. As such, we seek to support asset-based projects and stories which keep us focused on the things we can achieve.

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Good Food Barnsley is a Community Interest Company (CiC), with a steering group working across the private, public and third sector to deliver our mission and aims. All group members are committed to developing food access.

Initially established in 2017, the Barnsley Food Access Network brought together organisations and individuals helping Barnsley residents who are on low incomes to access food. The network sits within Barnsley Council's Stronger Communities Partnership and Anti-Poverty Delivery Group. The group drives Barnsley's 'Food Poverty' response, positively reframed as 'Food Access'.

We support the development of partnerships across the private, public and community sector to focus their joint and individual activities. By coordinating efforts and sharing resources, we aim to ensure Barnsley citizens have access to the food they need to enjoy happy, healthy and fulfilling lives.



Key activities implemented by the Barnsley Food Access Network include:

- Devising a food pathway a theoretical framework through which to understand and measure existing supported food access
- Mapping of food supported and unsupported food access for Barnsley residents on low income/facing financial hardship
- Project to increase uptake of Healthy Start vouchers
- Delivery of Alexandra Rose food voucher scheme
- FRESH street voucher scheme to increase fruit and vegetable intake
- Coordinated community delivery of school holiday activities with food (Healthy Holidays/HAF)
- Developing a Barnsley "Community Pantry" model with the aim to build food security and community resilience



Good Food Barnsley is about the bigger picture, looking at what we can achieve when we work in true partnership with one another.

The work of Good Food Barnsley is a real joint effort. The importance of each individual person and organisation can't be overstated, and at the heart of what we do is the appreciation for each part that makes the whole. Being part of Good Food Barnsley does more to amplify the individual voices within it, supporting all members in their aims to achieve a better and brighter Barnsley.

Our partners and affiliates ascribe themselves to our mission and values, looking to equip Barnsley citizens with the tools they need to build individual and community resilience. It's about finding appropriate solutions that are effective and long lasting, empowering people to engage with their relationship with food, and supporting greater awareness as to the possibilities of coming together, both through food and effective team working.

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