

Information about our current community partners, their activities and what they do with the food provided by FFA

1. The Vench - adventure playground and community centre, Lockleaze – FOOD club run by Family Action - Adventure playground and community centre and Bridge project managed by Groundwork South Trust • Function/Activities: children's after-school and holiday play sessions with food, food and cooking education sessions and weekly food club Attendees for play sessions: mainly unaccompanied children (aged 8-12); some younger ones attend with parents. Term time: serve after-school meals 4 times/ week approx 60 children pw. Holiday time: provide lunch 5 days per week for 300 children and afternoon meal 2 days per week to around 40 children total: • FOOD club: Thursday pm: 50-70 families per week (+ 7 families through The Bridge Project -Tuesday pm) supplied through the week (holiday and term time) Food bag estimated value = £20-£25 • Food usage/donors: FFA food donations are used to provide a nourishing meal for children attending holiday play sessions or Supper and play sessions, food is cooked on site and often involves children. Food and toiletries from FFA are distributed through the FOOD club, The Vench also receives occasional donations from North Bristol & S Glos Food Bank and supermarket/ bakery surplus and purchases FareShare supplies. FFA contributes approx 70% food for food club, 95% for on site meals.
2. Ashley food club based at St Werburghs Nursery and Children's Centre • Function/activities: nursery school and local authority children's centre providing a range of advice and support for families in need, families are referred e.g., by social services. Food supplied by FFA is given to families in need. • Replacement food club currently being set up • Donations used to support families with emergency supplies by Family Hub
3. Felix Rd Adventure playground - Easton • Function/activities: an amalgamation of 3 community organisations providing children's play, family time and community awareness raising activities. Do not differentiate between free school meal recipients and others. Term Time: serve lunch 1 day per week to approx. 100 children, after-school meals 5 days per week - serving 240 children in total. Holiday time: numbers vary hugely. Serve lunch 5 days per week to around 750 kids in total. Also now providing around 10 emergency food bags per week. • Attendees: children mainly aged 7-11 but some younger accompanied, have 2,300 children on register and 100-300 attending each summer/ Christmas party session (50 regular families). • Food usage/donors: FFA food is used to provide free, nutritional, fresh home cooked food at all these sessions; also receive North Bristol Foodbank donations and excess produce from Tesco. HALF (school holiday fund) and household support funding funds food purchases from wholesalers and local outlets. FFA provides approx 35% of food during term time and 20% in holidays (2023 figures)
4. May Park Primary school - Eastville • Function: a community academy in East Bristol for children aged 3 - 11 years. Daily breakfast and after school club where children pay a small sum for a drink and bread with a choice of spreads. • Food Usage and activities: Tuesday pm Support approx. 20 families during term time only with food bags and provide fruit snacks throughout school; (after-school and breakfast club use different source of food) also emergency food bags. • Donors: FFA is the only source of donations

5. Southmead Family Hub – Southmead food club run by the centre • Function: run by Bristol City Council Early Years’ service. Provides a range of universal and targeted services to support families in need (including a food club, advice, and nursery). • Food usage /donors: FFA donations are used to supplement food club Thursday am which supplies approx 30 food club members each week (62 on books) who can buy food bags for £4 worth around £20-£25; also purchase food from Fareshare. FFA supplies approx 50% of total supplies.
6. Evergreen Primary School - Easton. Healthy snacks at breaktime • Function/Activities: The primary school staff use the grant from FFA to purchase and provide healthy snacks (various fruit) to KS2 children at morning break time. Staff purchase fruit from the supermarket. Fruit is provided in the playground on a trolley and pupils queue up for it. One staff member and two pupil helpers oversee the distribution. The fruit is available every school day to all KS2 children. • Attendees: Evergreen has approximately 175+ pupils (KS1 & KS2), of which 47% qualify for free school meals. Up to 90 KS2 pupils may benefit from the fruit on any given day. • Food usage/donors: The Government School Fruit and Veg Scheme currently provides fruit to KS1 pupils. FFA funding allows the school to extend this offering to KS2 pupils.
7. St Werburgh’s Foodshare programme - St Werburgh’s Community Centre (SWCC) • Function/Activities: Thursday am, the Foodshare programme provides a food bag and other weekly necessities to local families in need. There is a suggested donation of £3 per week. 2 or 3 volunteers sort the food donations and oversee the allocation of food as clients arrive during scheduled time slots. Representatives are available from agencies such as Citizens Advice, Clean Slate, and Seetec, for drop-in clinics to support clients and other members of the public with debt managements, benefits, budgeting and employability. • Attendees: Each week, the Foodshare service supports between 20 and 25 families, which translate to approximately 130 individuals. • Food usage/donors: FFA financial donations have allowed SWCC to buy a new fridge to keep chilled produce and FFA also purchases fresh fruit and vegetables from wholesalers Dole UK which are delivered every week to complement other non-perishable donations. Other donors to the SWCC foodshare programme include North Bristol Foodbank, Feeding Bristol, The Julia and Hans Rausing Trust and Tesco Community Grants. FFA contribute approx 15% of supplies.
8. St Nicks- St Nicholas of Tolentino - St Jude’s • Function/Activities: Open Monday Wednesday & Fridays from 10am to 12.30 pm. Provides food to people in the local community who are in food crisis. Also provides families with fuel vouchers. • Attendees: They support 500 to 600 people per week with bags of food. 85% are families and 15% are single or homeless people. • Food usage/donors: FFA donates milk weekly through Dole. St Nicks also receive surplus food from Sainsburys, Aldi, Lidl & The Goose Café. They pay for Fairshare donations approx £3500 p.a.
9. Lawrence Weston/ Shirehampton Oasis Grocery • Function/Activities: Food Pantry Tuesday pm Provides food to local families in need of support and organises activities including cooking sessions and Christmas social events • Attendees: Currently approx 20 families attend the food pantry each week; there are 40 on the books in the club which costs £2 to join and includes a reusable bag. They expect to increase numbers now they have a fixed location. Families pay £4 for a bag of food. • Food usage/donors: FFA supplies of fruit and vegetables + dairy are complemented by donations from Lidl and by Fareshare purchase of approx £3,100 p.a. paid for by food bag payment and successful funding bids.