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Rhannu Bwyd
Llangollen
Food Share

Ensuring that no one goes hungry

Ein Hanes 2026 Our Story



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Our Story - Who are we?

The need for food aid was first identified in Llangollen in 2019 when a group of young parents were struggling to feed their families due to what is now known as the cost-of-living crisis.

They began supporting each other and began to receive surplus food from the local Co-op to distribute on their housing estate. When the pandemic hit in 2020/21 matters became much worse and food poverty increased.

The Food Share grew to meet that extra need too and as we identified more barriers and needs our services grew to connect with other organisations and parts of the community to support the people who accessed our services.

A firm “non-judgemental” policy guides our actions and makes us approachable. When someone comes to us for support, we don’t do checks or ask probing questions about their situation.

It’s already hard enough to ask for help – we’ll provide it!

Rhannu Bwyd Llangollen Food Share is now a registered charity and supports around 120 people each week with one full time employee and 25 volunteers.



Our Mission

- The prevention and relief of poverty within 10 miles of Llangollen focussed on providing food but also helping in other ways too.
- Supporting individuals through signposting, referring and advocating.
- Reducing food waste, with the help of the community.

Where does our food come from?

In 2025, our volunteers processed 38,838kg of food at our hub.

That is an average of 747kg EVERY WEEK;
the weight of a small family car!

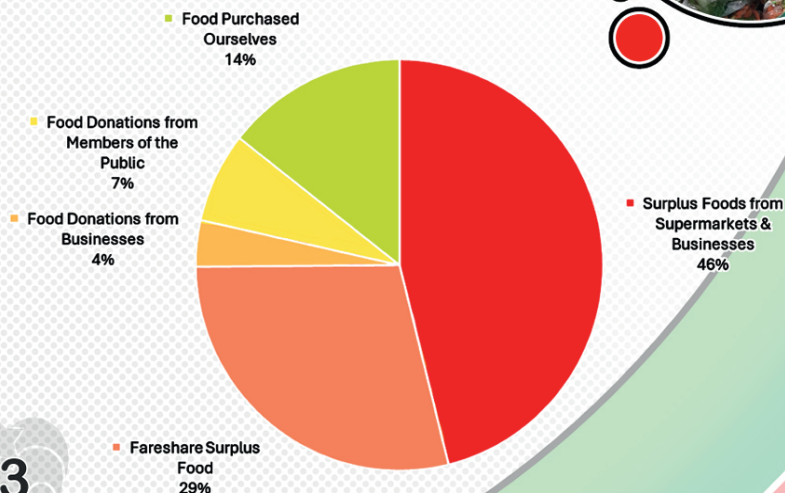


The food that we handle consists of fresh fruit, vegetables, meat, bread and dairy, dried goods such as pasta, rice, cakes and pet food.

What can't be stored is frozen, put out on the community fridge or cooked into meals.



Where Our Food Comes From



Food suppliers



FareShare

We partner with this national food charity, that works with all stages of the supply chain to reduce food waste.

We pay £80 a week and get a delivery of an average of 220kg of high quality, supermarket surplus food.

That makes up 29% of all of our incoming food!

We love our FareShare deliveries!



Local Supermarket Surplus

Our volunteers collect short dated surplus food from our local Aldi and Co-op stores every day.

Over the last year, they collected 17,856kg, which made up 46% of all of our incoming food.

The food is sorted and saved for parcels or for cooking into meals as a priority, frozen if suitable and then short dated fresh produce is delivered direct to local families homes.



Community Donations



We greatly appreciate the kindness of our local community, who donated 2,700kg of food to Food Share over the last year.

This was donated in various ways:

- Via our collection points in Llangollen Aldi and Co-op
- Directly into our hub
- Via community groups such as Cubs, Brownies, Rainbows, Llangollen Brass band, Clwb Rygbi, Llangollen YFC, Llangollen Run Free Fell Runners, Inner Wheel, W.I.
- Local schools and churches regularly do collections, at Christmas, Harvest Festival and Easter



Home Grown Produce

Local food growers regularly donate their fresh homegrown produce to us. We love to use it to make nutritious meals to share and to also distribute it out in our parcels.

Business donations

Several local businesses donate food on a regular basis including Riverbanc, Spar, Porter's Delicatessen, Llangollen Oggie Shop.

Supporting Service Users

- Food Parcels

In the last 12 months, we provided a weekly food parcel to an average of 123 people who were struggling financially, with the typical parcel weighing 9kg. We have supported approximately 76 adults and 47 children a week.

Food Parcels Given Out	In last 12 Months	Weekly Average
	2,917 Parcels	56 Parcels
People Supported with Food Parcels	6,425 People	123 People
Adults Supported	3,968 Adults	76 Adults
Children Supported	2,457 Children	47 Children
kg Given Out in Food Parcels	22,849kg	440kg
Meal Equivalent (400g = 1 Meal)	57,122 Meals	1,099 Meals

Food parcels are given out at a weekly distribution session every Wednesday 1-2pm; however, we do provide emergency parcels out of hours when required and deliver to some who cannot reach us.

We also supply personal hygiene and sanitary products, household cleaning products, baby food and nappies.



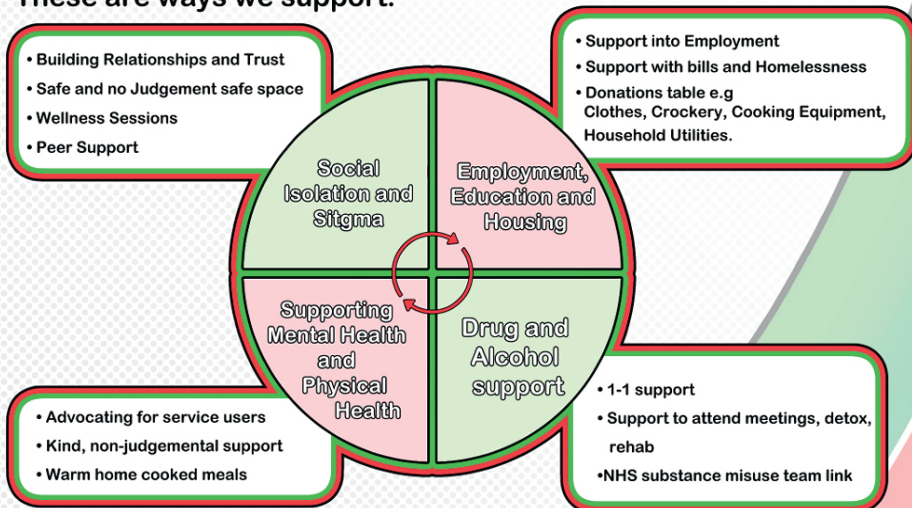
Beyond Food Parcels



People who access our services often need support in other ways and with our friendly, supportive and non-judgemental values, we are in a position to help with this.

Partnering closely with other organisations, we strive to break down barriers to individuals accessing other services. As well as us signposting, referring and advocating, these organisations attend our sessions to provide drop in advice and 1:1 support.

These are ways we support:



Community Wellbeing Sessions

Our 'Wellbeing Wednesday' sessions began in January 2026, providing a safe-space with a warm welcome and free home-cooked lunch.



Everyone is welcome to come along every week between 11am and 2pm!



"I have had mental health support today.
I feel safe and not judged here.
I had a lovely free lunch. Everyone is great."

"Well organised and friendly staff
Lovely food.
Nice to meet friendly people.
Long may it continue"

"A real sense of community spirit. This is what the world needs more of"

These sessions have been extremely well received and attended, providing access to a wide range of services and organisations who can offer extra support.

The event provides a great opportunity to meet others in a safe environment and helps to develop self-confidence in talking to others.

Wellbeing sessions are supported by our IT expert Harry who can help with personal tech, how to use services, accessing and filling out outline forms, and building up confidence to take advantage of the opportunities that digital living brings.

Hardware has been provided by the Welsh Government Minimum Digital Living Standard Fund.



Sharing Surplus Food In The Community

Our Community Fridge



Over the last year, we shared out 5,413kg of surplus food via our “Community Fridge” surplus table outside our hub in Market Street car park.

This is sponsored by Co-op Hubbub project.

Food is deemed ‘surplus’ once all people in need have received food parcels and where possible, it has been cooked into meals or frozen.

All members of the community passing by are encouraged to help themselves to prevent food going to waste.

In 2025, we put the table out on 262 days, which is 5 days each week!



When we have had an abundance of food, we have freely shared with other Community Groups for their community cooking.

Groups we have shared with in the last year include

- St Collens Community Hall
- Pentredwr Community group
- Lenten Kitchen on Oak Street.
- Pengwern Community hub,

Recycling waste food

We really do go the EXTRA MILE to reduce food waste

If food is deemed unfit for humans, we don't just bin it!

Only 3% of the food we process gets recycled and we partner with local community gardens and animal owners who can make good use of it.

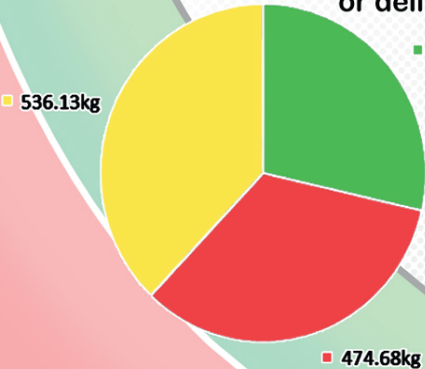


In 2025, 404kg of food waste was collected by our community growing partner, Grow Llangollen, and taken to be processed into compost to enrich the soil for growing their vegetables and fruit. Some of the home grown produce is then donated on to us.



Grow Llangollen's aim is to increase the amount of food that is grown and shared locally.

Equally, 475kg of food waste was collected by or delivered to local animal owners for feed!



Where our Excess Food Went

- Food for Composting
- Food for Animal Feed
- Food to Council Recycling

Home-Cooked food

Our home-cooked food; Everybody loves it!

Over the last year we have held 2-3 cooking sessions a week and have produced on average **100 meals a week**.

Our volunteer cooks use surplus food to make tasty meals that are frozen to give out in our food parcels or shared fresh during our community sessions.



School Holiday Hunger

We are in the third year of our School Holiday children's lunch parcel project, which aims to reduce school holiday hunger by supporting local families with food since 2023.

In the last year, we provided food to make **3,712 packed lunches** for local children during the 12 weeks of the school holidays. We support on average **60 children** each holiday, providing approximately **300 lunches per week** during the school holidays.

This is funded by generous donations from our community and Tesco Local Community Fund.



*“Made the world of difference feeding
my kids in the Easter holidays”*

Volunteers

Rhannu Bwyd Llangollen Food Share depends on **25 hard-working volunteers**, who together **give over 125 hours of their time each week**. The whole team works together to make people's lives better.

Every volunteer offers something different. We encourage teamwork and develop volunteering skills; confidence building, developing independence, cooking skills, awareness of food waste and many more.

Accredited volunteer training includes Food Safety and Hygiene, First Aid, Safeguarding, Fire Training, Health and Safety. Volunteers are DBS checked to ensure the safety of our more vulnerable service users.

We also link in with other services for continued support with us and beyond such as:



Working Denbighshire



Community Connections

Working with St Collens Church

Our long-standing partnership with St Collen's church has huge benefits for our community. Here we work as a team alongside students of Ysgol Dinas Bran in term time to prepare and serve a two-course healthy home cooked lunch from our surplus food stores, minimising food waste.



For some people a healthy hot meal and a friendly face can make the world of difference especially in times of hardship. We work with St Collens most Fridays to provide a hot meal in the community centre. Here we feed an average of **25 - 30 people per session** and offer support and signposting to other services for vulnerable people where necessary.



Feedback from attendees:

"Always outstanding service"



"The food was fabulous, I love the fact it is all homemade and from the foodshare! It is good to see the local school children helping."

"Lovely coffee, polite and attentive service from Ysgol Dinas Bran pupils."

"Great company and chance to socialise"

Working with Young People

We offer volunteering opportunities to a range of young people, including those taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh award, Welsh Baccalaureate students, home-schooled children and young people with learning disabilities. We also work with local groups such as Brownies and Cub Scouts etc to raise awareness of our work.



Local Secondary School: Ysgol Dinas Bran

As part of an educational engagement programme, students visit Food Share weekly and take part in a variety of activities including cooking food and serving at community lunches.

This activity helps develop skills, experience and confidence in students, many of whom are at risk of becoming NEET (Not in Education, Employment and Training).

Feedback from Ysgol Dinas Bran school staff

“a huge thankyou ... volunteering teaches them to work together as a team ... cooking skills a huge sense of giving back ... gain some experience of what a working environment may look like. It has benefitted so many students. I just wanted to say the BIGGEST thankyou!”

Feedback from students:

“I feel comfortable around food and I have been trying new foods like chilli made with veg”

“I am learning useful things at Food Share. I am using these at home when I help cook for my family”



Community Wellness Project



We have continued to foster our fabulous relationship with **Community Wellness Project**, which has been extremely successful thanks to our aligned people centred values and commitment to break down barriers to accessing support. We continue to signpost and accompany people to their mental health and wellbeing sessions in Cefn Mawr.



We take up surplus food to share and have fully catered for their sessions (up to 60 people) on 3 occasions so far.

Thanks to a Winter Grant, we were able to hold our own Community Wellness session in Llangollen alongside our Wellbeing and parcel session for 12 weeks in 2026, bringing in 2 professional therapists to hold group and 1:1 sessions. This was extremely successful and popular with our community.



We are seeking funding to enable these sessions to re-start as soon as possible. In the meantime, we continue to support their sessions in St George's Hall in Cefn Mawr.

“Beautiful session, very reflective, calming and educational”

“I like that you bring in therapeutic services”

“Calming, grounding”

Other Community Partnerships

Being an extremely community focussed, grass roots organisation, we are thoroughly embedded in Llangollen and as such we are extremely fortunate to have an almost endless amount of supporters and friends.

Our supporters in Llangollen include:

Liberty Tavern, Sweet Corner, Porters Delicatessen, Watkin Williams, Llangollen Railway, The Royal Spice, Riverbanc, Llangollen Spar, Shop Around the Corner, Sweet Hive Bakery, Anna Anna bakery, The Clwydian Butcher, Rowan Vintage, Wingetts, Riverside B&B, Run Free Fell Runners, Chopsticks Chinese, Wholebake, Grace Foods, Whitewater Active, Tenovous, Co-op, Aldi, Llangollen Town Council, Llangollen Youth Centre, Women's Institute, Inner Wheel, Churches – St Collens, Llantysilio, Methodist Church, Seion Wesleyan Chapel, Carrog, Glyndyfriedwy, Glanrafon Chapel, DOT cinema, Friends of Llangollen Health Centre, Christmas Festival, Food Festival, Summer Festival, Repair Café, Grow Llangollen, TCC, ABF our dear late friend Allen Hitchings and anybody and everybody else!



Money



Chair of Trustees – Graham Timms

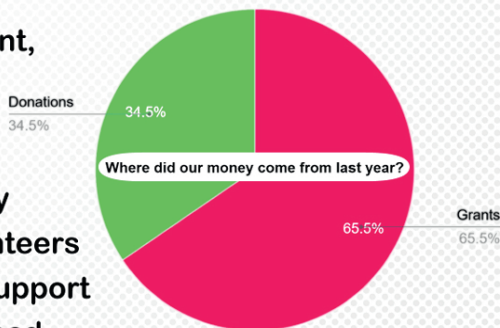
Many community organisations struggle for money, and we are no exception. However, we are privileged to have huge support from the local community.

In the last financial, year over one third of the money we spent came from donations which were almost entirely from local individuals, organisations and companies.

Obtaining Grant funding is becoming increasingly difficult as the pot is shrinking even though demand is growing. We are privileged to have received support from some loyal funders, which have made a huge difference to the amount, range and quality of the service provided.

We survive on the generosity of kind people, both as volunteers and those giving money to support families and individuals in need.

The Moondance Foundation have continued to support us from the early days, helping us to employ Steph Mitchell, our full-time manager.





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Our Current Investors



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Ways To Give Your Support



Can you help us by becoming a **regular donor** or make a **one-off donation**?

Regular donors give us more financial security. Donations can be made by regular direct debit - from our website with Charities Aid Foundation (CAF).

Single donations can also be made using our website and by cash, by card in the HUB, cheque or paypal.

Gift Aid: If you pay income tax HMRC will give us 25p for every pound donated. Please complete the form on the website – we'll do the rest. Over £3000 claimed last year!

Your support will make a huge difference to those who need your help in the Llangollen area.

This QR code takes you directly to the giving page on our website.



Thank you!



To make a Legacy you need to specify your intentions when making or renewing your will.

We promise that whatever you give will be spent on improving lives of those in need.

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yn y Gymraeg, cysylltwch â ni

If you would like a copy of this
booklet in Welsh, please let us
know.



Some of our volunteers speak Welsh so if you would like to access our services in Welsh, just ask. We also produce bilingual leaflets and posters and are in the process of converting our website to be bilingual too.

Of course, even with this booklet, it doesn't come close to how much we actually do as a charity.

The amount of hard work our staff, volunteers and many, *many* others in the Llangollen community and local area put in to making Rhannu Bwyd Llangollen Food Share what it is today is humbling.

Truly an incredible feat and we will continue to do all we can to ensure no one goes hungry.

Thank you!

*"I love being part of something greater than myself.
It is important to have community groups that
help people grow and prosper.
It is a lovely place to be"*



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