



**Help shape communities
beyond your lifetime.
Make a lasting impact with
a gift in your Will.**

Your free guide to gifts in Wills



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About FareShare

We save good-to-eat food which would otherwise go to waste and redistribute it to UK charities. In turn, they use it to feed and support the individuals and communities they work with.

When people are hungry, no good food should go to waste.

One in six people in the UK, including 3 million children, are currently experiencing food insecurity, which means they are skipping meals and struggling to get enough to eat.¹

Yet more than 4 million tonnes of good food is wasted in our farms, factories and shops every year,² enough for 10 billion meals.³

FareShare, the country's biggest and longest-standing charitable organisation tackling hunger and food waste, is committed to putting an end to these issues, for good.

For 30 years, we have been working across the UK to access surplus food that would otherwise go to waste, redistributing it to frontline charities and community groups who turn it into meals. We spot solutions in processes, help with harvesting, and collect food from supermarkets, wholesalers, farm gates and factories in all corners of the country. We prevent waste and its harmful impact on our environment, and we ensure food ends up where it belongs — on people's plates.

¹ The Food Foundation (2023). Food Insecurity Tracking: Round 14.

² Edible food waste figures for primary production (farms) are from WWF (2022) Hidden Waste: The Scale and Impact of Food Waste in Primary Production. Edible food waste figures for hospitality and food services (HaFs), manufacturing, and retail are from WRAP (2023), UK Food Waste & Food Surplus – Key Facts

³ WRAP (2020). Reporting on the amounts of food surplus redistributed (weight and meal equivalents; WRAP guidance). Available at: <https://wrap.org.uk/resources/guide/reporting-amounts-food-surplus-redistributed-weight-and-meal-equivalents-wrap>

Environmental impact: Fighting climate crisis

The CO₂e embedded in the food FareShare prevents from going to waste is 4.5 times greater than the CO₂e emitted in the running of FareShare UK.⁴ This is crucial because food waste has a detrimental impact on our planet in multiple ways. Not only does it result in the squandering of valuable resources involved in the production of uneaten food, such as land, water, labour, energy, manufacturing, packaging, and more, but it also typically ends up in landfills. Here, the decomposing food generates methane, a greenhouse gas that is 23 times more potent than carbon dioxide, due to a lack of oxygen. Food waste is a significant contributor to the destruction of our planet. In fact, if global food waste were a country, it would be the world's third largest emitter of greenhouse gases, behind only the USA and China.⁵



⁴ The Carbon Trust (2023). Environmental Impact Methodology Report. Available at: <https://fareshare.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/FareShare-Methodology-Report-2023-1.pdf>

⁵ United Nations FOA (2013). Food wastage footprint: Impacts on natural resources. Available at: <https://www.fao.org/3/i3347e/i3347e.pdf>



With your help we've been fighting hunger and tackling food waste for nearly 30 years

In the past year alone, we've reached more than **1 million people**. What could your gift in Will help us achieve next?

1994

Crisis FareShare is co-founded with Crisis and Sainsbury's, opening its first depot in London.

2004

FareShare is established as an independent charity, broadening its remit to be able to help more people experiencing food insecurity.

2015

FareShare Go is launched, a digital platform to link charities with local stores offering unsold food at the end of each day. Over the next year, FareShare Go adds nearly 3,000 tonnes to the 10,000 tonnes of surplus food redistributed across FareShare's regional centres.

2019

Supported by funding from DEFRA, FareShare launches its £3 million Surplus with Purpose fund, which aims to offset the additional costs faced by the food industry for diverting surplus food to charities.

2022

FareShare launches its Cost of Living Crisis Appeal, calling on the Government to invest £25 million a year in surplus food redistribution.

2023

Data from the new Waste Britain report identifies that, for every £1 spent on redistributing surplus food, FareShare mobilises £5.72 in socio-economic value.⁶

⁶ University of Hertfordshire (2023). Waste Britain: An evaluation of the economic and social impact of FareShare's contribution to fighting hunger and tackling food waste. Available at: <https://fareshare.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/UH-Final-Short-Report-1-page-view.pdf>

Why your Will is important

Your Will puts your final wishes in writing. It states what you would like to happen to your estate after your death, including your money, property, investments and possessions.

It makes sure that your loved ones are looked after, and that you can continue to make a difference to the causes you've supported during your lifetime.

Without a Will, your estate could be legally divided in a way that goes against your wishes. However, with an up-to-date Will, you can be sure that your wishes will be respected, including making sure that good-to-eat, surplus food gets to where it is needed most — to vulnerable families and communities across the country.

FareShare is incredibly grateful for every gift we receive from our supporters. A Gift in your Will not only allows you to continue supporting our fight against food insecurity and food waste beyond your lifetime, it also helps with future planning.

It ensures we can direct funding to areas where it will be most needed in the future, creating greater stability for the charities and community groups we support.

Leaving a gift in your Will can also help your support to go even further, as there may be a reduction in inheritance tax liable on your estate.



What a gift in your Will can do

**Our food is
national in
scale and local
in impact**

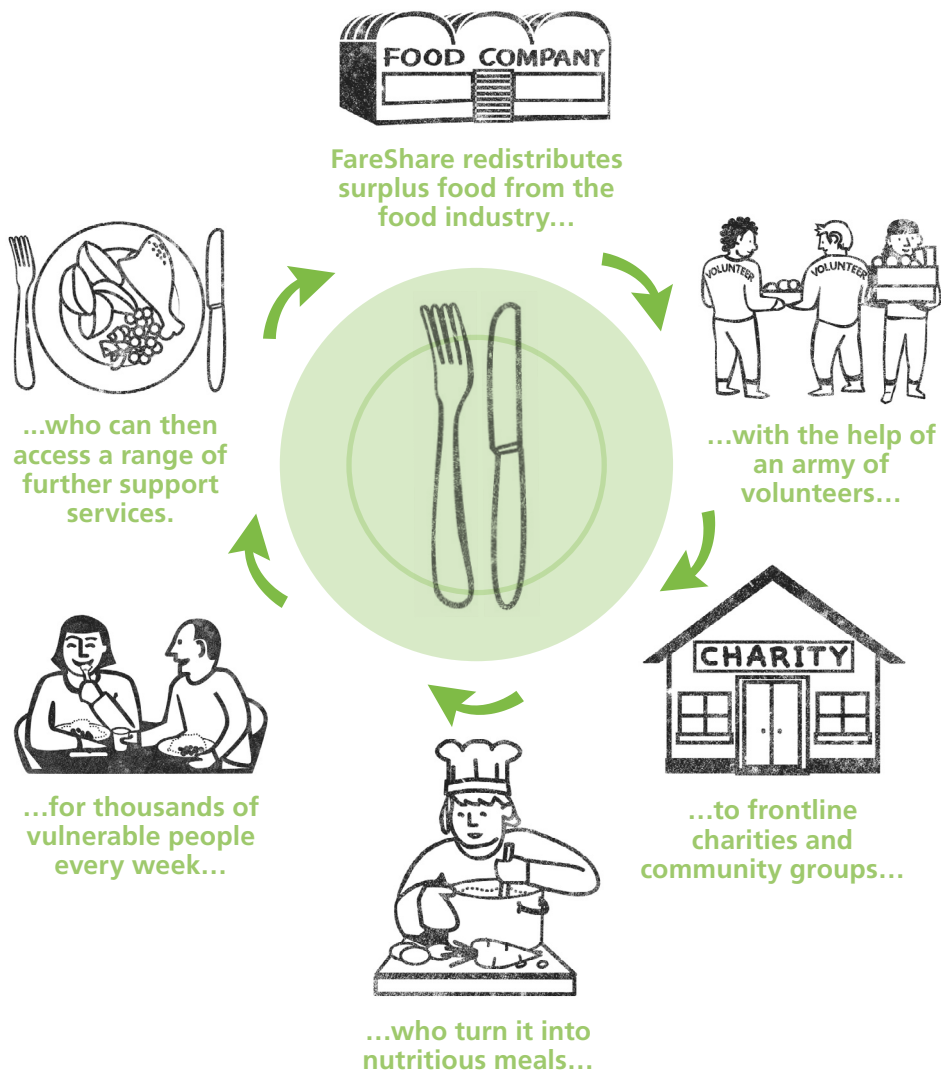
A gift in your Will could support FareShare to continue to expand our operation, helping to reach more communities across the UK.

From Aberdeen to Plymouth, and from Ipswich to Belfast, food from our 34 regional warehouses is distributed to charities and community groups covering 99% of the UK. These 8,500 charities and community groups feed over 1 million people, keeping them from going hungry today, tomorrow, and next month.

FareShare food does much more than just feed people. It often acts as a gateway to essential support services, helping people not just to eat, but to find solutions to their problems and feel supported by their communities. It saves these charities time and money, bolstering their services and ensuring they can continue to operate when their own budgets are under strain.

Your generosity allows FareShare to access and redistribute more food to those who need it most. With a gift in your Will, we can do just that, helping to make a tangible difference to people in your community and beyond.

How FareShare can use your gift for good



How your gift will make an impact

At FareShare, we're working for a world with less hunger and waste. We know it's important for you to understand exactly how your gift will help FareShare to continue to expand its impact, even after your passing.

For every £1 donated, FareShare can redistribute five meals to those in need. Leaving a gift in your Will can also help FareShare plan for the future, expanding our operations to access more food and reach more individuals.

Surplus

We are working hard to access greater volumes of food from new sources across the entire food industry, and to deepen and broaden our partnerships with farmers, manufacturers, retailers, wholesalers, catering outlets and others to increase the volume and variety of surplus food we secure.

Community

Food provision is an essential support service for people facing food insecurity. However, with 88% of FareShare's charities and community groups providing additional support services, our food can do much more than just feed people. Food provision combined with other services — such as training, counselling, community befriending, health support, and debt and benefits advice — can empower people facing food insecurity, enabling them to tackle the underlying challenges they face.

FareShare is working to harness technology and use data-driven processes to guide where food is allocated, prioritising organisations with the highest social value and responding quickly to each charity's needs.

"I think that FareShare is doing great work in helping communities and families who simply can't afford to eat. I'm glad to be able to support them."

FareShare donor

Our socio-economic impact

By ensuring people have enough to eat, we mitigate long term costs to health and social services. The University of Hertfordshire's research into FareShare's social return on investment found that our work saves the UK £225 million per year.

For every £1 donated, we enable £5.72 of socio-economic value, through savings to both the Government and the people accessing food support services.⁵

Including a gift in your Will could help FareShare to continue to increase the positive impact we have on local communities across the UK.

"We've noticed a big increase in numbers, particularly people who work full-time but still can't afford bills. It doesn't matter where you come from, the struggles are real. We couldn't help all these people without FareShare."

Lisa, Gussies Kitchen, Chesterfield



Six key steps to writing your Will

Step 1: Valuing your estate

- Make a list and estimate the value of your most valuable possessions. This could include your home, other property, savings, investments, stocks and shares, jewellery, antiques, furniture, works of art, etc.
- Calculate the value of any debts you may have, such as mortgages, loans, credit and debit cards.
- The difference between your assets and debts is the value of your estate.
- It is also worth beginning to think about who your executors will be. They will administer your estate after you are gone.

Step 2: Determining the types of gifts you would like to leave

There are several types of gifts that can be left in a Will, including:

- **specific items:** this could mean something of value such as jewellery, a painting, property or shares
- **specific sums or pecuniaries:** these are gifts of a specific sum of money
- **residuary gifts:** these are a percentage of what remains of your estate after all other gifts and expenses have been paid

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Step 3: Dividing your estate

You will need to indicate how you would like your estate to be shared. This includes:

- who you would like to benefit from your estate — family, other loved ones and friends will naturally take priority
- whether you want to give any specific items or sums of cash to particular people
- how the residue of the estate will be shared, including the sale of any property, or money left over after funeral or other admin expenses, taxes, etc.
- what should happen if any of your beneficiaries die before you
- a gift to FareShare, or other charities close to your heart

It's worth remembering that leaving a gift to charity in your Will can be useful in helping to reduce any inheritance tax liability on your estate.



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Step 4: Helpful wording to use when leaving a gift in your Will to FareShare

Specific gift	Pecuniary gift	Residuary gift
I give my (description of gift) to	I give, free of tax, the sum of £x to	Subject to the payment of my debts, funeral and testamentary expenses, I give (the whole/x%) of my residuary estate to
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Step 5: Amending your Will

If you already have a Will and want to make a small update, you can do this without rewriting the original Will. You can amend your Will with a document called a Codicil. A Codicil will need to be properly drawn up and signed in the same way as a Will for it to be valid, so you'll need to consult a solicitor. All the types of gifts listed above can be added to an existing Will using a Codicil.

Step 6: Contacting a solicitor and writing your Will

We recommend that you discuss your Will, and the type of gifts you might like to leave, with your solicitor.

Professional bodies, such as the Solicitors Regulation Authority and The Law Society, can be useful in helping you find a suitable legal advisor. The HMRC website might also be useful in understanding inheritance tax and how leaving a gift in your Will to charity can help reduce any liability.



Solicitors
Regulation
Authority

sra.org.uk/consumers/choosing



The Law Society

solicitors.lawsociety.org.uk



GOV.UK

gov.uk/make-will

Get in touch

If you would like to leave a gift for FareShare in your Will, or if you have any questions about doing so, please get in touch.

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🌐 <https://fareshare.org.uk/giftsinwills>

**Shaping communities beyond
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**Thank you for remembering
FareShare.**



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