

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW LOGO



BRIGHTON & HOVE
FOOD
PARTNERSHIP

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A PLACE BASED APPROACH. We use food as a tool to address issues around health, social isolation, environmental sustainability and local economy

We are not just talking about what a better food system could look like – we are building it.

OUR APPROACH

HAVE A PLAN

**WORK WITH
OTHERS**

**TAKE ON THE
BIG STUFF**

**SUPPORT
COMMUNITY
ACTION**

**HELP
EVERYONE
PARTICIPATE**

LEARN

**PREVENTION
BETTER THAN
CURE**

DEMONSTRATE

COMMUNICATE



HAVE A PLAN



FOOD STRATEGY ACTION PLAN UPDATED

- An ambitious, 5-year plan to support local food producers, reduce waste, tackle food poverty, boost food growing and give all Brighton residents access to healthy and nutritious meals.
- Led by an expert panel
- Two working groups

Whole school food approach
Edible Brighton & Hove

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP



FOOD USE PLACES

- 16 community based partners
- 1230 tonnes of food used not wasted
- 524 people participated in training & workshops
- 14 community locations with tumblers
- 2 schools with new onsite composting

COMMUNITY COMPOSTING

- 54 schemes
- 125 volunteer monitors
- 1200 households involved

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“The project helped us embed a new system. We now transport our unusable surplus by e-bike to be composted locally to grow food for food banks. Before we were paying to send it to Essex incurring food miles on our food waste.”

Fareshare Sussex and Surrey



DON'T SHY AWAY FROM COMPLEXITY

FARMING & LOCAL FOOD INFRASTRUCTURE

LAND USE PLUS AIMS



Encourage nature friendly farming that both produces food and protects and restores rare local habitats



Increase local awareness of the environmental impacts of food production



Develop and improve local supply chains to support farmers and engage consumers



Support a joined-up approach to land use in the local area, connecting food production with the environment and spaces for people

SUPPORT COMMUNITY LEVEL ACTION



- 193 groups on our directory
- £200,543 of partnerships grant to other organisations
- Cultivate Project – 4 new / expanded edible gardens
- Training, mentoring and how to guides
- Voice eg compost legislation or parking permits
- Networks to replicate and co-operate

“I wanted to tell you that we are supporting another group in Scotland to use a dehydrator for surplus so that’s 2 more - you guys were the 'pebble' that has had ripple effects and continues to do so. Thank you for sharing so generously”

HELP EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE

“I loved seeing the children become enthusiastic about cooking and healthy eating. This is because of the friendly and accessible course and it's leaders”

“I was homeless most of my life but I have managed to get somewhere now and it was nice to be around people. I am often quite a recluse and it gave me more confidence to be around people in a nice environment”

“As a middle-aged queer and neurodivergent trans guy, I struggle to find safe, welcoming spaces. Growing New Roots’ understated approach gently signalled inclusiveness and understanding. This is rare.”

“The team made mum and I feel so welcome and mum absolutely loved it. I’ve not seen her so positive and enlivened for quite a while -it was a joy to watch”



LISTEN AND LEARN



FOOD SYSTEMS EQUALITY PROJECT *Healthy, sustainable food ideas from disadvantaged communities*

- UK wide academic-led research project
- Community Researchers
- Workshops – policy, products, advertising
- Street survey (bus stop) research re promotion of Healthy Start vouchers

“How engaged many people were in the discussions about healthy food choices. Several people even decided to miss their bus so they could finish speaking to us”



ADDRESS THE CAUSES NOT THE SYMPTOMS

BEYOND THE FOOD BANK – A PREVENTATIVE MODEL

- Part of the BHCC funded Advice & Financial inclusion Partnership
- Campaigns. Some wins lots to do
- Create community food spaces that address social isolation

5,800 people in Brighton & Hove need food support each week, with more than half seeking help on an ongoing basis. (2025)

COMMUNICATE, CELEBRATE



- Our **social media platforms and newsletters** have a reach of 150,000 people.
- 6000 for our fortnightly e-newsletter
- Where to buy local food one of the most popular pages
- 12,000 website visitors access information about Emergency Food Services

Took on running Seedy Sunday - Sunday February 1st 2026

“Your emails are always fantastic and so informative and never too wordy, thank you for all the info you manage to collate.

I’ve found it so useful over the years and particularly lately.”

DEMONSTRATE

PRESTON PARK DEMO GARDEN 15
years of showing what food can
be grown in a small space



MULTI YEAR GRANTS THAT ENDED IN 2024-25

- Dementia Cook and Eat and Gardening Activities (NHS funding via Impact Initiatives)
- Brighton Housing Trust – cookery for people in poverty
- Brighton & Hove City Council – Household Support Fund
- Ready Healthy Eat (National Lottery) – cook and eat groups
- Brighton & Hove City Council – for Green Wellbeing Alliance



GREEN WELLBEING ALLIANCE



Over the 5 years of funding from BHCC

- network grew from 6 to 15 small nature & wellbeing organisations
- reached over 1000 people per year
- 80,000 volunteer hours
- saw 200 people moving into studies, work, or volunteering after getting involved.

‘I have felt connected and good about myself in relation to others for the first time in a very long time.’ - GWA participant

THANK YOU



- 269 volunteers gave 11,800 hours supporting our composting, gardening, and cooking projects.
- 12 board members who volunteer their time
- 20 core staff members and 8 freelancers/sessional workers
- The support of our members, funders and partner organisations from the statutory, business and community sector.

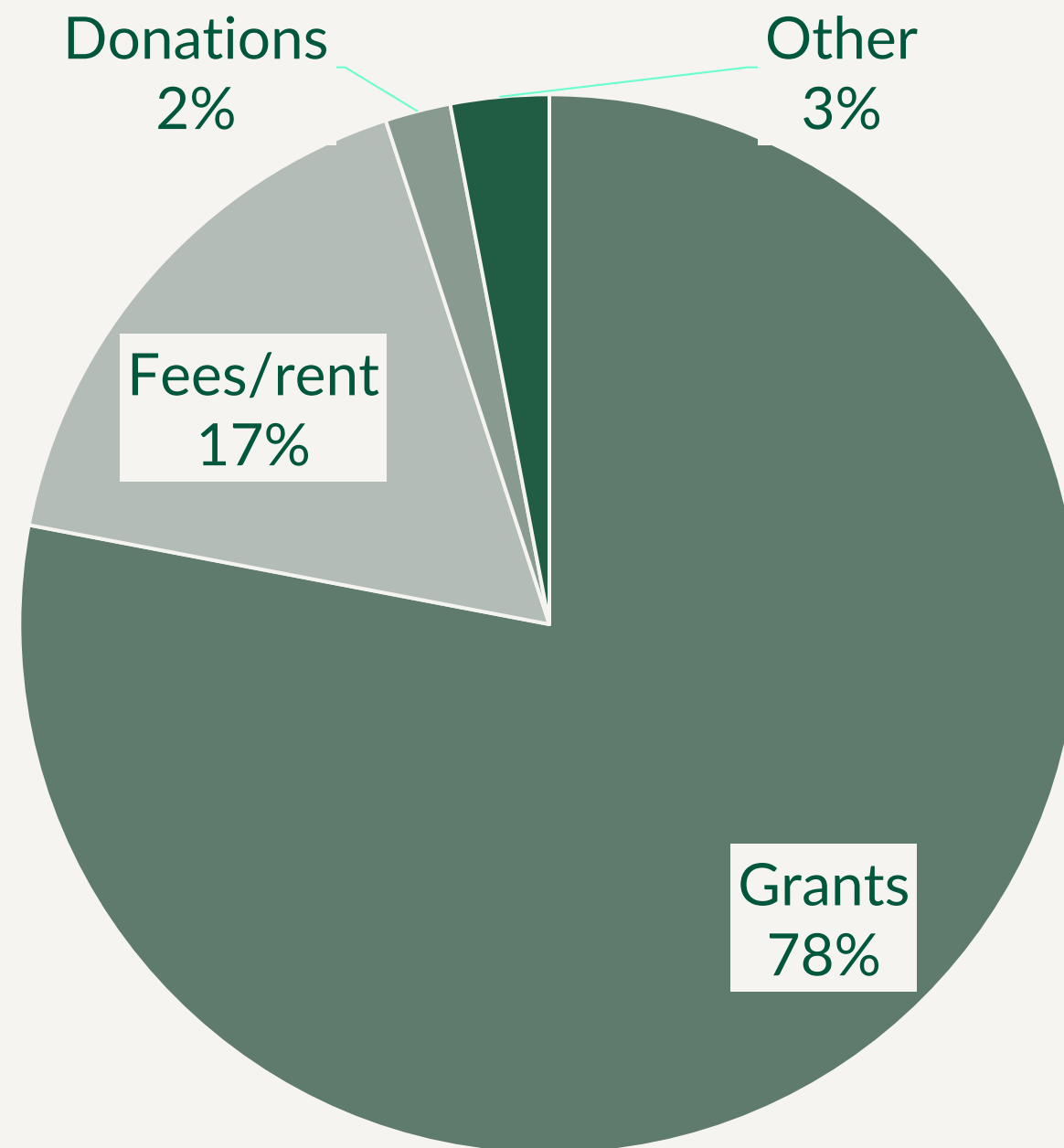
It's been a tricky year in many ways but coming into volunteer has been one of the most rewarding and enjoyable things I've done. Even when I feel a bit tired after work, nothing puts a smile on my face more than doing a shift at the kitchen.' - Kitchen Volunteer

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

See page 5	2024 / 2025	2023/2024	2022/2023
Income	1,089,338	967,366	1,060,875
Expenditure	1,074,585	969,787	1,053,226
Surplus/(deficit)	14,753	(2,412)	7649

Expenditure (breakdown on page 16)
51% of our overall expenditure is on our staff costs

BREAKDOWN OF INCOME TYPE



Previous Financial Year

Grants = 76%
Fees/rent = 16%
Donations = 5%
Other = 3%

So whilst the total income has increased similar % apart from donations.

Reduced from £50,850 to £23,972
Result of shifting emphasis to charity
and did not run a Xmas crowdfund

SOCIAL ENTERPRISES AND RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMUNITY KITCHEN CHARITY (CKC)



SOCIAL ENTERPRISES – bring in more people, create more connections and support our community ventures

FEE AND RENT INCOME

Increased from £157,343 in 2024 to £183, 819 in 2025

CKC – OUR SISTER CHARITY

£37K in donations

New supporters and new groups funded

Annual joint Board meeting



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QUESTIONS?



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