



Community &
Voluntary Services
cheshire east



Cheshire East Food Alliance

Meeting #3 – 10 July 2024

Agenda

Introduction

Food insecurity Headlines

Food Alliance progress

Right to Food strategy progress

Breakout sessions:

- #1- *Awareness and education around food poverty and insecurity (training delivered by the Beans on Toast project)*
- #2 – Exploring School Food programmes / How are Schools in Cheshire East supporting children and families facing food insecurity

Food insecurity Headlines...

Food Security:
No food strategy,
commitment to supporting British Farmers

Household food insecurity:
Reduce food prices / **End dependency on emergency food parcels**

School food: Free breakfast clubs in every school / No commitment to any existing scheme

Health Inequalities:
Banning junk food ads aimed at children / energy drinks for under 16s.

Food for the planet: Half of all public sector food to be produced locally / Environmental land mgt schemes

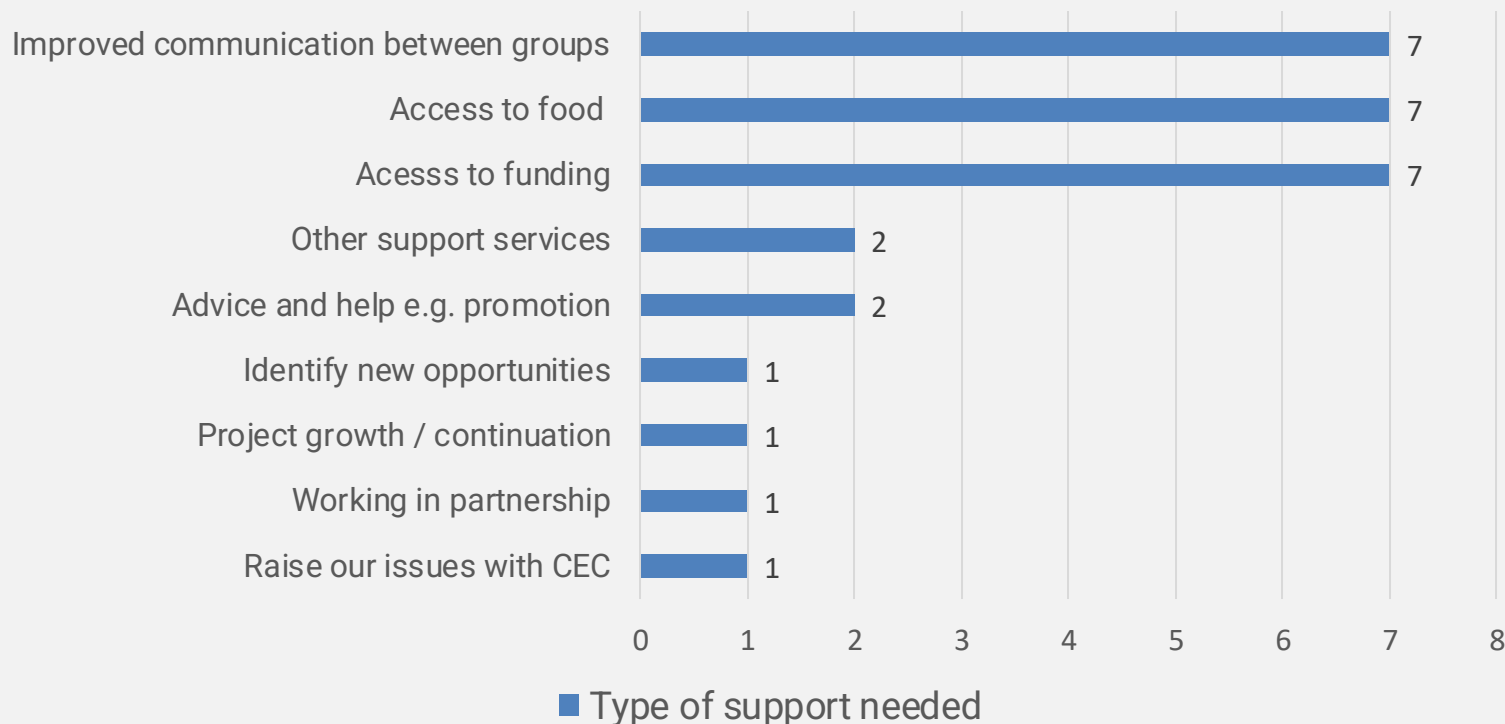
Around 470,000 children are missing out on FSM despite being eligible for them

1 in 4 North West Schools are operating food banks (Bristol University)

93% of Cheshire East Schools report higher levels of food insecurity than 12 months ago

How can the Food Coordinator role help

Based on responses from the Community Food Survey (n)



Cheshire East Food Alliance progress...



CEC Household Support Fund – funding for community food / other projects across Cheshire East



Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust Grant (Food Poverty) - focus on enabling resilience and independence e.g. food education & cooking skills – July 31



Following up the discussions from last Food Alliance meeting e.g. referral pathways & surplus food solution (reframing the Right to Food strategy)



Rural Food Insecurity Network themes - food supply & distribution, models of community food provision & providing access to wraparound support



Continuing to work with CEC and C&M NHS to increase Healthy Start uptake



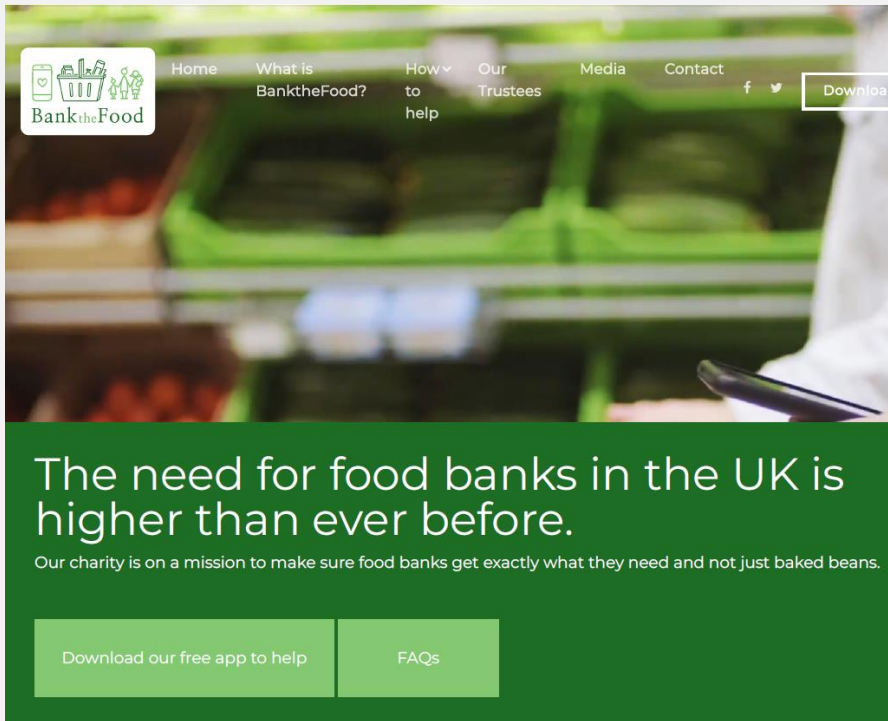
Alignment with Cheshire East Eat Well, Move More Partnership work



Introduce more low-cost, sustainable food pathways e.g. social supermarkets / Community shop / food pantries

Potential sources of donations

Bank the Food
(<https://www.bankthefood.org>)

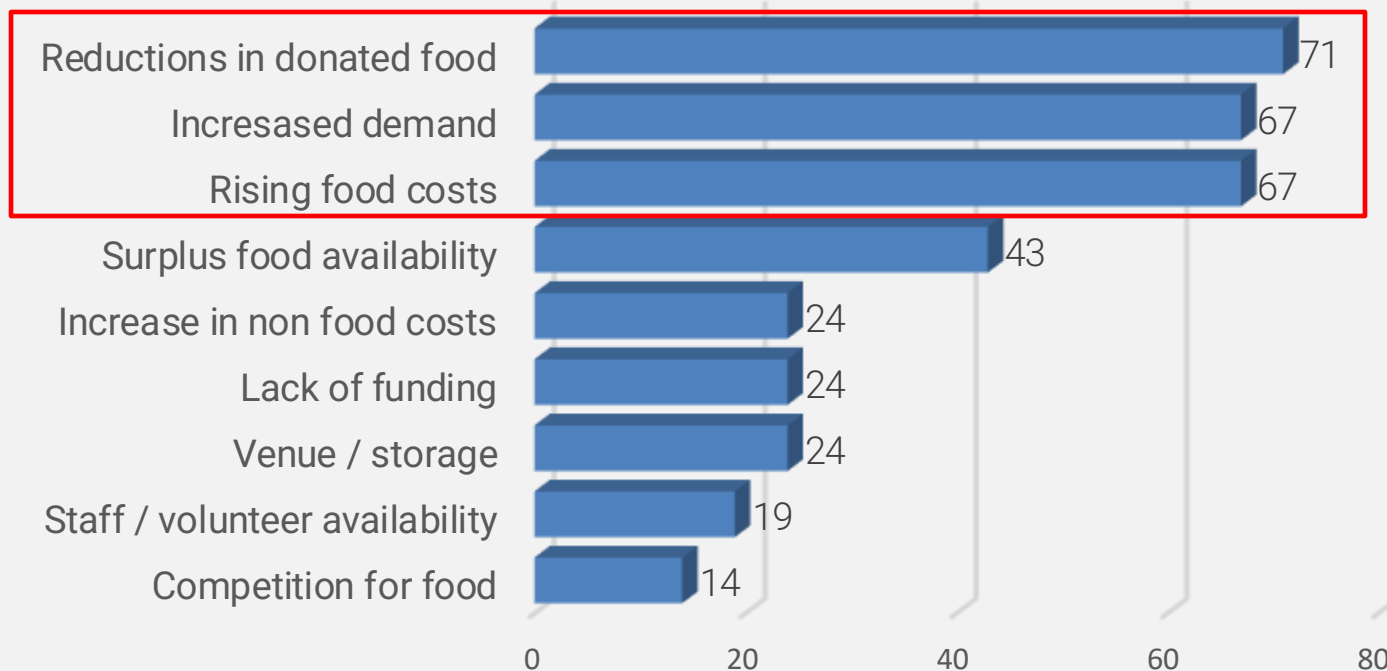


www.bankthefood.org

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Main challenges of community food projects

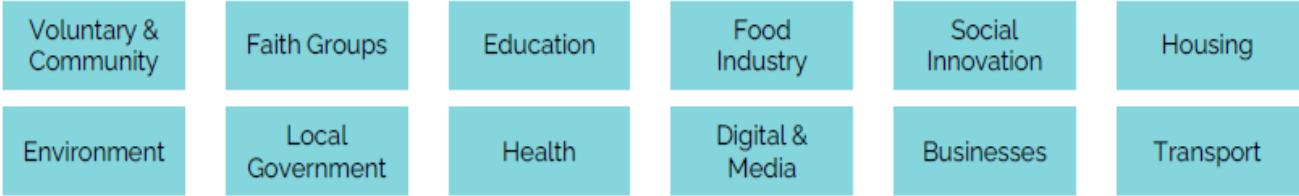


Reframing the Right to Food Strategy

CEFA vision

Ensuring a food secure Cheshire East where residents have a 'right to' affordable, quality, healthy, sustainable food.

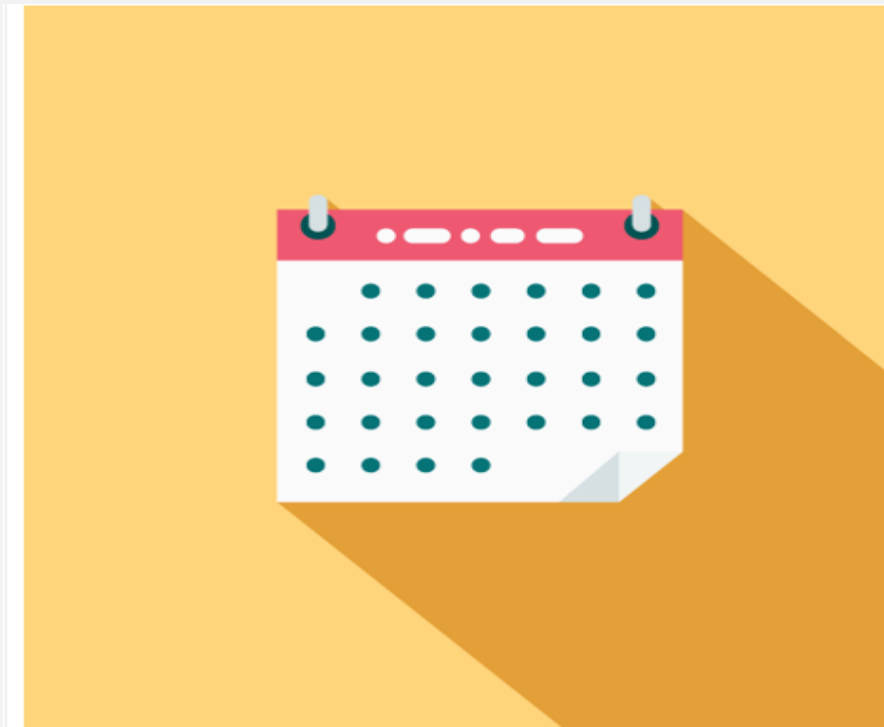
Sector Collaboration



Focussed Taskforce Groups



Next Food Alliance meeting date:



**Tuesday 15 October –
Crewe Alexandra FC (part of
VCFSE Alliance Meeting)**