



**Brighton & Hove Food Partnership  
Sustainability Impact Assessment Report  
2025**

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# 1. INTRODUCTION

This Sustainability Impact Assessment (SIA) report presents the impacts of Brighton & Hove Food Partnership. This report was created using SHARING SOLUTIONS – the SHARING SOLUTIONS Impact Assessment Toolkit.

SHARING SOLUTIONS was designed to illustrate the broad spectrum of impacts that food sharing initiatives have on the sustainability of food systems. Any initiative engaged in such activities around food can be classed as a food sharing initiative. Food sharing can be growing, cooking and eating together or redistributing surplus food to others.

The SHARING SOLUTIONS framework contains 34 sustainability indicators that initiatives can select from as relevant to their specific activities. An indicator can be a quantitative or qualitative factor or variable. An indicator provides a simple and reliable means to capture information at a particular point and which can be used over time to identify changes. The indicators cover four pillars of sustainability for our food systems – Social, Environmental, Economic and Governance. Within these pillars, indicators are organised into 13 impact areas. For each indicator, initiatives are provided with several options to demonstrate their impact using quantitative and/or qualitative evidence.

For more information about the SHARING SOLUTIONS tool including the SIA framework please refer to the SHARING SOLUTIONS webpage: <https://app.sharingsolutions.eu>

## 2. IMPACT SUMMARY REPORT



### WHO WE ARE

**Name:** Brighton & Hove Food Partnership

**Location:** Brighton & Hove



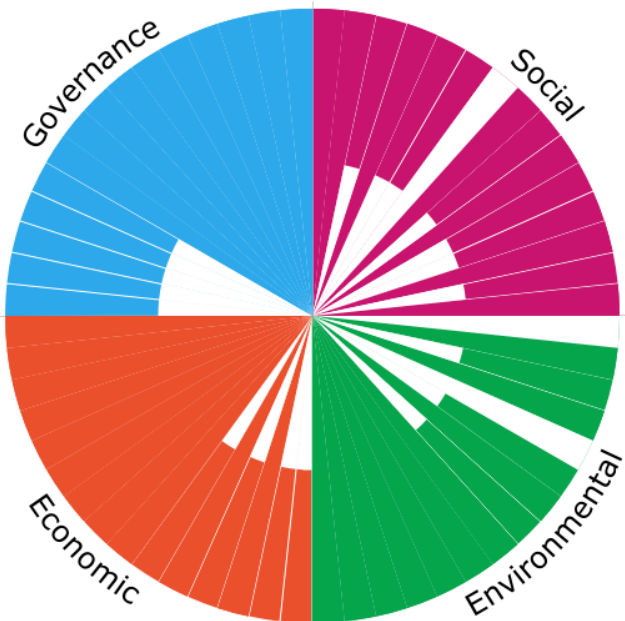
### GOALS AND ACTIVITIES

**Goals:** We aim to improve the food system, using food as a tool to improve people's lives.

**Activities:** Growing Food Together, Cooking Or Eating Food Together, Redistributing Surplus Food, Multifunctional



### IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS



Indicator where we have reported our impact



Indicator where we are having a significant impact

#### ▶ Our key areas of significant impact are

- Boosting levels of meal sharing
- Diverting organic waste from landfill
- Food waste reduction



## KEY IMPACTS



**1796**

people ate shared meals  
one a week at our events



**2757**

people received  
educational materials from  
us on reducing food waste



**1230000**

kg of food diverted from  
landfill



We make meals out of surplus food and people eat them in shared meals at community cafes, or delivered meals. Case study here:

<https://moulsecoombforestgarden.org/2024/09/18/cooking-the-harvest/>



'Being part of the community, building confidence as a group and connection with other people has kept me coming back" <https://bhfood.org.uk/community-cookery-case-study/>



We have trained 93 compost champions in the community



## FOOD SHARING BENEFITS

The sharing element of food sharing creates unique positive benefits like fostering social cohesion and reducing loneliness. The direct and indirect benefits our food sharing generates are indicated below.





# HOW WE CONTRIBUTE TO THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The United Nations uses a range of impact areas and indicators to measure progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The following graphic shows how our activities are contributing to these goals at three levels by: (1) Contributing to the general ethos of a goal (2) Making a direct impact to an impact area; and (3) Making a major impact by contributing to an indicator.



## Legend:

- Making a major direct impact towards this goal
- Making a direct impact towards this goal
- Contributing to the ethos of this goal

### 3. SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

#### SOCIAL

##### COMMUNITY INTEGRATION AND SHARING

###### Fostering a wider food and sharing culture

How many other food sharing initiatives are you in regular contact with to exchange knowledge or collaborate?

19

How many volunteers and/or employees have moved on to join or establish another food sharing initiative?

1

##### ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY OF FOOD

###### Increased access to and consumption of fresh food

How many meals did your initiative distribute?

93392

How many people report eating more fresh food and/or freshly prepared meals since encountering your initiative?

1796

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative increases access to and consumption of fresh food and/or freshly prepared meals. (e.g. stories from people who attended events, cooking classes, workshops, etc.)

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## HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

### Connecting and creating new support networks within communities

How many people have increased their support or friendship network because of encountering your initiative?

35

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative supports connecting and creating new support networks within communities (e.g. stories about friendships formed because of engaging with your initiative)

'Being part of the community, building confidence as a group and connection with other people has kept me coming back" <https://bhfood.org.uk/community-cookery-case-study/>

### Boosting levels of meal sharing

How many people have shared meals at events run by your initiative

525

How many people are eating shared meals at least once per week due to your initiative's activities

1796

### Improving self-confidence and resilience

How many people have reported that their self-confidence has improved through participating in your initiative?

36

### Increasing access to health and well-being services

How many people found out about health and well-being services through participating in your initiative?

20

## EDUCATION AND FOOD CHOICES – SOCIAL

### Thinking about issues beyond price when buying food

How many people now consider issues beyond price when buying food because of participating in your initiative?

415

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative supports thinking about issues beyond price when buying food

We are doing a communications about about food, the environment and wasting less. We have attended 33 public events where we have had these discussions with people.

### Increased confidence and participation in cooking

How many people attended your events that were (at least partially) designed to improve their confidence and ability to cook for themselves and others?

274

## ENVIRONMENTAL

### AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

#### Diverting organic waste from landfill

How many estimated kg of organic waste has your initiative diverted from landfill through composting?

211000

How many people attended your events which were at least partially about composting?

639

Select from the following the best description of your composting activities

We collect and compost our organic material (food scraps, peelings, cuttings etc.) ourselves but others use our compost.,We collect and compost our organic material and use this material for our own growing operations.,We collect and compost organic material both from our own operations and from other organisations.

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative diverts organic waste from landfill

We have trained 93 compost champions in the community

#### Maintaining and improving soil quality

Share any relevant information about how your initiative maintains and improves soil quality

We create compost which gets used in local community gardens and on allotments

## FOOD WASTE

#### Food waste reduction

How many people attended your events that were designed to reduce their food waste?

2757

How many estimated kg of food waste did your initiative rescue?

1230000

How many people report that they have reduced their food waste because of your initiative?

16

## CARBON FOOTPRINT

### Reducing the carbon footprint of the food system

How many people attended your events or received educational materials about reducing the carbon footprint of their food choices?

648

Select from the following any carbon footprint reducing activities your initiative does (can select multiple options):

Rescuing food that would otherwise have been sent to landfill, Accepting donated food that may otherwise have been sent to landfill

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative reduces its carbon footprint (e.g. stories of your participants being inspired to make changes to reduce their carbon footprint because of your events or programs)

Case Study - Embedding Food Use Places in the popular Old Boat Corner Community Centre  
"This year, by engaging local people, with two team members to lead the project and >40 volunteers, new passions have ignited, local bonds have grown, and challenges are solved quickly and creatively, such as building a system for veg gluts. Inspired by training with local compost expert, we developed food use advocates who manage the compost system and track all food waste. This has produced a ton of compost for our orchard and community garden. To reach all centre users, not just food project participants, we trained the wider team in composting using our popular 'Fact or Fiction' quiz. Long-term changes include a switch to organic tea bags, a reusable cup discount, clear bin signage encouraging better waste habits, and continuing to share homemade surplus ready meals ." - Reyna, CEO

## EDUCATION AND FOOD CHOICES – ENVIRONMENTAL

## Reducing food packaging

How many people attended your events or received educational materials about reducing the amount of packaging on their food?

783

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative reduces food packaging.

We are sharing blogs, tips and information about how to reduce food packaging and re-using the packaging you do get.

## ECONOMIC

### JOBS

#### Training and jobs

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative supports training and jobs.

We will have one paid internship and an AQA qualification programme (qualifications for people who struggle at school)

#### Fairly paid work

What percentage of your part-time employees are paid a rate 10% or more above the legal minimum wage?

100

What percentage of your full-time employees are paid a rate 10% or more above the legal minimum wage?

100

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative supports fairly paid work.

The projects involved often employ local people on flexible contracts that support their caring needs

### AFFORDABILITY OF FOOD

#### Reducing pressure on food budgets

How many people acquired knowledge and skills to reduce pressure on their food budget by participating in your initiative?

75

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative is reducing pressure on food budgets.

We are sharing information and training on planning and budgeting for meals

## EDUCATION AND FOOD CHOICES – ECONOMIC

### Formal qualifications

How many people gained formal qualifications relating, at least partially, to food because of participating in your initiative?

15

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative supports formal qualifications.

We give people training on food hygiene

## GOVERNANCE

### CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

#### Contributing to policy development

List key activities your initiative did to establish more sustainable food policies at the local, regional, or national level.

Please see our local Food Strategy and Action plan <https://bhfood.org.uk/resources/food-strategy/>

Share any other relevant information about how your initiative contributes to policy development.

We are working with the local council to ensure they have the right policies on food waste

#### Sharing knowledge and good practice

Select from the following any activities your initiative does to share knowledge and best practices.

Hosted events to promote and educate about specialist practices your initiative implements.,Advised or assisted other food initiatives in adopting similar practices to your initiative.,Posted online content promoting the use of practices you implement which tackle important issues in the food system.,Participated in relevant region or regional networks for food sharing activities. For example, a community growers network.

Share here any other relevant information about how your initiative shares knowledge and good practice.

We host visits from other places and arrange visits between projects.

### STRATEGIC PLANNING

#### Strategic planning and sustainability

Select from the following the best description of your formal planning processes.

We have a formal plan which does specifically set out goals which relate to sustainability issues.,We have a formal sustainability plan, which sets out a strategy to maximise our impact relating to important issues for food sustainability.



## Stakeholder engagement

Select from the following the best description of your strategy for identifying, engaging, and managing your relationships with stakeholders.

We have a strategy to identify the relevant stakeholders for our initiative and regularly review them.,We have a strategy for stakeholder engagement to understand how our operations impact others.,We have a formal strategy to resolve any conflicts with stakeholders.

Share any other relevant information about how you engage with stakeholders.

We like to share food at meetings and events in order to encourage participation, we compensate people for their time if they are not paid to take part.. We also fundraise on their behalf

## RISK CONTROL

### Risk control

Select from the following the best description of your current strategy for identifying and reducing risks facing your initiative.

We have implemented a strategy which we believe will reduce the major risks to our initiative in the future (for example starting a fundraising campaign to deal with a specific issue)

Provide a summary of any steps you have taken in the last twelve months to minimise the major risks to the viability of your initiative.

We undertake risk assessments using templates, take action to procure match funding. We have an organisational risk register. We put in time to make sure the partner relationships are strong.

## 4. Disclaimer

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