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Third anniversary of the Coronation Food Project

- **The King recognises 'the immense impact' of the project**
- **20 million more meals delivered to communities in need**
- **Fifth Coronation Food Hub opens in Middlesbrough**

The Coronation Food Project marks its third anniversary today (Friday November 20th) and celebrates a significant milestone as 20 million meals have been delivered to communities in need and a fifth distribution centre opens.

The project was launched by The King and Queen in November 2023. Marking the project's third anniversary, The King said: "When I launched the Coronation Food Project three years ago, on my 75th birthday, I could not have imagined the immense impact it might have in such a short amount of time.

"Working together with the food industry, hundreds of wonderful charities and community groups, donors and philanthropists, we are dramatically increasing the capacity to circulate surplus food, while using innovative new technology for the benefit of communities in need. By bringing people together in this way, I believe we can transform the food sector from surplus to sustainable."

The Coronation Food Project aims to reduce food waste and support communities in need. It's estimated that around 470,000 tonnes of easily accessible and edible surplus food is wasted every year - the equivalent of over one billion meals. At the same time, millions of families are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis.

In just three years since its launch, the Coronation Food Project has:

- Raised £20 million and opened Coronation Food Hubs in Liverpool, Birmingham, London, Glasgow and Middlesbrough, in partnership with the leading food redistribution charity Felix.
- Delivered 8,737 tonnes more food to communities in need – the equivalent of 20 million meals.
- Awarded £1.5 million through King Charles III Charitable Fund to 58 organisations, helping them to increase their reach, strengthen their services and unlock new sources of edible surplus food.

The Middlesbrough Coronation Food Hub, funded by Steve Gibson OBE through the Gibson O'Neill Company, officially opens today. The hub will provide a state-of-the-art facility for food redistribution, helping local charities and community organisations reach even more people in need.

In 2023, senior leaders from the UK food industry signed an historic pledge to pursue the reduction of all forms of waste in the food supply chain and increase redistribution of surplus food to those most in need. Inspired by The Coronation Food Project and convened by the IGD and Felix, Alliance Food Sourcing is the food industry coalition that is investing and innovating to rescue nutritious, edible food waste from the food manufacturing supply chain and get it to the charities that need it. 58 UK food retailers and manufacturers are now involved and, in the last year alone, brought in 3,275 tonnes of food, a year-on-year increase of 60%.

The charitable and community food redistribution sector has also come together in the last year with a pledge to triple food redistribution in the United Kingdom over the next decade.

To show their commitment, the eight main redistributors, The Bread and Butter Thing, City Harvest, Community Shop, Feeding Britain, Felix, His Church, Neighbourly and Xcess Network have all signed the Coronation Food Project Covenant, pledging to achieve this long-term goal, which is also supported by the IGD and the anti-poverty charity and community of food banks, Trussell. The covenant is part of the larger national programme to redistribute surplus food, which was announced by former PM Sir Keir Starmer in May 2026 after the King's Speech.

Dame Martina Milburn, Executive Chair of the Coronation Food Project said: "It's staggering to think of the number of families who'll be able to sit down to a warm, nutritious meal because of this project. Our success is down to the inspiration and ongoing commitment of The King and we are deeply grateful for his leadership and support."

Charlotte Hill OBE, Chief Executive of The Felix Project said: “The Coronation Food Hubs are a transformational resource, not only for Felix but also for the communities they serve. I have been lucky enough to visit them all and see just how much more can be achieved, from the amount of food we can rescue to the number of community organisations we can supply. They really are enabling us to fill more plates and fuel fuller lives.”

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Notes to Editors

The Coronation Food Project

Inspired by His Majesty King Charles III, the Coronation Food Project aims to create a fairer and more sustainable future by:

- Saving more surplus food
- Supercharging food distribution networks
- Supporting the wider sector with flexible funding

The key partners are King Charles III Charitable Fund, Felix and the IGD.

Felix

Felix was founded in 2026 following the merger of The Felix Project and FareShare. The charity rescues good- to-eat surplus food, that cannot be sold and would otherwise go to waste, from across the food industry. That food is repurposed and shared to support more than 8,000 community organisations across the UK, reaching over 1.5 million people. The charity manages seven depots and works with 16 network partners to operate a total of 35 depots across the UK.

FareShare was founded in 1994 by Sainsbury’s and Crisis to serve homeless shelters with food. It grew into the leading national redistribution charity by forming partnerships with major supermarkets such as Tesco and Asda. The Felix Project was started in 2016 by Justin and Jane Byam Shaw in memory of their son Felix, who died suddenly from meningitis, aged just 14. It grew rapidly to become London’s largest food redistribution charity.

King Charles III Charitable Fund

Founded in 1979 by His Majesty King Charles III and inspired by the philosophy of harmony, the Fund’s mission is to transform lives and build sustainable communities. The Fund

supports His Majesty’s charitable interests through its grant making programmes and initiatives. We are committed to helping people and communities to change the world around them, creating lasting improvements to people’s lives and a sustainable future for all.

Over the past four decades we have invested over £100 million into good causes across the UK and internationally - supporting more than 150 charitable organisations each year through a range of grant programmes. And through incubating initiatives such as the Coronation Food Project, the Fund also acts as catalyst, helping big ideas to grow and deliver impact.