

...helping local people in need



#### Who goes to the foodbank?











- Anyone who has an unexpected crisis in life
- It could be you or me
- During the pandemic we saw many people who never expected to need the Foodbank.
- Need a voucher from an agency



#### The Stats

- Numbers are increasing:
- •Between 1/4/2021 and 31/3/2022, we helped 10,249 people
  - That's 3% more than 2020/2021 and 8% more than 2019/2020
- What was "very busy" is becoming "normal"
- Fairbite is helping around 90 families a week



#### Fairbite™ Food Shop

- Arbury Court opened in Jun 2018
- Hope Church, Chesterton partnership opened in March 2022
- Currently over 90 signed up
   members referred by agencies
- Offers longer term support
- Looking to expand to other parts of the city







#### Changes

- Centres are open, offering tea, coffee, chat and signposting
- •Still doing standard, family and top-up boxes
- Offering fresh fruit and vegetables
- •The "extras" tables are back, so people can swap items
- St Paul's have their spices and recipes.
- Fairbite is fully open, so people can choose their food
- Voucher self-referral scheme is still operating



#### Other Projects

- Fuel Scheme has helped around 900 people since 2020
- Working with Red Hen in Kings Hedges to run cookery classes
- Working with Grow Kids to offer children's clothing packs
- Hosting the Community Connectors
- Hosting Christians Against Poverty to help people maximise their income
- Hosting National Careers Service





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#### SUPPORTING LOCALS IN FINANCIAL HARDSHIP

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#### **OUR MISSION, OUR VISION**

## We aim to relieve local poverty by providing:

- Culturally appropriate food
- Help with domestic costs
- Emergency support













#### SENDING CLEAR MESSAGES







Replying to @Karim\_Fdn

Super video – I now have a much better understanding of the work undertaken by the #KarimFoundation. All the best with your work in 2022.

12:53 AM · Jan 20, 2022 · Twitter for Android



Tricia Sutton @sutton0206 · 05 Apr : Can you help? Cambridge may not appear an obvious city to require support, but it is one of the most unequal places in the country.

Karim Foundation @K... · 02 Apr

With household bills rising, struggling families and individuals in #Cambridge will feel the impact of the cost of living crisis.

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James Lewis @JamesCam... · 04 Apr : Can you help? There's so many in need right now

Karim Foundation @K... · 02 Apr

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Niamh Sweeney @Niamh... · 04 Apr : I'm supporting the Karim Foundation this #Ramadan ← #Cambridge



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#### EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

FOOD JUSTICE FOR CAMBRIDGE'S MINORITY ETHNIC COMMUNITIES

#### AN IDENTIFIE

OF MINORITY ETHNIC
COMMUNITIES FOR FOOD
JUSTICE THAT WAS HIGHLIGHTED
AND ESPECIALLY ACUTE
BECAUSE OF THE COVID
PANDEMIC.

# HOW WE MET THAT NEED

- DIRECTLY AND THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WORKING.
- BY HELPING BUILD

  AWARENESS AND CAPACITY

  OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.







## THE WAY FORWARD

- HOW TO GET 'FOOD JUSTICE' FOR CAMBRIDGE'S MINORITY ETHNIC COMMUNITIES.
- BY ENSURING THEIR NEEDS ARE
  BUILT INTO STATUTORY AND
  VOLUNTARY SECTOR PROVISION.
  WHILST THE ROOT CAUSES OF FOOD
  AND FUEL INEQUALITY ARE TACKLED.
- EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION.







### Abbey Food Hub

The power of community









## Lockdowns saw increased need

Both increased need and increased support available.

Original 6 days, pandemic response

Bring community together

Evolving with input from community

#### Volunteers



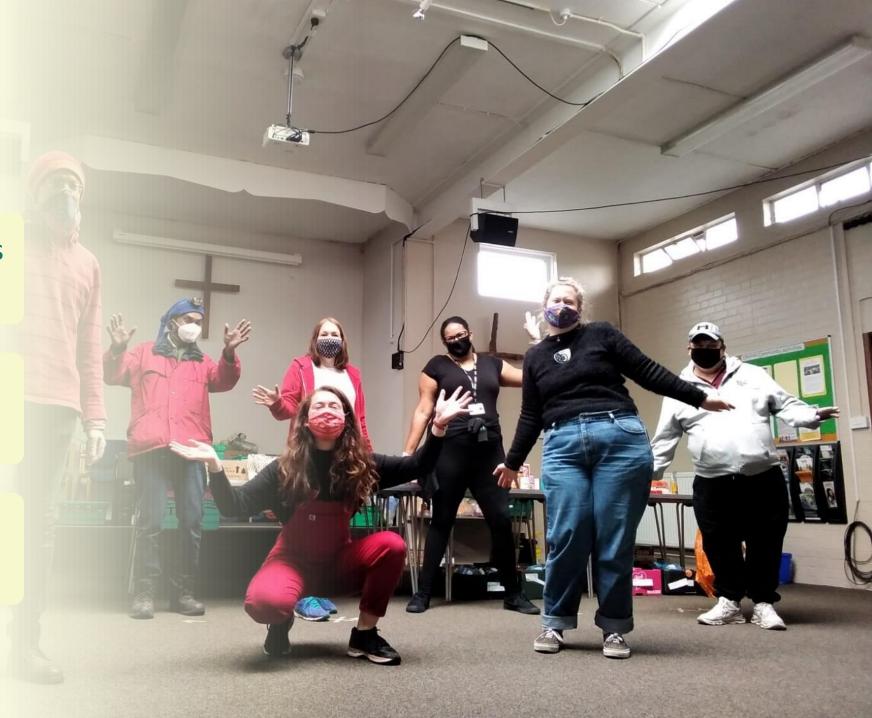
Tackling loneliness and isolation



Brought structure to their week



Enabled them to meet others





# New location

- 3 days, differing times
- Traffic light system
- Suggested donation



#### Future plans

- Social supermarket hybrid model
- No barrier (i.e. no referral)
- Ultimately self-sustaining



# RED HEN PROJECT