

Volunteer Surplus Food Policy 2025

Sutton Community Project

The information below relates to any surplus food that we distribute from our regular collection from local supermarkets and donations that we receive from our partners. Our priority is always to share with those in need and support them as much as possible.

The food boxes are given first to our neighbours who have requested it and reserved in advance and have referral from Citizen Advice / Food Bank / Jigsaw4u. We ensure that they will receive an equal amount of food from us, so no one goes home without food and go hungry.

We'd also love for any surplus food to go to human consumption to reduce food waste, so we always try to share with our partners who have the same vision. Due to the cost-of-living crisis, we have reached to our maximum capacity and there is hardly any surplus food left on Tuesdays, once we have distributed the boxes. **If you as a volunteer would like a box of food, please register to reserve a box through the [website](#).**

Fruits & Vegetables and Bread

Surplus fruits and vegetables are mixture of our local collection and donation from the Felix Project.

Most items will have gone by 5.45pm on Tuesday, but occasionally we have some vegetable left e.g. potatoes. **We are happy to share this with our**



volunteers if there is excess left over at the end of the day. Please



check this with **Andy** or **Sayuri** first and do not help yourself. We donate to other local charities the next morning, such as the Community Fridge who redistributes remaining food on

Wednesday and Thursday.

Chilled or Frozen Food

Chilled food is mainly from our collection and donated by the Felix Project. It is most likely they are all gone by the end of Tuesday afternoon. **The amount of meat and fish are**



often very limited which are particularly needed by those in financial crisis, therefore we're unable to share with volunteers.

Tins, Dried Food & Toiletries

These are mainly donated by DONS Local Action Group who collects donated food at supermarkets in Merton, Kingston and Sutton. We are a selected charity by DONS and work in partnership. These goods are gathered by the generosity of the public and donated to us to help those who are struggling and in urgent need. **Therefore,**



we are unable to share it with our volunteers.