



# City Harvest tackles two big issues: food waste and food poverty

**City Harvest is a sustainable solution to surplus for the food and growing industry**, diverting quality food from waste and redistributing it to those facing food poverty across London. When 1 in 4 people struggle to access nutritious food and 1 in 3 parents miss meals to feed their families, City Harvest's solution is manifold.

The London wide operation delivers free food every week to over 375 charities: foodbanks, schools, hostels, soup kitchens, refuges, and local community hubs. City Harvest currently redistributes free food for 1.2million meals a month, but sadly, has a growing list of more than 20,000 people that are needing help.

City Harvest **works with all levels of the food supply chain, throughout the UK** and partners with farms and growers, manufacturers, retailers, wholesalers and distributors who flag when stock is either close to its shelf life, has been forecasted incorrectly, forms part of a development trial, has incorrect packaging, or sadly just doesn't make the grade or specification due to seasonal challenges.

## It's simple to work with City Harvest

City Harvest is fully compliant with food safety and distribution law, requiring the product is labelled with a title, ingredient declaration and allergen information, and a 'use by' / 'best before' date, then City Harvest can take it and redistribute it. They operate a strict chill chain and ensures its charity partners are fully food safety accredited with the correct storage facilities to make sure the chill chain is not broken at any stage. Fresh produce is obviously simpler.

## City Harvest makes it as easy as possible to do the right thing

City Harvest turns food around quickly, especially short shelf-life surplus, so partner charities receive the surplus food in a matter of days. City Harvest vans can collect locally.

City Harvest attracts staff from the food, hospitality, and logistics industry, so they understand that dealing with surplus stock is a less of a priority than selling stock for profit. **The team at City Harvest integrates into your operation to spot surplus opportunities and organise logistics**, making it as slick as possible from day one.

City Harvest loves to shine a sustainability spotlight on the social and climate impact that companies make by partnering with them. Their impact reports allow you to show your stakeholders the immediate impact to people and planet with case studies and statistics of who your food is supporting. **They report on the number of kgs rescued, meals provided and kgs of GHG prevented.**

**As the world wakes up to the intrinsic value of food, there is no reason food should be wasted when people experience hunger and malnutrition. Making the right choice has never been easier.**

To arrange a collection or delivery of surplus food, please contact the Food Team at [food@cityharvest.org.uk](mailto:food@cityharvest.org.uk) or give them a call on 0207 041 8491.