

## Kier announces new charity partnership with the Trussell Trust and pledges to fundraise £250,000 to support local communities

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Kier is pleased to announce its new corporate charity partner is the Trussell Trust.

Over the next two years, the Group aims to fundraise £250,000 to support the charity which aims to reduce poverty in the UK. This is part of a wider package of support of worth £400,000 including volunteering time and donating pro bono skills and physical upgrades to Trussell Trust foodbank facilities.

The new charity partner was chosen by employees and, as part of the Group's commitment to that partner, colleagues will carry out fundraising and volunteering activities, as well as imparting their skills and experience to develop facilities at food banks in the Trussell Trust network. This will be achieved through the Group's volunteering policy which enables colleagues to take two days leave a year to support causes close to their hearts as well as some pro-bono work.

In the UK, the Trussell Trust estimates that currently 1 in 7 people are facing hunger and, through this partnership, Kier aims to support the Trust's network of over 1300 food banks nationwide.

Louisa Finlay, chief people officer of Kier, commented: "We are really proud to be partnering with the Trussell Trust, a charity which is close to the hearts of our people. At Kier, we are committed to leaving lasting legacies for local communities and, through our new charity partnership, it will be an important way in which we can do this and help the lives of many, when they need it most."

“By fundraising, volunteering, and imparting our skills and practical support to the Trussell Trust, we believe we can help make a real difference over the next two years.”

Zoe Pate, head of corporate partnerships, the Trussell Trust added: “We are so delighted to have been voted as Kier’s charity partner and this partnership couldn’t have come at a more important time for us. Last year we gave out almost three million emergency food parcels to people who can’t afford essentials like heating and food, the most that have ever been distributed in a single year.

“We’re so grateful to Kier employees for voting to support us. It means a lot that you’ve chosen to stand alongside us as we continue working towards our vision of ending the need for food banks across the UK.”

Kier previously partnered with [Every Youth and raised £487,000 between](#) 2020 - 2023 to support hundreds of young people into employment and housing.