

Mears Foundation supports FareShare's work across Kent

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The Mears Foundation, the independent, charitable arm of Mears Group, is supporting food distribution charity FareShare as it works to fight against hunger and tackle food waste across Kent.

Mears Group's Ashford branch has worked in partnership with FareShare for the last 18 months. Mears' drivers assist with the weekly distribution of food and the team provides maintenance for FareShare's distribution centres. Employees used their volunteering days to support the delivery of the equivalent of 157,000 meals to vulnerable people.

Jackie Thompson, General Manager at Mears Group, said: "At Mears we are committed to supporting the communities we work in and, our work with FareShare really brings this to life. We know with the current cost-of-living crisis charities focussed on addressing food poverty are vital, and through our collaboration with FareShare which is at the frontline of tackling this, we are making a real difference in people's lives.

"It is fantastic to see our employees so engaged with the charity and I am very proud of all we have achieved together over the last three years. We look forward to continuing to grow this relationship and to work to ensure that people across the region have access to the food they need."

FareShare is the UK's national network of charitable food redistributors and works with the food industry to get surplus food, that may otherwise go to waste, to a network of nearly 9,500 charities and community groups across the UK.

Osman Yavas, Trusts & Foundations Officer at FareShare, said: "FareShare deeply appreciates the dedication and support of Mears' volunteer drivers in helping us redistribute good quality food that would otherwise have gone to waste. Every week, the drivers have reliably delivered food to charities in Kent,

playing a crucial role in our operations.”

Mears Group’s support in Kent is part of a wider partnership with FareShare and the Mears Foundation, which enables the charity to directly distribute more than 235 tonnes of food per year, enough for more than 560,000 meals, to communities in need across the UK. Visit the Mears Foundation’s [interactive map](#) to see the impact in areas close to you.