

KEEPING EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION RUNNING IN BRISTOL

HOW RE:ACT PROVIDED INSTRUMENTAL SUPPORT TO FARESHARE SOUTH WEST TO MEET INCREASED DEMAND FROM FRONTLINE FOOD CHARITIES



31.4

**TONNES OF FOOD
DISTRIBUTED**

With escalating food insecurity caused by the Covid-19 crisis and higher demand during the second lockdown, FareShare South West ramped up its emergency food operations to ensure frontline charities could continue to support people in need. Faced with volunteer shortages that would limit its ability to meet the increased demand, FareShare South West turned to RE:ACT for emergency support.

“We called on RE:ACT to support FareShare South West during a pinch point in our operations in November. Having worked with RE:ACT during the first lockdown, we knew they’d be the perfect people to help us continue our operation at this crucial time. Before we knew it, they were at the warehouse and ready to get stuck in. Their support meant our services could continue as normal – ensuring vulnerable people in the South West still received vital food.”

Sophie Pike, Warehouse Manager, FareShare South West

Mobilising rapidly, a team of seven RE:ACT Responders and volunteers were on task a day after the request for support was made. The RE:ACT team quickly slotted in alongside FareShare South West staff, helping with all areas of the operation, from picking and packing to delivering, as well as providing planning and coordination support. During six days on task, RE:ACT’s assistance enabled the seamless continuation of urgent food deliveries, working efficiently and at speed. With RE:ACT’s support, the FareShare South West distribution centre twice broke its daily distribution record, with 5.5 tonnes of food packed and delivered in a single day, followed by 6.3 tonnes of food the next day. In total, over 31 tonnes of food was delivered to frontline charities – enough to provide over 70,000 meals to vulnerable people in the region, ensuring those charities could continue to serve their communities.

70,000

**ESTIMATED MEALS
WORTH OF FOOD**

