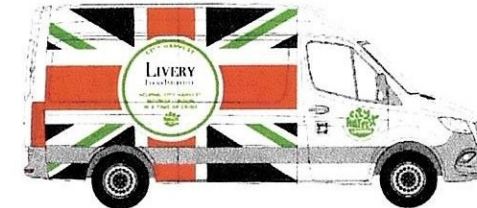




With thanks to the following Livery Companies & Guilds for their support of the third phase of the Livery Food Initiative:

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Livery Food Initiative Thank You Reception

Hosted by the Innholders' Company
at Innholders' Hall at 6.00pm
on Thursday 9th October 2025



agricultural collaboration for London

Following an event where its members discussed working collaboratively to make more impact, the Livery Charity Chairs Group (LCCG) established a three-year programme—The Livery Food Initiative (LFI)—to address food poverty across London.

LFI has involved participation from 72 Livery Companies and Guilds who have collectively provided funding to support City Harvest in the following ways:

- **2023:** £190,000 raised for a van to deliver free food to vulnerable London communities.
- **2024-25:** £270,000 raised for a 7.5 tonne truck to collect surplus fresh food from further afield.
- **2025:** £120,000 pledged to support City Harvest's New Covent Garden Market site in collecting surplus produce reached with LFI hoping to reach a total of £140,000. In total, **£600,000 over three years.**

Livery Kitchen Initiative (LKI) had been launched early in the Covid-19 pandemic. This initiative utilised livery kitchens to prepare meals for the NHS and vulnerable communities in East London. **Combined, the LKI and LFI have raised £1.2 million for food-related initiatives between 2020 and 2025.**

Year's celebration

Livery Charity Chairs Group, the Livery Food Initiative and City Harvest are delighted to have this opportunity to say thank you to the 44 Livery Companies and Guilds who have contributed to the Livery Food Initiative in the last year and to reflect on the successes achieved by the three-year Livery Food Initiative programme.



LFI impact 2022-2025:

- By the end of September 2025, food for 1.26 million meals delivered by the van and food for 1.45 million meals delivered by the Truck. Also, over 230 tonnes of surplus produce rescued from New Covent Garden Market, equating to 529,000 meals
- Five livery companies contributed volunteer hours at City Harvest's Acton warehouse, totalling over 307 hours and facilitating more than 162,000 meals.
- Livery Companies provided introductions to growers so City Harvest can collect from 'farm gates'.
- Events hosted at the Old Bailey, Drapers Hall, Glaziers' Hall, Vintners' Hall and Innholders' Hall: introductions made to valuable supporters.

The Livery Food Initiative, Legacy Programme

Despite the considerable progress made by the Livery Food Initiative, food insecurity continues to affect more than 2 million people in London, including approximately 426,000 children. Currently, 180,000 families in London have less than £3 per day to allocate for food expenses. The number of food banks now surpasses the quantity of McDonald's outlets and nearly equals that of Tesco stores. Food poverty is sadly the new normal. As we reach the end of this three-year programme City Harvest will be encouraging all Livery companies to continue their support for City Harvest in 2026 and beyond.

How Livery Companies Can Support City Harvest:

- Make City Harvest your charity of the year.
- Donate through your annual giving programme.
- Volunteer at City Harvest sites including Acton, New Covent Garden Market or New Spitalfields Market.
- Introduce City Harvest to food industry contacts to help secure surplus food.

Each £1 donated helps provide three meals to Londoners in need.