

Spring Newsletter

LCC COMMUNITY TRUST

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HAPPY New Year

Message from our CEO,
Lynsey Caquea

As we step into 2026, I want to wish each of you a very Happy New Year. Your kindness, generosity, and commitment to supporting families across Lisburn and the surrounding areas continue to inspire us.

Thank you for standing with us as we work together to ensure no one in our community faces hunger and hardship alone.

With thanks on behalf of all the team,

CEO, LCC Community Trust

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A Huge Thank You to All Our Supporters

We are deeply grateful for every individual, family, church, school, business and community group that supported Lisburn Foodbank throughout 2025.

Because of your support, we were able to redistribute over **45 tonnes** of food equating to over **107,000 meals**.

We also provided wrap-around support through our Kickstart, CMA and community programmes, which offers hope to households facing real hardship.

We could not do what we do without our regular supporters who stand with us all year round. Your consistency keeps our shelves stocked and our services running.



Special Mention to all the churches and local businesses

We would also like to give a special mention to all the churches that supported our Harvest and Christmas Appeals.

Your collections and encouragement made a tremendous difference during our busiest season.

And to the local businesses and corporate groups who donated food, funds, and importantly your time during our Christmas Appeal, thank you.

Your partnership strengthens our work and reminds families that their community cares.



Christmas 2025 Success

Christmas 2025 was one of our most impactful yet. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to distribute an additional **400 Love Christmas Hamper bags** through our referral partners and for those accessing the Foodbank over the Christmas period to individuals and families in the Lisburn areas.



These hampers were filled with festive extras that brought joy and dignity to households who needed a little extra support.

Every bag represented kindness in action, and we are so grateful to everyone who helped make it possible.



Volunteer Lunch & Update

In January, we hosted our organisational Volunteer Lunch, and what a wonderful afternoon it was.

Our volunteers are the heartbeat of everything we do, and it was a joy to gather, share stories and celebrate the incredible dedication shown throughout the year.

Thank you to every volunteer who gives their time, compassion and energy so generously.



Kickstart Outreach

Since Christmas, our Kickstart Social Supermarket has been busy expanding its reach. We held our first Outreach session in **Carryduff** and we're delighted to say it has been going extremely well.

We are now planning and very much looking forward to our next Outreach in **Glenavy**. Extending our support into the wider Castlereagh communities remains a key priority for 2026 and we're excited to see these new connections grow.



How can you get involved in Fundraising?

As we move through the early months of the year, we're inviting supporters to take part in our Lent fundraising challenge: **40p for 40 Days**. This simple and meaningful act can make a real difference for families in need.

Other ways to support us include:

- Regular giving: monthly donations help us plan ahead
([Donate online here](#))
- One-off gifts: every contribution strengthens our work
- Food donations dropped off at our collection points.
- Corporate partnerships: ideal for teams wanting to make an impact in the local community.
- Start your own fundraiser on JustGiving - we're here to help you get organized so please get in touch.

We hope you've enjoyed our Newsletter, which offers just a snapshot of what we've been up to! Our amazing volunteers and supporters have gone above and beyond!

You can also learn more about our work or get involved by emailing us on hello@lcccommunitytrust.org.

Thanks for your support!

Thank you for reading!

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