

1ST TIME AT THE SHAREHOUSE?

Here's Your Helpful Guide



I wish to donate cash for my food

I wish to donate my time/skills



I can pick litter



I have a question

I don't have cash

I can't pick litter



Talk to us



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Thanks for taking the time to read this

Our food is donated surplus or 'waste'. We collect it and redistribute it in cafés, boutiques, at events, and here at the Sharehouse. **We are not a charity, nor a food bank**, and we need to raise £300 every week to cover the rent, rates, fuel, and insurance to keep this place open.

Our project is **Pay As You Feel #PAYF** – you can pay with your time, money, or skills.

All of our staff at the Sharehouse are volunteers. So please be courteous, kind, and respectful; to them and each other. If you'd like to donate your time in return for some shopping, please just ask and they'll be happy to let you know what jobs need doing today. At the Sharehouse, the reality is that this is likely to be litter-picking, as all volunteer roles are filled before we open for the day, we wouldn't be able to operate if we just waited to see who turned up!

Most of the baskets of food people take from the Sharehouse are easily worth £15-£20. If you'd like to donate cash in return for some shopping, we ask that you contribute a reasonable amount based on what you feel the basket of **food is worth**. As a guide, many people choose to give between £5 and £10 for a basket. Non-perishable items such as toiletries, cleaning products, and toilet paper are available at the table, for a separate donation.

We try not to turn anyone away empty handed. If someone has no money and litter picking is not suitable; we usually offer 2 or 3 items, enough for a couple of simple meals. We hope you agree that this is generous; we're not a food bank, and if we did allow people to shop for free it would cause friction amongst other patrons, with our volunteers having to deal with the fallout. We want to treat everyone fairly. We hope you understand.

Please remember: without the cash donations which pay our bills, there would be no Project.

For safety, at busy times (usually the first hour or so) we restrict entry, and we limit each shopper to 10 minutes, in order to keep waiting to a minimum. If you prefer to shop at a more leisurely pace, please come later, we restock the shelves regularly.

Please only take what you can use personally. If our volunteers see you taking many similar items they may ask you to put some back in order to be fair to our other patrons. Usually we restrict shoppers to one basket - so there's enough for all. You may see others taking large quantities away - please don't feel you're being treated unfairly because you only get one basket - these are volunteers taking supplies for cafés, boutiques, and events. We do allow people to take more on weeks where our donors have been especially generous, but usually it's a single basket. We hope you feel this is reasonable to give everyone a chance to shop with us.

Thank you for supporting us, don't forget to bring your own carrier bags, and remember, if you'd like a Pay As You Feel hot meal, why not visit our cafés - ask for more information!