

Annual General Meeting 2025-2026



AGM agenda

6.45 pm Arrival & hot drinks

7.00 pm AGM Business

- Approval of minutes from previous AGM
- Report on work & annual accounts
- Project proposals for 2026/27 delivery
- Review board membership
- Chance for questions

7.30 pm Close

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Registered charity 1204183



Background

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The Community Kitchen brings people together through food. The power of food links to our deepest memories, connects people from different backgrounds and helps share skills and inspiration.

We run community cookery, gardening, food and nature activities.

We support local people who are experiencing poverty, ill health & marginalisation.



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- Charity status since August 2023
 - 4 trustees in place since 2022
 - One appointed trustee who is also on BHFP board
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- First full year of activity, April 2024 - March 2025
 - Income in 24-25 = £37,156
 - Reached 90+ people at 29 sessions



Report on delivery 2025-26

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- Supported more than 400 people at over 50 sessions.
- Community **cookery classes**, eg batch cooking, low energy cooking, fish cookery & bread baking, and our fortnightly dementia-friendly cookery group
- Sessions on **using up leftovers** and reducing waste
- **Location** improvements (see photos on next slide)
- Celebration event to thank local **food bank** teams
- **Outreach** cookery demonstration sessions for families at Churchill Square



Practical improvements

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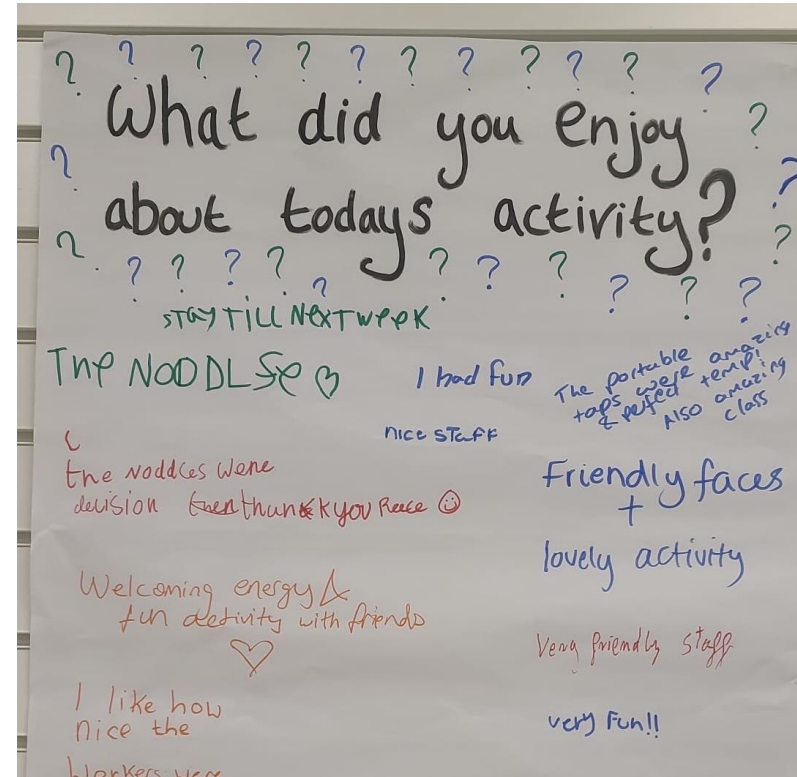


Lighting & outreach...



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Report - impact

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Our evaluations show how we are improving lives:

- 67% feel more connected to other people
- 67% are more confident to follow a recipe
- 77% have tried new foods
- 35% have learned about other services & activities
- 53% picked up a tip on reducing food waste
- We are also starting to track our impact on food budget & finances for future years



Report - impact

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- Evaluations show 88% of people attending have a long-term health condition or disability, 23% are LGBTQIA, 14% are from a minoritised ethnic group
- “A warm friendly environment. Meet new people, acquire better prep skills & take away lovely food to eat at home, and more confidence!”
- “I will try to cook from scratch more often and eat more vegetables.”

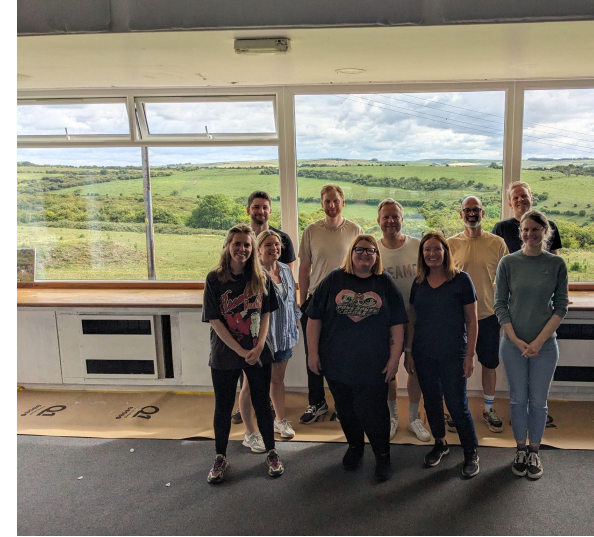


Report - volunteers

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- 70 volunteers gave 956 hours this year - most at cookery classes supporting participants
- Business employees from BUPA and Legal & General helped at Stanmer & the Clubhouse
- Volunteer & past participant Sam featured as a case study on the BBC's coverage of Comic Relief's Red Nose Day in March 2026



Report - finances

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2026 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	11,284	3,012	14,296
Charitable activities	4	4,169	47,438	51,607
Investment income	5	60	-	60
Total income		15,513	50,450	65,963
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	(8,396)	(34,355)	(42,751)
Total expenditure		(8,396)	(34,355)	(42,751)
Net income		7,117	16,095	23,212
Transfers between funds		(907)	907	-
Net movement in funds		6,210	17,002	23,212
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		4,516	9,429	13,945
Total funds carried forward	14	10,726	26,431	37,157

Report - finances

	Note	2026 £	2025 £
Current assets			
Debtors	11	-	1,268
Cash at bank and in hand	12	<u>38,110</u>	<u>16,842</u>
		38,110	18,110
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(953)</u>	<u>(4,165)</u>
Net assets		<u>37,157</u>	<u>13,945</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	14	26,431	9,429
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>10,726</u>	<u>4,516</u>
Total funds	14	<u>37,157</u>	<u>13,945</u>

Report - funders



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What next?

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- Continue dementia cookery group but add some one-off garden sessions
- Deliver food & money project & outreach sessions
- New funded cookery sessions for young people
- Ongoing cookery & food waste sessions
- More outdoor sessions/ potential lease at Stanmer Park
- School cookery – fundraising focus



How you can help

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- Easy Fundraising donations from online shops
- Justgiving fundraising eg challenge events
- Regular donations
- Business connections
- Volunteering
- Join the board...

www.thecommunitykitchen.org.uk

