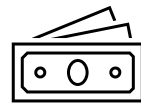
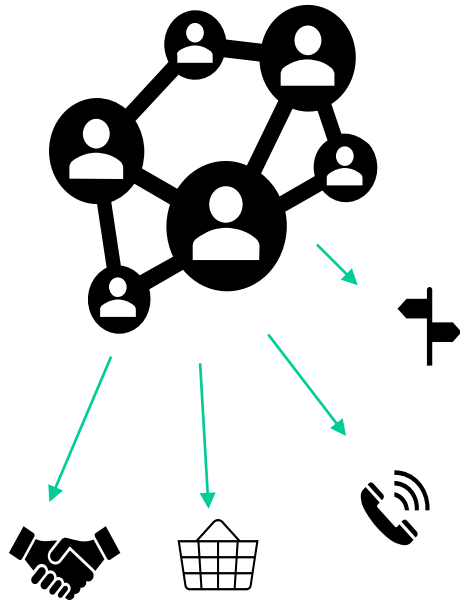


# Supporting coronavirus community response

Working in partnership with mutual aid, community orgs and faith groups, providing neighbourly help, signposting and support to access specialist services



£14,000 grant funding distributed to kick-start community action



During lockdown, 700 households were being supported weekly



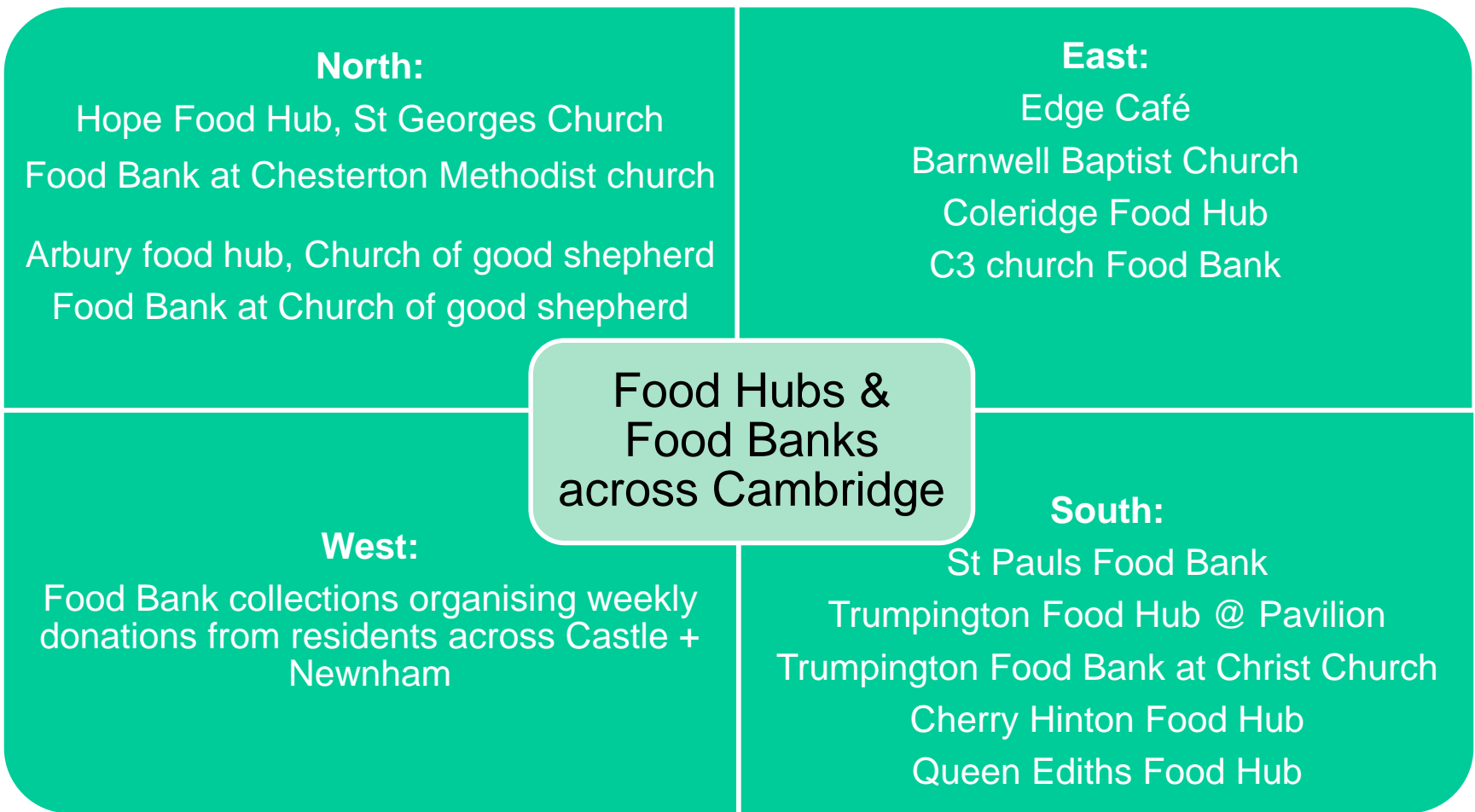
1500 + active volunteers



750 door step visits to vulnerable residents

# Emergency food aid in response to coronavirus

- In March, Cambridge Sustainable Food stepped up to coordinate the creation of Food Hubs across the City.
  - During lockdown, CRC was used as a hub for cooking and distributing meals.
  - From August onwards, Buchan St Neighbourhood Centre was re-purposed for use as a Food distribution Hub
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- Now have 8 food hubs across City + existing 5 Food Banks
  - Cambridge City Council now supporting CSF on the provision of a permanent food distribution hub, to carry on work on tackling food poverty
  - CSF supporting 8 food hubs to explore what shape they will take in the future, learning from the pandemic to provide tailored support in their communities



**Food Bank:** National model led by Trussell Trust. Require a voucher. Assessment carried out by services such as Dr, community worker, social worker, school, church, vol org.

**Food Hubs:** Set up as temporary emergency response. Model based on open access, re-distribution of surplus food and access to fresh food.



# Emergency food aid in response to coronavirus



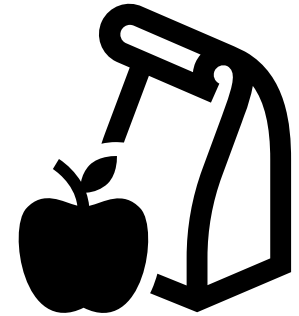
Over 11,000  
volunteer  
hours  
recorded



17,000 visits  
to food hubs  
across the  
City



113 tonnes of  
food re-  
distributed



10,000  
cooked meals  
prepared and  
delivered

Working in partnership  
with **Cambridge Food  
Poverty Alliance** to  
support emergency  
food aid in response to  
Covid-19

- Council staff members were redeployed to support the emergency food effort, including the Mayors driver, community engagement team, ChYpPS and the Neighbourhood Community Development Team.

# How Communities stepped up

- Communities pulled together to develop local networks \* newsletters \* websites \* telephone befriending schemes
- Food Hubs developed within weeks
- Teddy bear window trails /pumpkin trails
- Sewing groups / individuals making scrubs

Sense of community, place and connectedness



# Ongoing Council Support

## Community Resilience

- Supporting those who need help to isolate
- Signposting for those who need help food poverty/financial hardship/fuel poverty
- Advice / support for all mutual aid/community groups response to coronavirus
- Network of support and regular communications

