



Haverfordwest Town Council

Case study: Feed the Community



At a glance

The “Feed the Community” (FTC) initiative, funded by Haverfordwest Town Council, offers more than a warm space during winter. Providing hot meals, essentials, and services

FTC eases the Cost of Living Crisis while connecting people to long-term support. Powered by strong partnerships with councils, charities, and healthcare providers, it serves as a one-stop hub for practical help and advice.

The Challenge:



Affected by the Cost of Living Crisis, many households are struggling to afford essentials such as food, heating, clothing, and basic services. Rising energy costs, increased food prices, and financial pressures have placed significant strain on families, pensioners, and vulnerable individuals, often forcing them to make difficult choices between daily necessities.

These challenges have created an urgent need for practical, accessible support — prompting the development of the “Feed the Community” initiative as a holistic response to provide immediate relief and connect people with longer-term assistance.

Hosted by:
Councillor Randell Thomas-Turner &
Councillor Dani Thomas-Turner
Funded by: Haverfordwest Town Council



FEED THE COMMUNITY

@ HaverHub, Quay Street, Haverfordwest

FREE Warm Space, FREE Hot Meal, FREE Activities, FREE Advice & Support, FREE Swap Shop & FREE ENTRY



14th November
12th December
16th January
13th February
13th March

ALL 2:30-5pm

SCAN the QR Code for Event Link!

IN COLLABORATION WITH: Specsavers, Dyfed-Powys Neighbourhood Watch, The VO Gallery, The Edge Youth Group, Carol Pet Therapy, Ben & Ellie Gobbi (The Box Events & Catering), Lifepoint Pembroke, PAVS, Futureworks, PATH, Rev. Neil Hook, Rev. Anthony Batterson, Newstyle Barbers, SNAP, PACTO & Many More!

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What's available?



A warm space, nourishing meals, and support benefits people of all ages, from school pupils to pensioners.



Residents can access advice and support services in a “one stop” informal setting.



Pet Food Bank



Local Tesco supports with “basic food products” to take home.



Local church runs a pre-loved clothing rail offering attendees affordable, sustainable access to quality clothing.



Specsavers attend to offer eye care advice and a free glasses repair service.



Free haircuts provided by local barbers.



Council Facts IMPACT:



£170 a session covers cost of room hire and providing food.



Approx 60 attendees per session.



The Town Council contributed £850 from the precept

Warm Hub Provision



Haverfordwest Town Council has partnered with a local catering company that generously donates its time to provide hot meals at the warm hub. Using locally sourced ingredients, the company also prepares nutritious “heat at home” meals for attendees to take away, ensuring continued support beyond the event while promoting sustainability and community wellbeing.



Learn more here; watch our visit to Haverfordwest :



“something that the town has really needed for some while..... people don’t always know how to get plugged in to get community services”

Funding & Powers

All community councils in Wales need specific legal powers that enable them to provide various services and support for their local communities. These powers, granted by legislation, allow councils to undertake a wide range of activities and initiatives to improve the well-being and quality of life for residents. Powers and justifications can differ, and councils should consider their specific circumstances.

For advice and guidance, councils may wish to contact their One Voice Wales Development Officer.
admin@onevoicewales.wales

The Future

Building on the success of Feed the Community, the initiative is moving forward with a new name — Connecting the Community. With six months of sponsorship from Specsavers, the council will strengthen local partnerships and widen the range of support available.

A Warm Hub grant will also be applied for to bring additional services to residents.

By keeping the project community-led, the council aims to deliver not only immediate support but also lasting solutions that promote resilience, inclusion, and wellbeing across the community.



Want to Find Out More?

For more information on the One Voice Wales Cost-of-Living Crisis project contact the team at:



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[Cost of Living Website](#)