



The  
**Scottish  
Pantry**  
Network

**TSPN**

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ANNUAL REPORT





## Foreword

2025 has truly been a year of transformation and growth for The Scottish Pantry Network (TSPN). We have strengthened our commitment to tackling food insecurity, promoting health, and building resilient communities across Scotland.

One of our proudest milestones this year was the completion and grand opening of our newly renovated Tollcross building. This space is more than an office – it is a vibrant community hub, designed to bring people together and support collaboration. It now hosts sessions with SAMH, Jobs & Business Glasgow, and other partners, ensuring the building serves as a resource for the wider community.

Alongside this, we have scaled our meal kit programme to deliver over 700 kits each week, introduced innovative projects such as Thrive Under 5, and expanded our farm project to create opportunities for local growing, training, and employability. These initiatives reflect our belief that food systems should be sustainable and community-led.

We have also been busy developing our services and shaping our next 3–5 year business plan, setting out a clear roadmap for growth and sustainability. From expanding our membership to strengthening partnerships with organisations such as Glasgow Life, Celtic Foundation, and Tollcross Housing, we have demonstrated that collaboration is key to driving change.

Behind these achievements are the people – our dedicated volunteers, staff, and partners – who make this network thrive. With over 25 volunteers supported and engaged in meaningful roles, we continue to invest in training and employability programmes that empower individuals and strengthen communities.

As we look ahead, our priorities are clear: scale our impact, innovate in service delivery, and advocate for policies that tackle poverty and inequality. Together, we will continue to build a Scotland where everyone has access to good food and the dignity of choice.

Thank you for being part of this journey.



*Neil Young*  
*Chair of the Board*  
*The Scottish Pantry Network*

# About Us

## Scottish Pantry Network Overview

The Scottish Pantry Network (TSPN) was established to support and strengthen the network of community pantries across Scotland. TSPN provides a platform for pantries to learn, share best practices, and collaboratively address challenges. By fostering collaboration and providing practical support, TSPN empowers pantries to grow and thrive, ensuring communities have access to affordable, high-quality food.

## Our Vision

Our vision is a Scotland where the right to food is achieved.

## Mission

- To represent, support, and develop our network of pantries by providing leadership, expertise, and guidance to tackle the impact of food insecurity and food loss.
- To support and develop pantries as community-led hubs, focusing on food knowledge, health improvement, financial wellbeing, and employability.
- To support the redistribution of quality food that would otherwise end up in landfill.
- To empower communities to increase their disposable income.
- To influence policy on the use and supply of available food, adhering to dignity principles.

## Our Values

- Dignity – Food insecurity should be managed with dignity, giving individuals respect and choice in accessing food.
- Quality – All services, including food, should meet high standards of quality, ensuring pantry members have access to nutritious options.
- Integrity – We stay true to our vision, advocating for what is right even when it's challenging.
- Inclusion – Our services are accessible to everyone in the community, ensuring that no one is excluded.

## Our Goals

- Support the growth and sustainability of community pantries through leadership, resources, and continuous training.
- Advocate for systemic change by influencing policies that improve food access and reduce waste.
- Promote knowledge-sharing and collaboration to strengthen the network of pantries.
- Reduce food waste by redistributing surplus food that would otherwise go to landfill.
- Empower communities by helping individuals increase their disposable income and improve their financial wellbeing.

## What We Do

- Operate and support a growing network of community pantries across Scotland.
- Deliver affordable, nutritious meal kits to families and individuals.
- Provide training, employability programmes, and volunteering opportunities.
- Advocate for policy changes that address poverty and inequality.
- Develop innovative projects such as Thrive Under 5, the farm project, and digital tools like the Prepmate app.

## Meet the team

### Management team



*Mandy Morgan - CEO*



*Richey James - Operations Manager*



*Russ Ferguson - Finance Manager*

### Staff team



*Rebecca - Operations Assistant*



*Callum - Project Manager*



*Linda - Test Kitchen Co Ordinator*



*Erin - Community Development*



*Eugenia - Innovator & Business Officer*



*Swarna - Admin Assistant*

## Introduction

The Scottish Pantry Network is proud to present our Annual Report for 2025, a year that has seen significant progress in our mission to reduce food poverty and promote sustainable, healthy eating across Scotland.

Our members are at the heart of everything we do. This year, we have taken important steps to serve and strengthen our network of pantries, responding to their needs for better communication, access to food, and capacity-building support. Rising food costs and increased demand have meant more families are turning to pantries for help, and we have worked hard to ensure our members have the resources and tools they need to meet this challenge.

As you read through this report, we invite you to celebrate the progress we have made together and join us in building a Scotland where everyone has access to good food and the support they need to thrive.

## Membership Growth

Interest in the pantry model and our network continues to grow as communities seek sustainable solutions to food insecurity. With the rise in food costs and the ongoing pressures on household budgets, more families are turning to pantries for support. This increased demand means that pantries themselves need greater assistance—particularly with access to affordable, quality food and resources to meet the needs of their communities.

This year, we welcomed new pantries and partners into the network, strengthening collaboration and extending our reach. Our growing membership reflects a shared commitment to tackling food poverty and ensuring dignity and choice for all. By working together, we can provide the support pantries need to thrive and deliver vital services to those who rely on them.

By increasing our membership, we have:

- Extended our footprint into new communities, ensuring more families have access to affordable, nutritious food.
- Strengthened partnerships with local organisations, housing associations, and health services to deliver integrated support.
- Enhanced knowledge sharing among pantries, enabling best practice exchange and innovation in service delivery.
- Created new opportunities for joint projects, training programmes, and advocacy efforts that amplify our collective voice.

Our growing network is a testament to the power of collaboration. Each new member brings unique strengths and insights, helping us to shape solutions that are community-led and responsive to local needs. Together, we are building a stronger, more resilient food system for Scotland.

# Key Achievements

## Infrastructure & Capacity

- Completed the renovation of our Tollcross office, creating a modern, functional space for staff and community use.
- Reconfigured space to include a new walk-in chill to handle increased meal kit volume.
- Exploring storage facilities for pantries.
- Added second van for distribution efficiency.



## Meal Kits & Food Provision

- Distributed over 700 meal kits weekly, supporting families across Scotland.
- Delivered 300 Christmas dinners to those in need.
- Provided summer meal kits in partnership with Tollcross Housing.
- Developed the Prepmate kiosk in partnership with Glasgow Life.
- Supplied 100 meal kits to each member pantry.
- Exploring provision to two local nurseries.
- 8000 mealkits distributed to date which equates to 30000 meal portions.
- Co producing recipes with the community through focus groups.

## Cookery Classes

- co - producing cookery classes to ensure cookery skills are developed in the community.
- developed a range of cookery classes for NHS Glasgow
- delivered cookery classes in partnership with Celtic Foundation and SAMH
- progressing becoming a fully accredited training facility for food and health.

## The Glasgow Farm Project

*Year 2 Update – Growing Food, Skills & Community*

As the GlasGrow Farm Project reaches the end of its second year, we are pleased to reflect on the significant progress made so far. What began as a pilot to explore how locally grown food could supply our pantries has now grown into a multi-layered programme that brings together food production, employability, sustainability, and community engagement.



### Year 2 Progress & Achievements

*Farm Development & Infrastructure Growth*

The farm has continued to develop a strong growing capacity, building on Year 1 infrastructure such as the 50-bed market garden, early crop beds and polytunnel installation.

### Food Production for the Pantry Network

The site continues to provide fresh, seasonal produce to The Courtyard Pantry, improving the nutritional quality of food available.

### Staffing, Volunteers & Skills Development

Despite staffing pressures, the farm has hosted young people on work experience and recruited volunteers, contributing to piloting the Accredited Pathway Project.



## **Community Impact, Engagement & Future Plans**

### *Meaningful Community Engagement*

A Meet the Farmer event at The Courtyard Pantry brought residents, volunteers and partners together. Giving attendees the opportunity to input to future crop discussions.

### **Innovation in Food, Health & Skills**

The farm continues to support skill development and sustainable food access.

### **Looking Ahead — Year 3 & Beyond**

Priorities include enhancing growing capacity, securing long-term funding, piloting the Accredited Pathway Project, increasing supply to pantries, and expanding community engagement.



## **Digital & Communications**

This year, digital transformation and communication were key priorities for The Scottish Pantry Network, driven by feedback from our members who asked us to strengthen our online presence and improve access to information. We recognised that effective digital tools and clear communication are essential for supporting pantries, engaging communities, and showcasing impact.

### **Website Development**

- We began a comprehensive refresh of our website, ensuring it is more user-friendly, visually engaging, and informative.
- The update includes Shopify for Enterprise integration to support future e-commerce functionality and WordPress enhancements for improved content management.
- Our goal is to make the website a central hub for resources, news, and updates for both members and the wider public.

### **Prepmate App**

- We are developing the Prepmate app to streamline contract management and improve operational efficiency.
- This tool will enable better tracking of meal kit orders, delivery schedules, and partner agreements, ensuring transparency and ease of use for members.

## Community Engagement

- Weekly Conversation Café sessions fostering mental health and social connection.
- Community meal with Heart of Scotstoun.
- Coffee morning at Helenslea Hall.
- Hosted our first community BBQ.
- Attended Glasgow Kelvin College Freshers Week.
- Delivered cookery classes, Celtic Foundation and Cashback sessions.
- Sessions with SAMH promoting wellbeing.
- Building used by SAMH and Jobs & Business Glasgow for community benefit.



## Volunteer Impact

- Supported over 25 volunteers, each receiving a meal and lunch.
- Volunteers engaged in packing, logistics, and community events.
- Developed employability programme for farm volunteers.
- Introduced growing training programme to build skills and confidence.



## Strategic Development

- Achieved milestones in the Innovate UK project – Food as a Path to Better Health.
- Established steering groups for farm project and meal kit development.
- Conducted focus groups to ensure projects remain community-led.
- Supported development of the Ruchill growing space through our farm project.
- Developed our next 3–5 year business plan, setting out a clear roadmap for growth and sustainability.



## Advocacy & Partnerships

- Pushed manifesto asks ahead of the upcoming election.
- Met with Eurocity members and Scottish Government representatives to share insights.
- Developing Prepmate app for contract management.

## New Partnerships & Programmes

- Partnered with the Community Leaders Programme in collaboration with the Social Enterprise Academy, empowering local leaders to drive change.
- Delivered member workshops focused on best practice, innovation, and collaboration.
- Launched the Grow Your Own Nutrition Programme, promoting healthy eating and sustainable food production within communities.

## Social Media & Storytelling

- We have strengthened our social media presence, using platforms to share stories, celebrate successes, and highlight the impact of our work.
- Our focus has been on authentic storytelling, showcasing the voices of communities, volunteers, and partners to build engagement and trust.
- Increased activity has helped us reach new audiences, raise awareness of food insecurity, and attract support for our initiatives.



## Member Communication

- We have gotten better at providing our members with timely updates, ensuring they are informed about opportunities, resources, and developments.
- Our member meetings have been refreshed to include interactive workshops, creating space for learning, collaboration, and sharing best practice.

## Why This Matters

By investing in digital and communication improvements, we are:

- Responding to member needs for better connectivity and information sharing.
- Enhancing visibility of our projects and advocacy work.
- Building stronger engagement with communities, partners, and stakeholders.

## Looking Ahead

- Scale Prepmate to 1000 kits/week by April 2026.
- Expand Thrive Under 5 and community cooking classes.
- Launch new fundraising campaigns and digital tools.
- Continue diversifying food supply for pantries and supporting community-led projects.
- Continue developing services for our members
- Continue work to develop our warehousing

## Message from CEO

As I reflect on the year gone by, I am humbled by what we have achieved together. Watching this organisation go from strength to strength and seeing the incredible impact we have made in communities across Scotland fills me with pride and gratitude.

It is such a privilege to work alongside such wonderful people doing truly meaningful work. To our staff and volunteers, thank you for your dedication, passion, and hard work. You are the heartbeat of this organisation, and your commitment ensures that families have access to nutritious food and the dignity of choice.

To our members, thank you for your trust and support. Your collaboration and feedback have helped us grow and innovate, shaping services that respond to real needs and strengthen communities.

This year has shown what is possible when we work together with purpose and compassion. As we look ahead, I am excited about the opportunities to build on this momentum and continue making a difference.

Thank you for being part of this journey.



*Mandy Morgan  
Chief Executive Officer  
The Scottish Pantry Network*

## Acknowledgements

The Scottish Pantry Network extends heartfelt thanks to all our funders, partners, and supporters who have made our work possible in 2025. Your commitment to tackling food insecurity and building stronger communities has enabled us to deliver vital services and innovative projects across Scotland.

### Our Funders

We are deeply grateful to the organisations that have provided financial support, grants, and investment to help us grow and sustain our impact:

- The National Lottery Community Fund Scotland
- People's Postcode Trust / Postcode Innovation Trust
- Friends Provident Foundation
- Robertson Trust
- National lottery
- Postcode lottery
- Innovate UK
- Firstport
- Garfield Weston
- Kennyhill Bequest fund
- Wheatley foundation
- Albert Hunt Trust
- Trades House
- Murgitroyd Foundation
- JTH Charitable Trust
- EC Henry Charitable Trust
- DWF Foundation

## **Our Partners**

We also acknowledge the invaluable contribution of our partners who have worked alongside us to deliver programmes, share expertise, and strengthen our network:

- FareShare – for food sourcing and distribution support
- Health and Social Care Partnerships (HSCP)
- Social Enterprise Academy
- Glasgow Life
- Celtic Foundation Cashback
- Jobs & Business Glasgow
- SAMH (Scottish Association for Mental Health)
- Tollcross Housing Association
- Glasgow City Council
- Glasgow Food Policy Partnership
- Kinkell Farm
- Social Security Scotland
- Shettleston Job Centre
- Sunny Cycles
- Helenslee halls
- Glasgow Kelvin College
- Right options
- Reids
- Silverdale nursery
- Winter Garden Nursery

## **Why Your Support Matters**

Your support has enabled us to deliver meaningful change for communities across Scotland. With your help, we have been able to respond to rising food costs and growing demand by increasing access to affordable, nutritious food and creating opportunities for families to thrive. We have strengthened our network, improved the resources available to our members, and invested in spaces that bring people together for learning, wellbeing, and collaboration. Your partnership has allowed us to innovate—developing new ways to tackle food insecurity, build resilience, and empower communities through education and training. Every step forward, from improving operational capacity to expanding community engagement, has been made possible because of your commitment. Together, we are building a Scotland where everyone has access to good food and the dignity of choice.



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