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In response to the government restrictions in relation to Covid19 in March 2020, 34 community organisations in West Lothian joined together under the banner of the West Lothian Food Network to undertake a collaborative and coordinated food response, to ensure no one in West Lothian was left hungry during Covid19.

## What we do

West Lothian Food Network has been developed by West Lothian Council and is led by West Lothian Foodbank SCIO. We are more than meals; we aim to connect people and communities and most importantly find new approaches to food insecurity.

the target of feeding a minimum of 3,000 people per month was exceeded by 73%, with 5,200 people being fed each month.

The geographical areas covered by the 34 organisations, based on council wards, are:

- 9 Organisations active in Linlithgow
- 9 Organisations active in Broxburn, Uphall & Winchburgh
- 13 Organisations active in Livingston North
- 14 Organisations active in Livingston South
- 15 Organisations active in East Livingston & East Calder
- 14 Organisations active in Fauldhouse & The Breich Valley
- 9 Organisations active in Whitburn & Blackburn
- 11 Organisations active in Bathgate
- 11 Organisations active in Armadale & Blackridge

Of the 5,200 people fed each month. Typically:

- 364 People (7%) were isolating at home with Covid19 symptoms.
- 936 People (18%) were in the vulnerable category of over 70, long term health issues, pregnant, or weak immune system.
- 3,172 People (61%) were financially at risk on low income, unemployed and eligible for free school meals.
- 728 People (14%) were marginalised through homelessness, mental health, domestic abuse, substance abuse, asylum seekers, refugees, or travellers.

## Social media



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Too Good To Go

Using social media, we will be teaching people to save money, how to cook on a small budget and how to make it more affordable for their future. We will be posting updates about the work that we are doing as well as the work of other organisations. We also use the Too Good to Go App to promote to the community as by using this app they will receive a bag of food at a cheap price whilst also reducing food waste!