



# St Peter's Church & Community Centre 2025 Report to the APCM



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## Annual Community Impact Report

Reporting Period: 2025–2026

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### Introduction

This annual report provides an overview of the work, reach, and impact of St Peter's Church & Community Centre over the past year. It highlights key programmes including the Community Pantry, Westfield Fresh, Flexercise, and the Food Hub, demonstrating the centre's continued commitment to supporting local families, improving wellbeing, and strengthening community resilience.

Over the past year, the centre has responded to increasing financial pressures on households, the cost of living crisis, rising food insecurity, and growing social isolation. Through a combination of targeted support and inclusive activities, St Peter's has remained a vital, trusted hub for the local community.

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### Community Needs Overview

The community we serve continues to face significant challenges, including:

- Rising cost of living impacting household food security
- Increased demand for affordable food provision
- Social isolation, particularly among older adults and parents
- Limited access to low-cost wellbeing and physical activity opportunities

Our provision has been designed to directly respond to these needs, ensuring accessible, dignified, and consistent support.

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# Key Services and Impact

## 1. Community Pantry

The Community Pantry has remained a cornerstone of support for local families, providing access to affordable food in a dignified and community-focused environment.

### Annual Impact:

- **1,820 household visits per year** (35 households weekly) This number does not include emergency help that we provide on a regular basis.
- **Social Over £63,700 worth of food redistributed annually**
- 49 weeks of the year we deliver the community pantry.

### Value:

- Promotes dignity and choice, moving away from crisis-based food provision
  - Strengthens community connections through regular engagement
  - Provides early intervention for families at risk of financial hardship
  - Reduces food waste & Surplus foods from local supermarkets. Eco Valued.
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## 2. Westfield Fresh

Westfield Fresh has expanded access to fresh produce, ensuring families can obtain nutritious food that may otherwise be unaffordable. Westfield fresh now has 2 sessions weekly, one daytime, one afterwork session to reach the working families of the local community.

### Annual Impact:

- Supporting approximately **2,600 engagements per year** (50 per week)
- Generating community contributions annually to sustain transport and delivery
- Creating a safe space for people to come and be welcomed.

## Social Value:

- Tackles food inequality by improving access to healthy food
  - Supports long-term health outcomes and wellbeing
  - Reduces stigma around accessing food support through inclusive delivery
  - Access for working families due to evening session.
  - Reducing food waste – Surplus food collections from local supermarkets.
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## 3. Food Hub – Donation based meals Monday to Wednesday

The Food Hub has continued to provide essential food support through a community meal-based approach rather than traditional food parcels.

### Annual Impact:

- Delivering approximately **3,640 meals per year**
- Operating **3 days per week**, providing consistent access to hot food

### Social Value:

- Provides a vital alternative to food parcels, reducing stigma and increasing accessibility
  - Supports individuals experiencing food insecurity in a dignified way
  - Creates opportunities for social interaction and community connection
  - Reduces isolation, builds connection and friendships.
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## 4. Flexercise Programme

Flexercise sessions have played a key role in improving physical health and reducing social isolation, particularly among adults who may not otherwise access fitness opportunities.

### Annual Impact:

- Delivering **52 sessions per year**

- Providing consistent, low-cost access to physical activity

## Social Value:

- Improves physical health and mobility
  - Supports mental wellbeing and reduces isolation
  - Encourages routine, confidence, and community engagement
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## Wider Community Impact

Across all programmes, St Peter's Church & Community Centre has achieved:

- Engagement with an estimated **300–400 unique individuals** over the year, not including general community members who meet in the centre, or attend for our free school uniform rail.
- Distribution of **thousands of meals and food provisions** across all services
- Consistent weekly footfall across multiple programmes
- Increased community engagement and participation
- Strengthened relationships between local residents and services
- Early identification of families in need of additional support
- Improved wellbeing outcomes across multiple age groups

The centre has become more than a service provider—it is a trusted space where individuals feel safe, supported, and valued.

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## Partnership Working

Our impact has been strengthened through collaboration with:

- Local schools
- Community organisations
- Funding partners
- Volunteers and local residents

These partnerships have enabled us to extend our reach, respond quickly to emerging needs, and deliver services efficiently.

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## Volunteers and Staffing

The success of the centre is driven by a dedicated team of staff and volunteers who contribute their time, skills, and compassion.

- Volunteers have supported food distribution, session delivery, and community engagement
- Staff have ensured safe, consistent, and high-quality provision across all services

All staff and volunteers working with vulnerable individuals are appropriately vetted & trained.

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## Adult learning courses

- Introducing adult learning course starting January 2026.
- Art for everyone with 12 participants accessing free or subsidised adult learning.
- Courses will be continuous throughout the year offering different opportunities in the coming year.

## Community Outreach

- In October 2025 we were approached by Somerset community foundation to launch an outreach project in our neighbouring parish in the area of Birchfield.
- Project was 6 months delivery of a warm hub lunch club designed to plant the seed of a successful food hub on the Birchfield estate.

- Successful outcome – built to over 30 people attending each h week.  
Seed planted and is now continuing under a new leadership in Birchfield.

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## Conclusion

This year has demonstrated the vital role St Peter’s Church & Community Centre plays within the community. Through responsive, inclusive, and impactful provision, the centre continues to support those most in need while fostering a stronger, more connected community.

Collectively, our food-based services delivered over **£66,000 in direct food value** to the community this year, while supporting **over 8,000 points of access** across all programmes.

The ongoing demand for services highlights both the challenges faced by local families and the importance of sustaining and growing this work. St Peter’s remains committed to developing accessible, dignified, and community-led provision that responds directly to local need.





