

Keep Cornwall Carpeted

Transformation Cornwall is pleased to report progress on this project, funded by Wadebridge Foodbank and delivered in collaboration with Trussell

This Newsletter provides you with a summary of the key project delivery objectives and progress made to date.

We would love to hear from you concerning what other support you would like.

Please get involved and contact Ros Allcott for more information at

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Community Conversations

Aim: Create constructive spaces for food banks, communities and decision-makers to share insight.

Delivered so far:

- Engagement with Food banks underway through Round Table meeting held in December 2025 and follow up meetings with Newquay, St Austell, Truro, Wadebridge, and Launceston and county wide invite to training.
- Six MPs have been contacted to date; four have responded: **Noah Law -Lab, Ben Maguire - Lib Dem, Jayne Kirkham -Lab**, so far, with two very engaged. They are both interested in meeting with Housing Associations and exploring policy relevance.
- The forth, **Perran Moon MP -Lab**, has raised a written question in the house regarding our campaign aims.
- Councillors (Steve Webb and David Garrigan) are also supportive and are arranging for Transformation Cornwall to meet with the Council's Housing Portfolio Manager.

Next steps:

- Continue conversations with MPs and Councillors and agree next discussion formats with food banks.

Get involved:

- Get in touch with Rosaleen.Allcott@Transformation-Cornwall.org.uk if you want to input to this development of these conversations.
- Tell us what you think about MPs helping to set a meeting with with all Cornish Housing Associations



Countywide Campaigns – Carpets & White Goods

Aim: To reduce financial and emotional/health pressure on social housing tenant and reduce reliance of food banks.

Delivered so far:

- Engagement with eight Housing Associations to review policies relating to flooring and white goods.
- Six associations confirmed flooring support policies for flooring – gifting, vouchers and/or wrap around support.
- Those who engaged: Cornwall Housing, Coastline Housing, Cornwall Rural Housing Association, Guinness Partnership, Ocean Housing and Cornwall Community Land Trust. They all stated they have some form of support BUT no data to demonstrate policy implementation.
- We have also had meetings with several MPs including Jayne Kirkham (Lab: Falmouth and Truro) and are aiming to have a cross-party letter sent to Housing Associations, inviting them to collaborate with Transformation Cornwall

Next steps:

- Share a short report of this engagement with Housing Associations and interested MPs and partners
- Obtain some data and further engage the Associations and MPs.
- Share learning with food banks.

Get involved.

- Contact Rosaleen.Allcott@Transformation-Cornwall.org.uk if you want to input to this development of these conversations.
- Share your Flooring Data with us to support this Project:
- Send case studies and any data you have to Rosaleen



Our Website:

www.transformationcornwall.co.uk

Volunteer Training (Planning Stage)

Aim:

- Support volunteers to engage confidently with systems where food banks want this.

Delivered so far:

- Training options and discussion email issued to all Food Bank Managers on 11th February 2026.
- Training dates to be confirmed –April/May 2026

Next steps:

- We have offered OPTIONAL training and mentoring opportunities FOR VOLUNTEERS.
- Food Bank Managers have been contacted to discuss preferred delivery models,
- Volunteers are encouraged to look out for opportunities to engage if this is of interest.

Get involved :

- Don't forget to talk to your Food Bank Manager about any training needs you may have.
- Contact Rosaleen.Allcott@Transformation-Cornwall.org.uk to find out more

Case Studies



Transformation Cornwall in collaboration with Trussell Trust have produced a toolkit on collating case studies, to help food bank staff and volunteers collect safe, anonymised and meaningful case studies that show the full impact of food bank support. It begins with a simple, accessible quick guide and then takes you step by step, through safeguarding, consent, story-gathering and writing, supported by clear templates and practical tools to make the process straightforward and confident for everyone involved. [Please see our website for more information](#)

Shared Tools & Learning

Aim:

- Ensure food banks have clear, usable tools aligned with Trussell guidance.

Delivered so far:

- Detailed review completed comparing local materials with Trussell national guidance.

Next steps:

- Refine resources and share agreed tools across Cornwall food banks.

Residents' Groups & Tenant Voice

Aim:

- Explore whether resident-led approaches can support housing-related issues locally.

Delivered so far:

- Draft materials and simple constitutions prepared;
- early engagement with Guinness Partnership housing provider to explore the setting up a model Residents Association and agree a flooring standard.

Next steps:

- Progress only where local interest and housing provider readiness align.

Get Involved / Stay in Touch

- Please share your flooring data"
- Volunteers – please watch out for Advocacy training updates.
- We'd really welcome your input.
- If you'd like to help shape Advocacy training, take part in conversations, or discuss what would be useful for your food bank:

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