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The increase has coincided with a fall in food donations. "With the cost of living everybody is just struggling themselves. The people who used to give didn't have a lot anyway, but now they're really stretched so giving to charity drops off, I suppose."

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