

FURNICHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1110984

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2005-08-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: The Charity's object (hereafter referred to as 'the object') is: 'the relief of poverty through the provision of food (through the Furnichurch Food Larder), household items and, where appropriate, signposting to relevant organisations for help for residents in the county of Lincolnshire who have need of such services by means of their necessitous circumstances.

Activities: The prevention or relief of poverty through the supply of second hand furniture (free to those in desperate need) and food from the community Food Larder (based at and run by Furnichurch) to people in the LN 12 area facing financial hardship. We supply good second hand furniture to local people on low incomes in return for a donation and offer a free collection service for unwanted furniture.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LINCOLNSHIRE
- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£84,489	£78,253	-	-
2024-03-31	£77,784	£72,156	-	-
2023-03-31	£65,326	£74,122	-	-
2022-03-31	£80,727	£75,883	-	-
2021-03-31	£82,760	£86,267	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ann Briggs		2022-11-03
Canon Christopher Howard Lilley		2022-11-03
Christine Mary Collins		2022-11-03

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Receipts and Payments Year end 31 March 2025

	Total Funds		Restricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds	
	Payments	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments	Receipts
Furniture Donations		26807				26807
Evan Cornish Award		5000		5000		
Nuclear Waste Grant		19671		19671		
East Lindsey DC		20300		20300		
Neighbourly Forum		230		230		
Lincs Lotto		4450		4450		
Refunds		0		0		
Food Larder- Donations		8031		8031		
				57682		26807
Food	23976		23976			
Food packaging	218		218			
Small Equipment	229		229			
Salaries & Wages	21803				21803	
Pensions	1371				1371	
PAYE	6270				6270	
Training	0				0	
Rates	170				170	
Rent	6996				6996	
Heating & Lighting	2705				2705	
Repair & Maintenance	1973				1973	
Insurance	415				415	
Telephone & Internet	808				808	
Van - Fuel	1419				1419	
Van - Servicing	2149				2149	
Van - Insurance	421				421	
Postage/Printing/Photocopier	307				307	
Sundries	70				70	
Equipment	368				368	
Subscriptions	110				110	
NWS Grant - Salaries Paid	7000		7000			
Less Opening unrepresented pa	-525				-525	
Transferred to Food Larder						
			31423	57682	46830	26807
Surplus / (Deficit) for year			<u>26259</u>		<u>-20023</u>	

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Balances as at 31 March 2025

Bank Balances	
Furnichurch Bank 31/03/2025	10360
Food Larder Bank 31/03/2025	21711
Total Bank Balances	<u>32071</u>
Fund Balances	
Funds Balance at 31/03/2024	25837
Surplus for period	6234
Fund Balance at 31/03/2025	<u>32071</u>



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of** Charity Name
FURNICHURCH

**On accounts for the year
ended** 31 MARCH 2025 **Charity no
(if any)** 1110984

Set out on pages 1 AND 2 1)

**Responsibilities and
basis of report** I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025. As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

**Independent
examiner's statement** I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: J R Truss **Date:** 29/01/2026

Name: J R TRUSS

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):** CTA

Address: 28 West End
Burgh Le Marsh
Skegness

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No comparatives are shown as accounts for previous were in different format

There is no split of fund balances between restricted and unrestricted funds as there has not been a split in previous years to give the balances at 31 March 2024.

Furnichurch AGM Chairman's Report

What a change! What an achievement!

Outside:

Behind the buildings waist high in weeds (complaints from neighbour) Now all cleared.

Behind and alongside the buildings – old mattresses, glass, tyres.....Now all cleared.

Inside the rear building – beds, more mattresses, wardrobes, all sorts of furniture, out of date food, all waiting to be taken to the tip – we have 2 passes a month for the tip.

Now all cleared – but we had to get a professional company to clear it – we could never have shifted it all ourselves without shutting down and probably using all the tip permits for the year.

This led us to decide that we did not need the rear building, so we negotiated to hand it back to our landlords, reducing our overall cost of rent and utilities.

Inside: We are open! We aim to be open every weekday, 9.30 – 4.30.

Walk through the front doors – an alarm sounds to alert anyone in the 2 offices.

There are, functioning and checked, fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, a carbon monoxide detector.

The furniture is all labelled with a “suggested donation” card.

As you go into Tracey's office you will see the shelving all neatly stocked with food, all in one place, and not shelved according to which food parcels they go into; Tracey's office has all been re-arranged: she has a “new” desk; the shelving has been moved around; as well as the chest and upright freezers there is a new tall larder fridge; there are more electrical sockets for the various appliances, including a heater for Tracey as it can get quite cold in the warehouse with the doors often being open for furniture going in and out and for people coming in to browse.

As you go out again look to your right – a brand-new fire exit door (the old one was falling to bits and not fit for purpose) and there's plenty of signage.

Then into the kitchen – it now has a healthy clean look about it, thanks to Stacey, one of our newer volunteers, who comes in once a week to clean for us. The fridge had a major deep clean and the cupboards turned out and sorted out.

Move on into Michael's office – it's tidy! You can see his desktop! And there are two loos – a ladies and a gents. The gents loo used to be a general dumping ground for anything and everything – no longer. And both kept clean for us by Stacey. The cupboard in the office has also been turned out, and all the out-of-date paperwork has been sent for shredding – bags and bags of it! We can now use it to store the paperwork for the last 6 years. The old boiler is still on the wall – it is very noisy at the moment – a gas engineer is coming to look at it next week. Hopefully it will not be condemned (he is very good at sourcing or making obsolete parts!)

Then next to Michael's office is a cupboard which can now be accessed and inside is a safe which we managed to open and inside were the keys for it!! So cash at the end of the day can be safely stored in there rather than in piles under paperwork on Michael's desk. Tracey has the task of banking it each week and passing all the receipts on to our Treasurer, Sandra, for recording.

None of these changes would have been possible without the help and co-operation of our employees, our volunteers and the trustees.

Employees: As well as Michael, our full-time warehouse supervisor and Tracey our part time office administrator, who works 3 days a week – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, in April we were able to offer Jason the role of part time warehouse supervisor, thanks to a grant from Evans Cornish to cover his first three months. We have still been paying him! But we have to keep looking for more grants to do this. We would love to offer him a full-time post as he is such an asset to us, (and will be even more so once he passes his driving test – he has passed the theory test so now waiting for a date - and hoping for a cancellation!) but we do not have the funds at present. However moving forward we would like to set up some educational support schemes for people who use the food larder – specifically to help improve their cooking skills and budgeting to provide healthy but cheap meals for themselves and, where applicable, their families. Jason would like to take this on, and we could use St Clement's church hall on Wednesdays, twice a month to do this. So our next search will be for grant funding to increase Jason's hours to full time to facilitate this project. Further into the future we need to secure funding for Tracey's salary once our grant from NWS (Nuclear Waste Services) comes to an

end later in 2027. We also need to keep looking for funding to supplement the part of the NWS grant which is for purchasing food for the food larder. We have just been granted £10,000 by the Household Support fund which will supplement 3 months of food purchasing as well as 10% of it which we can use for overheads. As the van has just failed it's MOT and needed parts to pass, that will hopefully meet that need. As you can see, we have an ongoing struggle to keep the finances healthy and enable us to meet the needs of and expand our work for the community we serve – but in amazing ways we find God does provide time and again.

Volunteers: We could not function without our volunteers. Inevitable they get older; their health may deteriorate. It was very sad to say goodbye to Alan Kent in the summer, after 18 years as a volunteer. He could no longer do the “van work, which involves a lot of lifting. But he says he will still repair furniture for us whenever it is necessary. As it was a special goodbye, we invited him and his wife Liz (who had also volunteered for us in the past), to lunch at the Beck.

So we always are looking out for more volunteers.

Brenda had offered her services as a volunteer early in 2024, but it took until January this year for us to persuade Michael that we should accept her offer and ask Pam to train her. Pam has done a great job! Brenda comes in on Monday morning and Pam on Friday mornings.

Martin offered to be a trustee, and was co-opted, in February. He subsequently started volunteering on a regular basis on Mondays and Thursdays, which is a great help as he can drive the van. He also volunteers on other occasions to cover Michael or Jason's leave.

Andrew has recently joined us as a volunteer on Wednesdays when he does a huge shopping trip to replenish our shelves for the next 7 days.

Ray and Stuart continue as invaluable volunteers on Tuesdays, helping with the furniture side.

Ray and Albert take it in turns to collect from the supermarkets three times a week. Sadly Albert's health is now not good, and he feels is no longer able to do this so we need a replacement for him – it would have to be someone with a car!

Paddy has very recently started volunteering several times a week.

Trustees: There are now five of us – myself as chair, Ann as secretary, Sandra as treasurer, Chris Lilley and Martin, my long-suffering husband!

We are all willing to stand again (Sandra had submitted her resignation to take effect at the AGM as she felt we were fighting a losing battle to bring in all the improvements that we, as trustees, had agreed needed to be done – Sandra still works part time. However when things started to improve, she withdrew her resignation. We were all extremely thankful!)

We meet roughly every 6 weeks, or more frequently, if necessary, to discuss how things are going and plan for the way ahead. At present one of us has to apply for the grants – never the same each time and it's very discouraging when we are unsuccessful. We had thought that someone was going to offer as a volunteer to do the grant applications, but he was unable to do it after all. Such a person would be much appreciated – any volunteers????

Thank you for attending today. Please continue to support us and spread the word about what we do and where we are.

Christine Collins.

26-11-2025

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

1st APRIL 2023–31st MARCH 2024

A LOCAL CHARITY MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

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WHO WE ARE: Furnichurch is a registered charity founded in 2005 in Mablethorpe by a group of local Christians in order to help local people in need, initially through the provision of items of furniture. However, we received a lot of requests for food parcels too, so in response to that, the Mablethorpe Community Food Larder which is based at and run by Furnichurch was set up in 2008. In 2011, we expanded our work into Skegness as the coastal strip there is an area of high deprivation, and we remained there till April 2017. We then closed the Skegness warehouse mainly due to a lack of volunteers. We now work solely out of our Mablethorpe warehouse covering mainly the LN 12 area, but we still respond to referrals along the coastal strip. We provide practical help to those in need in the following ways:

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FURNITURE 1ST April 23 – 31st March 2024

The downward trend of donations for furniture has continued although we did have some very good months during the summer. This year, the donations for furniture amounted to £39,833 which is an increase on the previous year when we received £35,965.

While we usually receive donations for our services, we also continue to give items of furniture away free every week and this has often proved to be a lifeline for people in situations such as eviction or being rehomed due to domestic violence. We were delighted to receive £10,000 from Coastal Community Challenge.

FOOD LARDER from ELDC

Our food larder continues to receive high demand. We supply 5 days' food to local people who are in need, both individuals and families. We were delighted to receive a grant of £5000 in July and October from ELDC, Household Support Fund. They also gave us a top up of £3000 and £2000. We were successful in obtaining £550 and £500 from Neighbourly which is Lidl. In March 2024 we received £1026 from ELDC – Councillors Community Challenge. All of these have enabled to keep going and ensure we can deliver the much-needed food parcels.

A number of individual supporters send us regular monthly financial donations which help greatly with our work. A huge thank you to all who support us in any way.



Because of an ongoing shortage of volunteers at Furnichurch, we have had to rely on the help of a very committed volunteer from Open House who has worked tirelessly for the Food Larder for many months, and we are most grateful to her for everything she does.

The Food Larder is always busy and in the **first 8 months** of this last financial year, we had already served **833** people with **20,834** meals.

133 hygiene packs providing soap, toothpaste, sanitary towels, washing up liquid etc.

56 baby packs containing nappies, wipes etc and **80 lots of pet food**.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

TOTAL INCOME

2023/24	2022/23	INCREASE %	DECREASE %	REASON IF ANY
£60,528	£65,326		7.2%	There has been a lot of changes during this year

TOTAL EXPENDITURE

2023/24	2022/23	INCREASE %	DECREASE %
£72,156	£74,122		2.65%

The warehouse donations for furniture are our largest source of income and this year, they were down by 7.2 % This is probably due to the fact that since April 2017 we have had only one warehouse, and we have also had a reduced number of volunteers. There were also a lot of changes.

A full financial report is attached.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the success of Furnichurch during the past year and in particular, all our volunteers, trustees and the manager of Furnichurch, Michael Collins, for all their hard work and commitment. Thanks to your efforts, we have been able to achieve our charitable purpose which is to help local people in need through the provision of furniture, and food from the Community Larder which is based at Furnichurch. I would also like to say a big thank you to our newest Trustee Sandra Kemble, she is a huge asset with the correct skills and more. We would like to say a massive THANK YOU for Dot McMillan who has been at the helm for many years but due to ill health had to step down in December 2023, her knowledge, work ethic and commitment has been truly inspiring.

We were experiencing problems with FareShare: –

the food was often not entirely suitable or appropriate for people who were struggling financially. It could give false expectations of what they could afford to buy

the delivery on a Thursday was too late in the week for us, especially with fresh produce and use by dates – it was difficult to get it all distributed by the end of Friday

more than half of the food we put in the food parcels we were buying locally

At the end of January, we decided to stop using FareShare altogether and cancelled all future deliveries. This took a while to sort out but eventually was all settled.

Nuclear Waste Services (NWS) grants

With the help of Paul Scott's, we have been successful in obtaining a large grant from NWS, this is spread over 3 years: which enables us to employ a part time Office Administrator, a part time warehouse supervisor and for further help with the cost of food.

Financial considerations

We are extremely grateful to all those who support us, financially and with donations of food and furniture and for those who have given us grants between Christmas 23 and March 31st 24: £1,500 from Julie Martin's fundraiser

£7,000 from the Household Support Fund and ELDC

£1026 from ELDC Councillors

£3,000 from Mablethorpe and Sutton Town Council

We identified one cost saving – the independent examiner charges £400 to examine our accounts each year. Chris Lilley offered to ask a fellow Rotarian if he would do it for a cheaper rate – we are extremely grateful to him – he is doing it for free!

Michael has tried reducing the size and streamlining the food parcels to give 4 days of food and aim for only one parcel per month per person/family. This seems to be working. Also, all requests for food parcels now have to come via email or telephone through one of the support agencies (e.g. CAB)

Going forward in the new financial year:

We have been awarded a grant from NWS for £118,000 spread over 3 years. With this we are to employ a part time administrative assistant, a part time warehouse supervisor, between them equalling one full time appointment, and the rest of the grant is to help with the cost of food for the food larder. This is really good news but will involve regular reporting back to NWS – a job for the administrator!

We also need help with the area behind the back warehouse – it gets over-run with weeds, brambles etc and we had a complaint about it. The suggestion is that the whole area behind the back warehouse is put down to concrete – only part is concrete at the moment.

We plan to advertise, interview and hopefully appoint a part time warehouse supervisor by next April.

We are indebted to the many individuals, organisations and agencies within our local community who offer us support either directly or indirectly. Thank you very much indeed for all you do.

We are most grateful.

Christine Collins.

Chairperson.

TRUSTEES' STATEMENT OF PUBLIC BENEFIT

Furnichurch operates in an area of high deprivation in and around Mablethorpe and the coastal strip of Lincolnshire. The principal areas of deprivation concern health, income and employment.

Many of the coastal wards continue to be in the bottom 15% nationally for deprivation, some in the bottom 10%. Some areas of Mablethorpe are amongst the 3% most deprived in England. The services we deliver provide a practical short-term solution to the deprivation that many people in our area experience. We work closely with a number of agencies who make referrals to us and in response we deliver good quality second-hand furniture, white goods and food to those in need. Where people are referred to us, we provide our service free of charge or in return for a small donation towards our work. We are the only provider of this type of service in the coastal area of Lincolnshire.

As our furniture is second-hand, there remains a very slight risk of injury to the client, but we make basic checks to see if anything is faulty prior to delivery thus minimising that risk. We try to reduce other potential risks by not supplying any second-hand electrical items or items that do not have a flame retardant label attached.

We believe that any potential risks have been significantly reduced by these measures.

RESERVES POLICY

Our cash at bank stood at 25,836 on 31st March 2024 which is a 27% increase on the previous year. We aim to hold a minimum of 20,000 and a maximum of 30,000 at year end, as in a downturn or an emergency, we need to be able to cover our overheads and any unforeseen costs. We also run expensive vehicles which may require repairs.

AGM:

This was held on Tuesday 10th September 2024

One new trustee, Sandra Kemble was elected at the AGM.

Two trustees were re-elected:

Christine Collins. Ann Briggs.

No trustee receives remuneration.

The charity is run by the trustees and a team of volunteers who are under the direction of one paid manager, Michael Collins. Last year we created one new paid part time post for a hardworking member of our team of volunteers.

CHARITY DETAILS

Name of Charity: Furnichurch

Charity Registration No: 1110984

Date of Registration: 23rd August 2005

Address for Correspondence:

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CURRENT TRUSTEES

Christine Collins (Chair)

Sandra Kemble (Treasurer)

Ann Briggs (Secretary)

Furnichurch
Statement of Income and Expenditure
1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Opening Balance £ 20,208.16 ✓

Income

Food Larder £38,281.22 ✓

Furnichurch £39,633.00

Less Refunds £ (130.00)
£39,503.00 ✓

Total Income £77,784.22 ✓

Expenditure

Combined £72,155.83 ✓

Surplus
~~Loss~~ Deficit for the year £ 5,628.39 ✓

Closing Balance £ 25,836.55 ✓

Reconciliation

Balance at Bank at 31st March 2024

Food Larder £ 11,056.87 ✓

Furnichurch £ 14,349.30 ✓
£ 25,406.17 ✓

Plus Cash in Hand (Food Larder) £ -
Plus Cash in Hand (Furnichurch) £ 955.00
£ 955.00

Sub Total £ 26,361.17 ✓

Less uncleared payments (Furnichurch) £ 524.62 ✓
£ 524.62

Total £ 25,836.55 ✓

Notes

1 Food Larder Grants

Mablethorpe and Sutton Town Council Resilience Fund £6,000
East Lindsey District Council £16,026

2 From returns of unwanted furniture

3 Furnichurch Grants

Lincolnshire Com £10,000

4 Miscellany

Includes Independent Examiner's fee - £400

5 **Vehicle Assets Adjustment** of £1,374.45 to show depreciation of 30% for the year.

6 **Office Equipment Assets Adjustment** of £24.70 to show depreciation of 30% for the year.

Examiner's report

I confirm that all the entries through the bank account have been processed through the books, except that, at the end of the year to 31-03-23, £5630 of 'cash in hand' processed in that year, has also been listed in bank income for the current year, albeit clearly marked as prior year income and not included in current year's book income. Probably better to have omitted from this year's books altogether.

I agree with the reconciliation of both bank accounts

A post office credit receipt (no 152) dated for 28-03-24, total £55, does not show in the bank account, presumably in following year.

R W Stephenson. 19th September 2024



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FOOD LARDER



Grants and donations:

In April 2022, we received a generous grant of £1,000 for the Food Larder from Tesco.

On 13 June, we received a huge grant of £5000 for the Food Larder and £5000 for the main account from a private individual, for which we are most grateful.

On 19 December we received a very generous donation of £1,000 from a local family. Also in December, we received another very generous donation of £1,000, the proceeds of a Christmas party organised by Julie and Paul Martin. (They had also donated more than £400 from a Fashion Show).

On 20 January we received an extremely generous grant of £6,000 from Julia and Hans Rausing from the Foodbank Fund.

On 30 January 2023, ELDC sent us a grant of £2000 from the Household Support Fund. In March, we received a second grant of £2,000 from ELDC from the Household Support Fund.

From April 2022 till end of March 2023: Total Number of	MEALS	28,400
Total cost (food)		£31,494
Total number of people		1,511
Total cost of extras: 76 hygiene packs, 36 Baby packs, 51 lots of pet food		£1,641
Total cost for meals and extra items		£33,135

We also benefited from many wonderful donations both financial and in kind after the celebration of a number of Harvest Festivals in local churches, schools and other organisations.

Thanks to the wonderful support we receive locally from individuals, churches and supermarkets, we have been able to supply parcels to more large families this year.

The total number of people helped was greater this year (1,511 and 1,385 in the previous year) but the actual number of meals was smaller (28,400 this year and 38,990) reflecting the fact that young children and babies do not eat as much as adults. However, the overall cost of food this year was higher (£31,494) than the previous one(£30,124) demonstrating that we are still very much in a cost of living crisis as the price of food continues to rise.

FURNITURE DONATIONS

Income from donations for furniture continues to show a downward trend although we still had a few good months, particularly over the summer period in July and August.

2020 – 2021	2021 – 2022	2022 - 2023
£17,710	£35,186	£30,965

The very low figure for 2020 – 2021 is a result of lockdown restrictions when we were not allowed to carry on with collections and deliveries of furniture.

This area of our work continues to be challenging for a number of reasons. More people try to sell their furniture online these days rather than donate it to charity.

Our part time warehouse supervisor, Nigel Fereday, left to return to France in October 2022 meaning that there were fewer people to work on the van team so that figure of £30,965 represents a great deal of hard work and effort. It is always difficult to get volunteers willing to work on the van moving furniture so Michael, our Manager, often has to go out on the van himself. This means longer hours for him as he has to catch up with paper work later in the day. We are immensely grateful to Michael and all our volunteers for their commitment and willingness to go the extra mile.

We would also like to thank the many local people who continue to donate good quality furniture to us and who offer us generous donations for furniture. Every week, we are able to give away a number of items of furniture completely free of charge.

Over the year we have helped provide furniture to some people who were formerly homeless and have now been rehomed and to some former residents of Hope House homes when they were able to move to independent living and were given their own accommodation.

Huge thanks to everyone for your ongoing support.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Every year since Covid, we have had a number of ongoing challenges and just when we think we have turned a corner, there have been new difficulties to face. Stubbornly high inflation has caused lasting problems, Covid, while appearing to be more under control, is still with us and several volunteers and clients have suffered with it this year. The war in Ukraine which shocked many last year is still ongoing and who would have believed that we now have a new, devastating war raging between Israel and Hamas in Palestine which inevitably has repercussions for the whole world. The cost of food is still increasing and many local people are in debt and are really struggling to make ends meet.

The Food Larder has seen more and more families asking for help and a few years ago, the number of children in relation to adults was approximately 25% -30% whereas now, the figure is nearer to 60% - 75% or even higher. The cost of family parcels is very high but thanks to the loyal support of so many people locally, we have been able to meet this need. The number of people who contribute financially to the Food Larder every month has increased over time and many other churches and individuals support us with very generous donations of food on a regular basis.

ELDC have supported us with two grants of £2000 each from the Household Support Fund and as mentioned earlier, we received an extremely generous grant of £6000 from Julia and Hans Rausing from the Food Bank Fund. In June, a private individual donated the huge sum of £10,000, to be divided between the Food Larder and the main account. FareShare has continued to provide us with a variety of food each week and though some of it is not exactly what our clients are familiar with (items such as celeriac, pak choi and cassava, for example !!) we do get quite a lot of tinned goods and sometimes, special treats such as large boxes of Ferrero Rocher chocolates. The Co-Op in Mablethorpe, Lidl and Tesco have all supported us throughout the year. We are greatly indebted to all who contribute to the work of Furnichurch in any way and I would like to say special thanks once again to Michael and all our volunteers, to all our trustees and huge thanks to Earl, our former Treasurer, who has continued to look after the accounts for us, even though he had in fact retired after the last AGM.

The work we do, both with furniture and food, is a lifeline for many in our community. We had several Ukrainian families here in Mablethorpe and we were able to support them until their benefits were organised. Two of those families have returned to Ukraine because their father was seriously ill but they were all really delighted at the help they received from us.

During the last year we had a family of three who were victims of people trafficking referred to us for food parcels. We were able to help them straight away not only with food but with hygiene packs too and they couldn't thank us enough. Another lady who had been a victim of domestic violence for many years and had at last managed to break free phoned up one day in tears asking for help and food. She was overwhelmed with the size of her parcel and said, repeatedly, ' You are all angels, every one of you.'

Together we are in some small way making a difference in our community and offering hope to those who feel they can no longer cope with all their problems. With your continuing support, we will be able to continue to help those in need in these challenging times. Huge thanks to all of you – we really appreciate all you do for us.

Dorothea McMillan (Chair of Trustees)

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE LAST YEAR

- 1** Even though this has been an extremely challenging year once again because of the cost of living crisis and the ever increasing price of food, thanks to the wonderful support and encouragement we get from people locally, we have been able to fulfil our charitable purpose of providing good quality second hand furniture for a modest donation to people on low incomes and in addition, to continue to support those in financial hardship by supplying them with free food parcels that provide three meals a day for a week.
 - 2** We have worked with many other organisations and support workers this year who have referred people to us for food parcels and sometimes for help with furniture. We have also made some contacts with community workers who have sought our help in particular cases of need and who have kept us informed of new opportunities.
 - 3** We continue to offer a number of items of furniture completely free of charge every week.
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OBJECTIVES FOR THE COMING YEAR

- 1** To continue to achieve our charitable purpose through a more efficient use of our resources.
- 2** To look for new volunteers to work on the van and in the warehouse in order to lighten the workload for the team and maximise the opportunity of getting more clients.
- 3** To obtain a large grant to enable us to take on a part time paid warehouse supervisor.
- 4** To find some new trustees and a new chairperson and treasurer.
- 5** To strengthen our financial position so that we can continue to meet need.

TRUSTEES' STATEMENT OF PUBLIC BENEFIT

Furnichurch operates in a very deprived area around Mablethorpe and the coastal strip of Lincolnshire to Skegness. The principal areas of deprivation concern health, income, education and employment. Many of the coastal wards continue to be in the bottom 15% nationally for deprivation, some in the bottom 10%. Some wards in Mablethorpe are amongst the most deprived in the country. The services we deliver provide a practical short term solution to the poverty that many people in our area experience. We work closely with a number of agencies who make referrals to us and in response we deliver good quality second-hand furniture and food to those in need. Where people are referred to us, we provide our service free of charge or in return for a small donation towards our work. We are the only provider of this type of service in the coastal area of Lincolnshire.

As our furniture is second-hand, there remains a very slight risk of injury to the client but we carry out basic checks to see if anything is faulty prior to delivery thus minimising that risk. We try to

reduce other potential risks by not supplying any second-hand electrical items or items that do not have a flame retardant label attached. As we do have a number of electric recliner chairs these days, we ensure they are PAT tested before passing them on to the public.

RESERVES POLICY

Our cash at bank stood at £20,208.16 on 31 March 2023 which is down on the previous year when we had a balance of £29,005.05 mainly due to a lack of volunteers and more challenging circumstances. We aim to hold a minimum of £20,000 and a maximum of 30,000 at year end, as in a down turn or an emergency, we need to be able to cover our overheads and any unforeseen costs. We also run an expensive vehicle which may require repairs.

AGM

This was held on Thursday 3 November 2022

Four trustees were re-elected

Dorothea McMillan (Chair)

Ann Briggs (Secretary

Christine Collins

Chris Lilley

Michelle Houldershaw was elected as Treasurer .

Governance

The charity is run by the five trustees and a team of volunteers who are under the direction of one paid manager, Michael Collins. No trustee receives remuneration for their role. Earl Dunton stood down as Treasurer after the AGM.

CHARITY DETAILS

Name of Charity: Furnichurch

Charity Registration No: 1110984

Date of Registration: 23rd August 2005

Address for Correspondence: **FURNICHURCH**

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Registered Charity No. 1110984

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Incorporating the Mablethorpe, Trusthorpe and Sutton on Sea

Food Larder

Treasurer's Report

And

Annual Accounts

1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

**TREASURER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

- 1. My thanks to our former treasurer Earl Dunton who, even though he had retired as Treasurer, took over the accounting work after our new treasurer, Michelle Holdershaw had to resign due to her husband's illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with Michelle following Mike's recent death.**
- 2. Furnichurch is an exercise in faith and patience. God has always provided for our operating costs. We are most grateful to those individuals and groups who have donated food or cash. Our thanks too to the supermarkets and FareShare who have either donated food or provided food at much reduced prices.**
- 3. However in common with other Lincolnshire food banks we are having to buy more food to meet an increasing need. With the financial squeeze on individuals we are now more reliant on grants. These take up much time and the trustees are grateful to our Chair, Dot Mc Millan who undertakes the work. We are most grateful to the CCC whose donations have kept us afloat in these challenging times. The CCC completes its grant giving work next year and Furnichurch will need new sources of income.**
- 4. Expenditure has been broadly in line with the previous year although the retirement of our assistant manager has reduced salaries. However this has had a knock on effect in the amount of time our manager Michael Collins can open the warehouse as he needs to drive the van. Consequently donations for furniture are down. We are very grateful for the hard work of our volunteers. Our team of volunteers is now very small and we need more help working on the van and in the warehouse to maximise turnover.**
- 5. Our reserves are healthy at £20,208 but this represents only just over three months expenditure.**

**Revd Canon Chris Lilley
Treasurer**

Furnichurch
Statement of Income and Expenditure
1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Opening Balance £ 29,005.05

Income

Food Larder £ 30,166.01

Furnichurch £ 35,160.00

Less Refunds £ -
£ 35,160.00

Total Income £ 65,326.01

Expenditure

Combined £ 74,122.90

Less Deficit for the year £ (8,796.89)

Closing Balance £ 20,208.16

Reconciliation

Balance at Bank at 31st March 2023

Food Larder £ 4,476.25

Furnichurch £ 9,750.91
£ 14,227.16

Plus Cash in Hand (Food Larder) £ 351.00

Plus Cash in Hand (Furnichurch) £ 5,630.00
£ 5,981.00

Sub Total £ 20,208.16

Less uncleared payments (Food Larder) £ -
£ -

Total £ 20,208.16

Income

			Prev Year
<u>Through the Food Larder</u>			
Donations	£ 18,166.01		£ 9,325.00
Other Income	<u>£ 1,000.00</u>		<u>£ -</u>
	£ 19,166.01		£ 9,325.00
Grants 1	<u>£ 11,000.00</u>		£ 20,000.00
	<u>£ 11,000.00</u>		
<u>Total Food Larder Income</u>		£ 30,166.01	<u>£ 29,325.00</u>
<u>Through Furnichurch</u>			
Donations for Furniture	£ 30,965.00		£ 35,186.00
Refunds 2	<u>£ -</u>		<u>£ (445.00)</u>
	£ 30,965.00		£ 34,741.00
Donations for Delivery	£ -		£ 295.00
Clientele Gifts	<u>£ -</u>		<u>£ 964.00</u>
	£ 30,965.00		£ 36,000.00
Gifts	£ 5,195.00		£ 1,995.00
Other Income	<u>£ (1,000.00)</u>		£ 7.00
	£ 4,195.00		
Grants 3	£ -		
	<u>£ -</u>		<u>£ 13,400.00</u>
<u>Total Furnichurch Income</u>		£ 35,160.00	<u>£ 51,402.00</u>
Total Income		<u>£ 65,326.01</u>	<u>£ 80,727.00</u>

Expenditure

Prev Year

Furnichurch and Food Larder Combined

Building			
Rent	£ 6,360.00	£ 6,360.00	£ 6,360.00
	£ 6,360.00		£ 6,360.00
Utilities			
Electricity	£ 406.82	£ 413.51	£ 413.51
Gas	£ 331.00	£ 414.21	£ 414.21
Water	£ 244.00	£ 48.00	£ 48.00
Phone and Internet	£ 752.63	£ 665.98	£ 665.98
Waste	£ -	£ -	£ -
	£ 1,734.45		£ 1,541.70
Salaries			
Wages	£ 22,433.04	£ 24,223.12	£ 24,223.12
PAYE	£ 5,742.98	£ 6,426.44	£ 6,426.44
Pensions	£ 1,019.70	£ 1,125.02	£ 1,125.02
	£ 29,195.72		£ 31,774.58
Deliveries & Collections			
Fuel	£ 2,131.69	£ 2,385.44	£ 2,385.44
Tax	£ 290.00	£ 275.00	£ 275.00
Servicing	£ 1,352.69	£ 1,673.08	£ 1,673.08
Insurance	£ 476.62	£ 482.81	£ 482.81
Outsourcing	£ -	£ -	£ -
Other	£ 456.00	£ 902.00	£ 902.00
	£ 4,707.00		£ 5,718.33
Serving the Community			
Groceries	£ 30,698.59	£ 28,380.14	£ 28,380.14
Kitchenware	£ -	£ -	£ -
Electricals	£ -	£ -	£ -
Bedding	£ -	£ -	£ -
Energy	£ -	£ 110.00	£ 110.00
Furniture	£ -	£ -	£ -
White Goods	£ -	£ 474.95	£ 474.95
Other	£ 251.04	£ 52.00	£ 52.00
	£ 30,949.63		£ 29,017.09
Office			
Insurance	£ 403.20	£ 501.41	£ 501.41
Stationery	£ 114.21	£ 50.79	£ 50.79
Sundries	£ 203.37	£ 244.80	£ 244.80
Sum-up Charges	£ 55.32	£ -	£ -
	£ 776.10		£ 797.00
Miscellaneous			
4	£ 400.00	£ 675.00	£ 675.00
	£ 400.00		£ 675.00
Total Expenditure		£ 74,122.90	£ 75,883.70

Restricted Giving

Statement of Assets

For the year ended 31st March 2023

<u>Assets</u>	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2022
Vehicles	5	£ 4,581.50		£ 4,581.50	£ 6,545.00
Office Equip	6	£ 82.33		£ 82.33	£ 117.61
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		£ 4,663.83		£ 4,663.83	£ 6,662.61
Cash	Food Larder	£ 4,476.25	£ -	£ 4,476.25	£ 2,640.06
	Furnichurch	£ 9,750.91	£ -	£ 9,750.91	£ 26,540.22
		<hr/>		<hr/>	<hr/>
<u>Total Assets</u>		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
		£ 18,890.99	£ -	£ 18,890.99	£ 35,842.89
<u>Liabilities</u>					
<u>Total Liabilities</u>					
<u>Net Assets</u>					
		<hr/>		<hr/>	<hr/>
		£ 18,890.99	£ -	£ 18,890.99	£ 35,842.89
<u>Funds</u>	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2022
Brought Forward		£ 29,005.05	£ -	£ 29,005.05	£ 33,679.77
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		£ (8,796.89)	£ -	£ (8,796.89)	£ 4,843.30
Asset Adjustment		£ (1,998.78)		£ (1,998.78)	£ (2,855.41)
Transfer between Funds					
		<hr/>		<hr/>	<hr/>
Funds carried Forward		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
		£ 18,209.38	£ -	£ 18,209.38	£ 35,667.66

Notes

1 Food Larder Grants

Tesco £1,000

East Lindsey District Council - Household Support Fund £4,000

Julia and Hans Rausing - The Foodbank Fund £6,000

2 From returns of unwanted furniture

3 Furnichurch Grants

4 Miscellany

Independent Examiner's fee - £400

5 Vehicle Assets Adjustment of £1963.50 to show depreciation of 30% for the year.

6 Office Equipment Assets Adjustment of £35.28 to show depreciation of 30% for the year.

FURNICHURCH
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF FURNICHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As a charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirement
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act, and
 - to prepare the accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs Sara M Cooper
Member of Institute of Certified Bookkeepers
SC Bookkeeping Services
Howard House
Old Trusthrope Road
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Date: 8th November 2023

FURNICHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1110984

Accounts



TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 1st APRIL 2021 – 31st MARCH 2022

A LOCAL CHARITY SUPPORTING LOCAL PEOPLE IN NEED

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1110984

CHARITABLE PURPOSE: *The relief of poverty for people in need who reside in Lincolnshire, through the provision of furniture and food.*

ABOUT US

Furnichurch is a registered charity, founded in 2005 in Mablethorpe by a group of local Christians in order to help people in need in our community, initially through the provision of items of furniture and later, food, in response to requests. In 2011 we expanded our business into Skegness where we remained for six years serving the coastal strip but it was difficult finding committed volunteers and the condition of the warehouse there was deteriorating rapidly so we decided to close our operation in April 2017. We now work solely out of our Mablethorpe warehouse in Victoria Road focusing on the LN 12 area but we continue to respond to referrals along the coastal strip as it is an area of high deprivation.

WHAT WE DO

- Supply and deliver furniture free of charge to those who are in desperate need
- Supply good quality second-hand furniture to people on low incomes in return for a modest donation.
- Supply food parcels which provide a week's food for people who are facing financial hardship.
- Offer a free collection service for surplus furniture



- Act as a referral point to other services that can assist our clients
- Supply sleeping bags to street homeless
- Supply hygiene packs, baby packs and pet food when necessary

FURNITURE 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022

As you may remember, our income from donations given in exchange for furniture during the previous financial year (April 2020 – March 2021) amounted only to £17,710 as the furniture side of our business was closed for six months as a result of government restrictions during lockdown. Although the situation has improved considerably over this past year, our income on furniture has still been well below pre Covid levels as can be seen when comparing these figures:

2017 – 2018	2018 – 2019	2019 - 2020
Furniture donations		
£51,014	£45,175	£43,631.40

Our income on donations for furniture almost doubled in this last financial year (2021 – 2022) amounting to £35,186.00 but we still have a long way to go to make up for lost ground. With the new challenges we are all facing now, due to increased energy prices and the cost of living crisis, the situation will be extremely challenging for the foreseeable future.

We did have one or two good months earlier in the year – April, June and July, but business has been variable. September, October and November were again quite good and we almost covered our costs but the winter months have been very lean and especially the last few months of the financial year.

Nevertheless, we have been able to help a number of people throughout the year by supplying them with free furniture - in some cases, we were given a small donation for our services (some were ex homeless, others had recently moved to this area from another part of the country, others were moving out of their current accommodation) and every week, we give away some sofas or other items completely free of charge.

Our many local supporters have enabled us to keep going with their donations or financial contributions and as we have mentioned elsewhere, we have again received some wonderfully generous grants.

A full financial report is attached to this Trustees' report for which we are most grateful to our Treasurer, Mr Earl Dunton.

FOOD LARDER



Councillor Tony Howard receiving a grant of £1000 on behalf of Furnichurch at the grand opening of the new Tesco store in Mablethorpe in October 2021.

We were delighted to be awarded a grant of £1000 from Tesco for the Food Larder which helped us a great deal over the busy Christmas period. Coastal Community Challenge helped us out once again in November with another generous grant of £1000. We had also benefited in April 2021 from Phase 2 of the Lincolnshire Emergency Assistance Scheme when we received a further grant of £5000 for the Food Larder. Mablethorpe and Sutton Town Council gave us a grant of £5,000 from their Community Resilience Fund for the Food Larder on 19 July. In addition, Arnold Clark awarded us £2500 on 31 December 2021. We would like to say huge thanks to all our funders for their most generous support.

We have continued to receive wonderful local support too from our supermarkets - Lidl, the Co – Op and Tesco and also from local churches, schools and individuals who supply us with very generous donations of food and other goods. More people now contribute financially to the Food Larder on a regular basis. This support has enabled us to continue to help an increasing number of needy families and individuals in the LN12 area through the provision of food parcels which provide three meals a day for a week and for extra items such as hygiene packs, baby packs and pet food as required. In December 2021, again with the help of our friends at the Lincolnshire Community Foundation, we

became members of FareShare in order to reduce our costs which means we have been able to make some savings and at the same time supply a wider range of products to our service users including more fresh fruit and vegetables. In March 2022, one anonymous donor gave us £1500 towards our payments to FareShare.

From April 2021 till the end of March 2022:	Total number of meals	38, 990 meals
	Total cost (food)	£30,124
	Total number of people	1,385
Extras: 126 hygiene packs, 13 baby packs , 26 packs of pet food - total cost		£1,475
Total cost of extras and meals		£31,599

This helped 1,385 people, a lower number than during the pandemic (1,593) as at that time, most people were confined to their homes during the lockdown periods. During lockdown, we provided food parcels providing 3 meals a day for 10 days but in October 2021 when the situation became more normal, we reduced the size of our parcels in order to lower costs and from that time, we have provided parcels which supply 3 meals a day for seven days, hence the fact that the total number of meals is also lower than previously.

To all those who continue to support us in any way, we are most grateful and we could not continue our vital work in the community without your help.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1 Thanks to the generous support and grants we have continued to receive, we managed to fulfil our charitable purpose of providing local people in financial hardship with substantial food parcels and extra items such as hygiene packs baby packs and pet food when required. We have also continued to supply good quality second hand furniture to local people in return for a modest donation and every week, we offer a number of items completely free of charge.

2 We managed to find a secretary for our charity in October 2021 at the AGM

3 We have reduced our costs a little by reducing the size of our parcels and by signing up for FareShare.

4 We have now set up a contract with Sum Up which enables card payments.

OBJECTIVES FOR NEXT YEAR

1 To continue to put our finances on a more secure footing so that we can continue to support local people in desperate need, especially as we now have a cost of living crisis.

2 To obtain funding in order to be able to employ a part time warehouse supervisor from next February.

3 To find another chair of trustees and more volunteers to ensure the continuation of our work into the future.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

After the incredibly difficult year we all had last year, hopes were high that the Coronavirus would soon be brought under control, that life would soon be back to normal and that the situation would improve greatly but somehow or other, that is not the reality that we are experiencing. We are still trying to stabilise our finances after Covid and other challenges have now arisen and with the invasion of Ukraine by Russia on 24 February 2022, which has exacerbated the already difficult economic situation, we now seem poised on the brink of a period in our history which could prove to be just as costly and life threatening as the Coronavirus itself. Many of our service users are finding life increasingly difficult as energy prices soar and the cost of living continues to rise.

Furnichurch has had another challenging year but once again, thanks to the unwavering support we receive locally, we have survived. Through Lincolnshire Community Foundation, we became aware of Anglian Water's Positive Difference Fund and after applying to them for help with overheads, we received a grant of £5000 at the end of April 2021. In June, thanks to some extra funding we received through the Household Support Fund, we were able to purchase more food for the larder and to support 3 families who use prepayment meters for their electricity. With that same Fund, we also purchased a new fridge freezer for a housebound couple who are clinically very vulnerable. Over the past few years, Coastal Community Challenge have been exceedingly generous to us and in July 2021, they gave us another enormous grant of £10,200 to help give us greater financial stability after Covid.

It is my great privilege every year at the AGM to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us throughout the year in any way, whether as individuals, churches, funders or other businesses and organisations with whom we work. We really do appreciate everything you do for us. I would also like to thank once again all our volunteers, trustees and in particular the manager of Furnichurch, Michael Collins, together with Nigel Fereday, our former part time Warehouse Supervisor, for their dedication and flexibility and all the extra hours they put in to ensure that those who need help receive it. To all who support our efforts in any way, thank you so much for helping us achieve our charitable purpose once again in an increasingly challenging environment.

Like many other charities in our country, until the economy grows again, Furnichurch will have to rely more and more on grants (as we have had to do throughout the pandemic) to be able to continue to offer the kind of services our community needs.

A couple of months ago now, a former service user whom we had not seen for a long time turned up out of the blue looking like a completely different person – happy, healthy and capable. She said how much our support and prayers had meant to her at a time when she was in a very dark place and had no hope for the future and she insisted on giving us a financial donation. Many people recently have been in tears when asking for help and they don't know where to turn but together, we are still making a difference to their lives.

I am convinced that with your continuing generosity and support, Furnichurch will still be able to provide practical help and hope for the future to those who are in need in our local community for many years to come. Thank you so very much to each and every one of you.

Dorothea McMillan (Chair of Trustees).

TRUSTEES' STATEMENT OF PUBLIC BENEFIT

Furnichurch operates mainly in the LN12 area in and around Mablethorpe and the coastal strip of Lincolnshire, between Mablethorpe and Skegness. This is an area of high deprivation where there is widespread unemployment and concerns about health and well being, low income, food shortage, transport and facilities. The services we deliver provide a practical short term solution to the deprivation that many people in our area experience. We work together with a number of agencies who refer people to us for both food and furniture and in response we deliver good quality second-hand furniture and/or food parcels to those in need. Where people are referred to us or in desperate need, we provide our service free of charge although sometimes, people choose to make a small donation towards our work.

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RESERVES POLICY

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GOVERNANCE

The charity is run by five trustees and the work is carried out day to day by a team of volunteers who are under the direction of one paid manager, Michael Collins and a paid part time Warehouse Supervisor. The trustees are elected at the AGM by the members of the Charity. No trustee receives remuneration for this role. Sharon Harper stood down as trustee in July and Tom Mountain at the AGM

AGM

This was held on Thursday 28 October 2021.

Dorothea McMillan (Chair)

Earl Dunton (Treasurer)

Christine Collins

Chris Lilley

Ann Briggs

(co-opted 25 April 22)

CHARITY DETAILS

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Furnichurch
Statement of Income and Expenditure
1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Opening Balance £ 24,161.75

Income

Food Larder £ 29,325.00

Furnichurch £ 51,847.00

Less Refunds £ (445.00)
£ 51,402.00

Total Income £ 80,727.00

Expenditure

Combined £ 75,883.70

Plus Surplus for the year £ 4,843.30

Closing Balance £ 29,005.05

Reconciliation

Balance at Bank at 31st March 2022

Food Larder £ 2,640.06

Furnichurch £ 26,540.22
£ 29,180.28

Plus Cash in Hand (Furnichurch) £ -

Sub Total £ 29,180.28

Less uncleared payments (Food Larder) £ 15.40

£ 33.40

£ 91.08

£ 35.35

£ 175.23

Total

£ 29,005.05

Income

		Prev Year	
<u>Through the Food Larder</u>			
Donations	£	9,325.00	£ 9,550.00
Other Income	£	-	£ -
		£ 9,325.00	£ 9,550.00
Grants	1	£ 20,000.00	£ 16,250.00
		£ 20,000.00	
<u>Total Food Larder Income</u>		£ 29,325.00	£ 25,800.00

<u>Through Furnichurch</u>			
Donations for Furniture	£	35,186.00	£ 17,710.00
Refunds	2	£ (445.00)	£ (350.00)
		£ 34,741.00	£ 17,360.00
Donations for Delivery	£	295.00	£ 200.00
Clientelle Gifts	£	964.00	£ 195.00
		£ 36,000.00	£ 17,755.00
Gifts	£	1,995.00	£ 5,405.00
Other Income	£	7.00	£ 2,550.00
		£ 2,002.00	
Grants	3	£ 13,400.00	£ 31,250.00
		£ 13,400.00	£ 31,250.00
<u>Total Furnichurch Income</u>		£ 51,402.00	£ 56,960.00
Total Income		£ 80,727.00	£ 82,760.00

Expenditure

Prev Year

Furnichurch and Food Larder Combined

Building				
	Rent	£ 6,360.00		£ 6,360.00
			£ 6,360.00	£ 6,360.00
Utilities				
	Electricity	£ 413.51		£ 406.38
	Gas	£ 414.21		£ 394.74
	Water	£ 48.00		£ 224.00
	Phone and Internet	£ 665.98		£ 628.75
	Waste	£ -		£ -
			£ 1,541.70	£ 1,653.87
Salaries				
	Wages	£ 24,223.12		£ 27,886.34
	PAYE	£ 6,426.44		£ 2,825.15
	Pensions	£ 1,125.02		£ 1,038.48
			£ 31,774.58	£ 31,749.97
Deliveries & Collections				
	Fuel	£ 2,385.44		£ 1,350.10
	Tax	£ 275.00		£ 265.00
	Servicing	£ 1,673.08		£ 1,035.60
	Insurance	£ 482.81		£ 414.77
	Outsourcing	£ -		£ 164.00
	Other	£ 902.00		£ 227.28
			£ 5,718.33	£ 3,456.75
Serving the Community				
	Groceries	£ 28,380.14		£ 31,866.91
	Kitchenware	£ -		£ -
	Electricals	£ -		£ -
	Bedding	£ -		£ -
	Energy	£ 110.00		£ -
	Furniture	£ -		£ -
	White Goods	£ 474.95		£ -
	Other	£ 52.00		£ 351.87
			£ 29,017.09	£ 32,218.78
Office				
	Insurance	£ 501.41		£ 741.46
	Stationery	£ 50.79		£ 128.59
	Sundries	£ 244.80		£ 207.70
			£ 797.00	£ 1,077.75
Miscellaneous		£ 675.00		£ 9,750.00
			£ 675.00	£ 9,750.00
Total Expenditure			<u>£ 75,883.70</u>	<u>£ 86,267.12</u>

Restricted Giving

New Vehicle

Apr-21 Opening Balance		£	577.72
Aug-21 Van Signage	£	(229.17)	
Jan-22 Van Signage	£	(45.89)	
Mar-22 Extra Parts	£	(302.66)	
			<hr/>
	£	(577.72)	£ 577.72
Balance Carried Forward			<hr/> <hr/>
			£ -

Statement of Assets

For the year ended 31st March 2022

<u>Assets</u>	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2021
Vehicles	6	£ 6,545.00		£ 6,545.00	£ 9,350.00
Office Equipme	7	£ 117.61		£ 117.61	£ 168.02
		<hr/> £ 6,662.61		<hr/> £ 6,662.61	<hr/> £ 9,518.02
Cash	Food Larder	£ 2,640.06	£ -	£ 2,640.06	£ 913.26
	Furnichurch	£ 26,540.22	£ -	£ 26,540.22	£ 23,248.49
<u>Total Assets</u>		<hr/> <hr/> £ 35,842.89	<hr/> <hr/> £ -	<hr/> <hr/> £ 35,842.89	<hr/> <hr/> £ 33,679.77
<u>Liabilities</u>					
<u>Total Liabilities</u>					
<u>Net Assets</u>		<hr/> <hr/> £ 35,842.89	<hr/> <hr/> £ -	<hr/> <hr/> £ 35,842.89	<hr/> <hr/> £ 33,679.77
<u>Funds</u>	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2021
Brought Forward		£ 33,102.05	£ 577.72	£ 33,679.77	£ 30,760.18
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		£ 5,421.02	£ (577.72)	£ 4,843.30	£ (3,507.12)
Asset Adjustment		£ (2,855.41)		£ (2,855.41)	£ 3,426.71
Transfer between Funds					
Funds carried Forward		<hr/> <hr/> £ 35,667.66	<hr/> <hr/> £ -	<hr/> <hr/> £ 35,667.66	<hr/> <hr/> £ 30,679.77

Notes

1 Food Larder Grants

EDLC Winter Payments £2,200
Mablethorpe & Sutton Town Council - £5,000
Bishop Grossette Emergency Fund - £5,000
CCC £1,000
Tesco £1,000
Arnold Clark Autom £2,500
Lincolnshire Com £1,500
£1,800 Transferred from Main Account for Grant paid in previous year's accounts

2 From returns of unwanted furniture

3 Furnichurch Grants

Lincolnshire COM Big Local Fund £10,200
Lincolnshire Com - AW Positive Fund - £5,000
(£-1,800 from previous year for Foodlarder - See above)

4 Outsourcing relates to the hire of a third party/vehicle for delivery and collections;
this year whilst our van was in for repairs.

5 Miscellany

Signage for new van £275.00
Independent Examiner's fee - £400

6 Vehicle Assets Adjustment of £2,805 to show depreciation of 30% for the year.

7 Office Equipment Assets Adjustment of £50.41 to show depreciation of 30% for the year.

FURNICHURCH
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF FURNICHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As a charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirement
 to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act, and
 to prepare the accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mrs Sara M Cooper
Member of Institute of Certified Bookkeepers
SC Bookkeeping Services
Howard House
Old Trusthrope Road
Sutton on Sea
Lincs
LN12 2LL

Date: 26th October 2022

FURNICHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1110984

Accounts



TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT 1st APRIL 2020 – 31st MARCH 2021

A LOCAL CHARITY SUPPORTING LOCAL PEOPLE IN NEED

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1110984

CHARITABLE PURPOSE: *The relief of poverty for people in need who reside in Lincolnshire, through the provision of furniture and food.*

ABOUT US

Furnichurch is a registered charity and was founded in August 2005 in Mablethorpe by a group of local Christians with the aim of helping needy people in our community, initially through the provision of items of furniture and later food, in response to demand. In 2011 we opened a second warehouse in Skegness where we remained for six years covering the coastal strip which is also an area of high deprivation. In April 2017 we took the decision to close our operation in Skegness mainly due to the rapidly deteriorating condition of the building and the difficulty in finding committed volunteers. We now work solely out of our Mablethorpe warehouse but we still respond to referrals along the coastal strip. During the pandemic when government restrictions meant that we had to close our furniture section for a total of six months, the Mablethorpe Community Food Larder which is based at and run by Furnichurch became the main focus of our work and it was a lifeline for many local people in need.



OUR SERVICES

- Supply and deliver furniture free of charge to those who are in desperate need
- Supply good quality second-hand furniture to people on low incomes in return for a small donation.
- Supply food parcels which provide a week's food for people who are facing financial hardship.
- Offer a free collection service for furniture which is no longer required.
- Signpost clients to other organisations that can assist them
- Supply sleeping bags to street homeless when necessary



FURNITURE

During the past year, the fact that the furniture section of our charity was only allowed to operate for six months because of government restrictions during Covid 19 seriously affected our business as it is the income we receive from donations for furniture that usually pays our overheads. The income received from donations for furniture the previous year (April 2019 – March 2020) amounted to £43,956.40 but this last financial year, it was just £17,710.00 due to the pandemic. For this reason, we were obliged to seek funding from many different sources to help cover our overheads as well as the purchase of food so that we could keep our premises open and the van running in order to be able to respond to the many requests for food parcels from local people in need. Demand for the Food Larder rose dramatically during the pandemic. In April 2020, we helped 176 people with food parcels which provided 6060 meals. In December, we helped 219 people with parcels which provided 6900 meals, together with toys, sweets and other seasonal gifts.

FURNITURE COLLECTIONS AND DELIVERIES – FACTS AND FIGURES 2020

- **938 households visited** in the course of our work, less than half the number in the previous year due to covid restrictions
- **119 return visits** to the same properties
- **We made 340 deliveries and 499 collections**
- **220** customers collected their own items, which is a growing trend
- We had **13 referrals** and these clients received **78 items of furniture**
- **1508 items of furniture were collected** by us – we were in lockdown for several months
- **1304 items of furniture overall were** found a new home, again, less than half the previous year as we were only able to open the furniture section for six months. Of the items found a new home, 15.5% were given away free

NEW VEHICLE

In the early months of last year, it soon became apparent that our old van was becoming very unreliable as there were various problems with it and on one or two occasions, we had to rent a replacement vehicle to enable us to continue our work as so many people were relying on us to deliver their food parcels during lockdown. After being warned that our next service on the vehicle would cost a lot of money and that repairs would not permanently fix the problem, we decided that we had to try and raise the funds to purchase a newer van before the end of December when the next service was due. We were delighted to achieve this aim.

On the front page of this Annual Report, we have put a photograph of our new (second hand) Peugeot Boxer 333 which we managed to purchase on 5 December 2020 thanks once again to huge local support and to very generous grants from Garfield Weston Foundation who provided us with £5000 and Coastal Community Challenge who gave us £3000. The Alford and Mablethorpe Rotary Club gave us a donation of £250 towards this project and we also had a donation of £200 from Capital One. Locally, we raised over £2200, mainly with the help of local churches and individuals.

We are hugely indebted to all our funders and to every person who contributed to this project in any way. Without this new van, we would not have been able to carry out the mammoth task of delivering every single food parcel requested right to the person's door. That delivery service was absolutely essential during the pandemic as there were many vulnerable people who were unable to leave their homes for many months and who therefore had to rely on our services.

All of us at Furnichurch are most grateful that we now have a more comfortable, efficient vehicle which is also more economical to run. Thank you all for your ongoing help and support.

A full financial report for the year is attached and we would like to express our thanks to our Treasurer for preparing it.

FOOD LARDER



In the past financial year (April 20 – March 21), the Food Larder was exceptionally busy because of the pandemic and as we were in lockdown for many months, all parcels had to be delivered to people's homes. However, we continued to receive tremendous support locally from Coastal Community Challenge who gave us £5,000 for the Food Larder in May, our Town council who gave us a grant of £5000 in December, and the Alford and Mablethorpe Rotary Club gave us £1000. We are also most grateful to our local supermarkets, both Lidl and the Co-Op, all the local churches, particularly at Harvest time and to so many other people in our town who brought in very generous donations of food and others who gave and continue to give regular financial donations.

In addition, we received a total of £5000 funding for food in January/February from the Lincolnshire Emergency Assistance Scheme phase 1 administered by Bishop Grosseteste University and an unrestricted grant of £1800 from the Leathersellers' Company Charitable Fund.

This wonderful support from so many individuals and organisations has enabled us to continue to help an increasing number of needy families and individuals, particularly in the LN12 area. Food parcels now often include frozen and/or fresh products. In addition, we continue to support people with extra items such as hygiene packs, baby packs and pet food where appropriate.

From 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021, we provided:

53,024 meals at a cost of	£33,568
129 hygiene packs costing	£1,560
20 baby packs (nappies, milk etc)	£155
Pet Food - total cost	£165
Total cost for meals + extra items	£35,448 which helped 1593 people.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

What a year April 2020 to March 2021 has been! Although the previous financial year had been a challenging time for us, nobody could have envisaged multiple lockdowns, huge numbers of people suffering and dying from Covid 19, many small businesses closing down permanently, more people than ever without work and as a result, unprecedented numbers of needy people using our services, but we survived thanks to the phenomenal level of support we received locally, particularly from Coastal Community Challenge who gave us a huge grant of £10,200 to help with overheads at a time when we had no income as government restrictions prevented us from opening our furniture section. We also benefited from a grant of £6000 from the National Emergencies Trust Covid Relief fund administered through Lincolnshire Community Foundation and a further grant of £2000 in January from Lincolnshire County Council.

It is always my great privilege at the AGM every year to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us in any way, whether as individuals, churches, funders or other organisations with whom we work, but this year, it is particularly difficult to find words which are adequate to express our thanks and appreciation to you all.

I would like to thank all our volunteers, trustees and supporters who have continued to work tirelessly for our charity and our community in different ways, offering their gifts and their free time to help others. I would like to say a special thank you to the manager of Furnichurch, Michael Collins, together with Nigel Fereday, our part time Warehouse Supervisor, for going the extra mile day after day at considerable personal cost during the pandemic, to ensure that our Food Larder shelves were stocked and the bags of food ready to be delivered. This was especially difficult when supporting big families who were in isolation – we did have 3 families of 8, together with several pets!! Our team is very small but they are all hardworking and committed to serving our community through the provision of food parcels and furniture, whenever government restrictions permitted. Thanks to the efforts of everyone here, we have been able to achieve our charitable purpose once again and our clients have described our work as a lifeline that has brought them hope and peace of mind in very difficult circumstances.

The pandemic has had a very detrimental effect on our already deprived area and now that the £20 a week uplift to Universal Credit has been removed and the price of energy is increasing, there is still a huge amount of work for us to do and we expect there will be a further increase in demand for our services as the weather turns colder. With your ongoing support, Furnichurch will continue to serve all those in need in our community for years to come.

Sometimes, people feel that those in need are totally responsible for their own problems but the vast majority find themselves in crisis situations through circumstances beyond their control – these might be relationship breakdown, domestic violence, physical illness, mental health issues and so on. However, all our clients are extremely grateful for any help they are given. Recent comments are: 'I wouldn't be able to cope without your help right now, I can't thank you enough.' 'I just didn't know where to turn, then someone told me to phone you. Your help is greatly appreciated.' We are most grateful for the wonderful support we receive from local people, churches, organisations and agencies. Together, we are all making a difference in our community. Thank you so very much.

Dorothea McMillan (Chair of Trustees)

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1 Thanks to the generous grants we received, we managed to purchase our new Peugeot van on 5 December 2020 and this allowed us to carry out our work effectively.**
- 2 We achieved our charitable purpose through the provision of food parcels and extra items to a much higher number of needy people than usual who were obliged to self isolate due to Covid 19. In addition, we were able to support a higher number of elderly folk who had no access to their money but were unable to leave their homes for many months as they were physically vulnerable.**
- 3 Our two employees between them managed to deliver all the food parcels requested right to people's doors during the pandemic.**

OBJECTIVES FOR NEXT YEAR

- 1 To develop further ways of helping our service users solve their problems for the long term.**
- 2 To find more volunteers and trustees, including a secretary.**
- 3 To put our finances on a more secure footing after the pandemic.**
- 4 To put a card system for payments in place.**

TRUSTEES' STATEMENT OF PUBLIC BENEFIT

Furnichurch operates in an area of high deprivation in and around Mablethorpe and the coastal strip of Lincolnshire, mainly between Mablethorpe and Skegness. Work is mainly seasonal and there is high unemployment which has increased after the pandemic as several of those furloughed have now lost their jobs. There are concerns about income, health and wellbeing, food poverty, limited transport and a lack of amenities. The services we deliver provide a practical short term solution to the deprivation that many local people experience. We work with a number of agencies who make referrals to us for both food and furniture and in response, we deliver good quality second-hand furniture and free food parcels to those in need. Where people are in crisis situations, we provide furniture free of charge or sometimes in return for a small donation towards our work.

As our furniture is second-hand, there is a very slight risk of injury to the client but we make basic checks to see if anything is faulty prior to delivery thus minimising that risk. These days we receive quite a number of electric recliner chairs and sofas so we ensure that they are PAT tested before being passed on to the public. In order to reduce other potential risks, we do not supply second-hand electrical items to our service users or items of furniture which do not have a flame retardant label attached.

RESERVES POLICY

We aim to hold a minimum of £20,000 and a maximum of £30,000 at year end, as in a downturn or an emergency, we need to be able to cover our overheads and any unforeseen costs for at least three months. We also run a large vehicle which may require major repairs and we employ two people, one of whom is part time, so we have two salaries to pay out. At year end, our closing balance and Balance at Bank on 31st March 2021 was £24,161.75.

GOVERNANCE

The charity is run by five trustees and the work is carried out day to day by a team of volunteers who are under the direction of one paid manager, Michael Collins and a paid part time Warehouse Supervisor. The trustees are elected at the AGM by the members of the Charity. No trustee or volunteer receives remuneration for this role.

AGM

This was held on Zoom on Friday 13 November 2020.

All five trustees were re-elected

Dorothea McMillan (Chair)

Earl Dunton (Treasurer)

Tom Mountain

Sharon Harper

Christine Collins

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CHARITY DETAILS

Name: Furnichurch

Charity Registration No: 1110984

Registration: 23 August 2005

Address: 97A Victoria Road

Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire

LN12 2AL

Telephone 01507 477007

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Incorporating the
Mablethorpe, Trusthorpe and Sutton-on-Sea
Food Larder

Treasurer's Report

And

Annual Accounts

1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Registered Charity No. 1110984

97 Victoria Road, Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire. LN12 2AL

Treasurer's Report

As you all will appreciate, the period our accounts cover was greatly impacted by the onset and duration of the corona virus. Not only was the furniture side of the charity closed for extended periods, but we also had a very heavy demand on the Food Larder. With social distancing restrictions it meant that the work had to be carried out under very difficult circumstances. Our Manager, Michael Collins, and Warehouse Supervisor, Nigel Fereday gave tirelessly of their time and energy to deliver the high demand on the Food Larder and I wish to add my most grateful thanks to them for their commitment to those in need and the charity. For a considerable period, our volunteers were, on the whole, told to stay at home. However, we do still appreciate their support and particularly the few who we called upon for help at times. Thank you also to our Trustees who sought to keep things going through online zoom meetings.

Because of the shutdown our income suffered greatly. It is, therefore, only right for me to thank the local council and the Coastal Community Challenge for their extremely generous support during this time with several grants to keep us going. Without these we would have been a number in the statistics for businesses that ceased to operate. We are also grateful to the local churches and other organisations who supported us financially when income must have been tight for them also.

Now to the accounts. We, unsurprisingly, finished the year to 31st March 2021 with a deficit of £3,500. Despite our income being up by almost £15,000 as a result of the generous grants we received our expenditure was up by £26,000. Most of this was due to the higher demand for the Food Larder. One other large item of expense was the replacement of our vehicle for which we received two very generous grants, One for £5,000 from the Garfield Weston Foundation and another from CCC for £3,000. Other smaller gifts were received to make up the total for we are very grateful.

Looking to the future, our finances are now stable due to the generous grants we have received. Our income from donations for furniture is still down on what it was and we are waiting to see how the situation moves forward, especially through the quieter winter months.

My grateful thanks again go to all our supporters, whether donors, volunteers, Churches Together and individual churches, CCC and Grantscape, the local council and our staff and Trustees. You are all greatly appreciated.

Earl Dunton,

Treasurer to the Trustees of Furnichurch

Furnichurch
Statement of Income and Expenditure
1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Opening Balance	£	27,668.87
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Income

Food Larder	£	25,800.00
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Furnichurch	£	57,310.00
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Less Refunds	£	(350.00)
	£	56,960.00

Total Income	£	82,760.00
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Expenditure

Combined	£	86,267.12
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Less Defecit for the year	£	(3,507.12)
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Closing Balance	£	24,161.75
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Reconciliation

Balance at Bank at 31st March 2021

Food Larder	£	913.26
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Furnichurch	£	23,248.49
	£	24,161.75

Plus Cash in Hand (Furnichurch)	£	-
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Sub Total	£	24,161.75
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Less uncleared payments (Food Larder)

	£	-
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Total	£	24,161.75
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Income

				Prev Year
<u>Through the Food Larder</u>				
Donations		£ 9,550.00		£ 2,050.00
Other Income		<u>£ -</u>		<u>£ 84.47</u>
			£ 9,550.00	£ 2,134.47
Grants	1	<u>£ 16,250.00</u>		£ 12,500.00
			<u>£ 16,250.00</u>	
<u>Total Food Larder Income</u>			£ 25,800.00	<u>£ 14,634.47</u>

<u>Through Furnichurch</u>				
Donations for Furniture		£ 17,710.00		£ 43,956.40
Refunds	2	<u>£ (350.00)</u>		<u>£ (325.00)</u>
			£ 17,360.00	£ 43,631.40
Donations for Delivery		£ 200.00		£ 75.00
Clientelle Gifts		<u>£ 195.00</u>		<u>£ 665.00</u>
			£ 17,755.00	£ 44,371.40
Gifts		£ 5,405.00		£ 251.68
Other Income		<u>£ 2,550.00</u>		£ 31.85
			£ 7,955.00	
Grants	3	£ 31,250.00		
			<u>£ 31,250.00</u>	<u>£ 8,000.00</u>
<u>Total Furnichurch Income</u>			£ 56,960.00	<u>£ 52,654.93</u>
Total Income			<u>£ 82,760.00</u>	<u>£ 67,289.40</u>

Expenditure

Prev Year

Furnichurch and Food Larder Combined

Building			
Rent	£	6,360.00	£ 6,360.00
£			£ 6,360.00
Utilities			
Electricity	£	406.38	£ 311.66
Gas	£	394.74	£ 486.05
Water	£	224.00	£ 232.00
Phone and Internet	£	628.75	£ 890.02
Waste	£	-	£ 326.94
		£ 1,653.87	£ 2,246.67
Salaries			
Wages	£	27,886.34	£ 28,383.52
PAYE	£	2,825.15	£ 3,887.80
Pensions	£	1,038.48	£ 919.16
		£ 31,749.97	£ 33,190.48
Deliveries & Collections			
Fuel	£	1,350.10	£ 2,395.62
Tax	£	265.00	£ 260.00
Servicing	£	1,035.60	£ 1,528.30
Insurance	£	414.77	£ 417.47
Outsourcing	£	164.00	£ 362.00
Other	£	227.28	£ 12.58
		£ 3,456.75	£ 4,975.97
Serving the Community			
Food	£	31,468.43	£ 10,830.79
Kitchenware	£	-	£ -
Electricals	£	-	£ -
Bedding	£	-	£ -
Toiletries	£	398.48	£ 237.69
Energy	£	-	£ 165.00
Furniture	£	-	£ 148.94
White Goods	£	-	£ 89.00
Fitting	£	-	£ -
3rd Party	£	-	£ -
Other	£	351.87	£ 261.60
		£ 32,218.78	£ 11,733.02
Office			
Insurance	£	741.46	£ 485.28
Stationery	£	128.59	£ 241.27
Sundries	£	207.70	£ 392.39
		£ 1,077.75	£ 1,118.94
Miscellaneous	£	9,750.00	£ 677.27
		£ 9,750.00	£ 677.27
Total Expenditure		£ 86,267.12	£ 60,302.35

Grant Reports

<u>CCC (Coastal Community Challenge)</u>	7	Payments	Receipts
Apr-20 Balance Brought Forward			£ 5,000.00
Communities Services	8	£ (3,985.00)	
May-20 New Grant			£ 5,000.00
Communities Services Jun-20	8	£ (2,010.00)	
Communities Services Jul-20	8	£ (2,870.00)	
Communities Services		£ (1,135.00)	
		<u>£(10,000.00)</u>	<u>£10,000.00</u>
			<u>£ -</u>

<u>GrantScope</u>	9	Payments	Receipts
01-Apr-20 Balance Brought Forward			£ 4,099.38
Apr-20 Account Adjustment		£ (1.00)	
Balance of Furnichurch share			£ 312.50
May-20 Salary - April		£ (883.34)	
Salary		£ (883.34)	
Jun-20 Salary		£ (883.34)	
Jul-20 Salary		£ (883.34)	
Aug-20 Final Grant Instalment			£ 4,000.00
Furnichurch Match			£ 1,512.50
Salary		£ (883.34)	
Sep-20 Salary		£ (883.34)	
Oct-20 Salary		£ (883.34)	
Nov-20 Salary		£ (883.34)	
Dec-20 Salary		£ (883.34)	
Jan-21 Salary		£ (883.34)	
Feb-21 Salary		£ (883.34)	
Mar-21 Salary		£ (883.34)	
Balance of Salary covered by Furichurch			£ 676.70
		<u>£(10,601.08)</u>	<u>£10,601.08</u>
			<u>£ -</u>

<u>New Vehicle</u>		Payments	Receipts
Jun-20 Donation			£ 250.00
Jul-20 Donation			£ 250.00
Aug-20 Donations			£ 850.00
Oct-20 Grant			£ 5,000.00
Nov-20 Grants			£ 3,250.00
Donations			£ 625.00
Dec-20 Van Purchase		£ (9,350.00)	
Van Tax		£ (265.00)	
Feb-21 Extra Parts		£ (32.28)	
		<u>£ (9,647.28)</u>	<u>£10,225.00</u>
Balance Carried Forward			<u>£ 577.72</u>

Statement of Assets

For the year ended 31st March 2021

<u>Assets</u>	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	2020
Vehicles	10	£ 9,350.00		£ 9,350.00	£ 2,851.02
Office Equipe	11	£ 168.02		£ 168.02	£ 240.29
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		£ 9,518.02		£ 9,518.02	£ 3,091.31
Cash	Food Larder	£ 913.26	-	£ 913.26	£ 7,382.04
	Furnichurch	£ 22,670.77	577.72	£ 23,248.49	£ 20,286.83
<u>Total Assets</u>		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
		£ 33,102.05	£ 577.72	£ 33,679.77	£ 30,760.18
 <u>Liabilities</u>					
 <u>Total Liabilities</u>					
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 <u>Net Assets</u>					
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		£ 33,102.05	£ 577.72	£ 33,679.77	£ 30,760.18
 <u>Funds</u>					
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Brought Forward		£ 21,660.80	9,099.38	£ 30,760.18	£ 24,803.57
Surplus/(deficit) for the year		£ 5,014.54	(8,521.66)	£ (3,507.12)	£ 6,987.05
Asset Adjustment		£ 6,426.71		£ 6,426.71	£ (1,030.44)
Transfer between Funds					
Funds carried Forward		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
		£ 33,102.05	£ 577.72	£ 33,679.77	£ 30,760.18

Notes

1 Food Larder Grants

Coastal Community Challenge (CCC), Big Local - £5,000
Mablethorpe & Sutton Town Council - £5,000
Bishop Grossette Emergency Fund - £5,000
Alford & Mablethorpe Rotary - £1,000
Lincolnshire County Council - £250.00

2 From returns of unwanted furniture

3 Furnichurch - Other Income.

Donations towards a replacement vehicle - £1,350
Sales of old vehicle - £1,200

4 Furnichurch Grants

CCC Big Local Fund - Covid Relief - £10,200
Lincolnshir Com - Covid 19 relief Fund - £6,000
Garfield Weston -Towards the cost of a replacement van - £5,000
Grantscape - Towards the cost of our Warehouse Supervisor - £4,000
CCC Big Local Fund - Towards the cost of a replacement van - £3,000
Leathersellers Co. - £1,8000
Lincolnshire Com - Charles Cross - £1,000
Alford & Mablethorpe Rotary - Replacement van - £250.00

5 Outsourcing relates to the hire of a third party/vehicle for delivery and collections;

this year whilst our van was in for repairs.

6 Miscellany

Purchase of Replacement Vehicle - £9,350
Auditor - £400

7 CCC supports the foodlarder to help the needy within our community

8 Community Services include such items as Food Parcels, Hygiene Packs, Baby Products and energy supplies.

9 GrantScape are helping to fund a Warehouse Supervisor. Their grant to Furnichurch is dependant of Furnichurch meeting 30% of the costs which includes in house training of Manager's time. Funds are available in four six monthly instalments. This grant is now complete.

The Trustees agreed to adjust future assets by 30% to better reflect their depreciation

10 The Vehicle Assets this year has been set to £9,350 the cost of the replacement vehicle.

11 Office Equipment Assets Adjustment of £72.09 to show depreciation of 30% for the year.

FURNICHURCH
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF FURNICHURCH
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As a charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirement
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act, and
 - to prepare the accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met; or
- 2 To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 18th August 2021