

Company Number: 06560738

Charity Number: 1124616

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DORKING**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**31 DECEMBER 2023**

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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The trustees present their report and the financial statements of Churches Together in Dorking ("the charity") for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the financial statements and comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the charitable company, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Charitable objectives

The Charity's objects are to develop the work of the Christian church in Dorking and the surrounding area by the advancement of the Christian religion; relief of poverty, suffering, sickness and distress, the advancement of education and other such activities as are charitable and in accordance with English Law.

### Charitable activities

The charity's principal activity in pursuit of its charitable objectives is to act as a meeting point for local churches and their representatives to work together on specific projects and coordinate joint worship events. There are currently 15 Christian member organizations. A key activity has been the operation of the Foodbank. We also collect for a Fuel Fund to assist households having difficulty paying fuel bills. The charity helped the local authorities distribute the Household Support Fund allocated to them. The Methodist church no longer meets in Dorking, but the Dorking and Horsham Methodist Circuit have now taken over running the Christian Centre. The foodbank uses the Christian Centre café as its Distribution Centre.

### Foodbank

The Dorking Area Foodbank supports anyone in Dorking and the surrounding villages who, for whatever reason, have reached a financial crisis point and cannot afford to feed themselves. It's an organic community project with local people giving food, money, and their time to help other local people in need. The foodbank is entrusted to manage and coordinate these valuable and generous resources promptly, efficiently, and responsibly and operates under an agreement with The Trussell Trust.

Of the 29.7 tonnes of food donated to us and supplemented by purchases by us in 2023, approximately two thirds were distributed via our twice-weekly foodbank sessions at the Christian Centre, with the remainder distributed through other outreach activities throughout the community. Our activities have continued to be particularly challenging this year for the Foodbank, which has strived to be creative and supportive in its activities to support families who have suffered hardships because of the growing cost of living crisis. Initiatives have included Christmas treat bags for each Foodbank client, hampers to another local charity, BESOM, 'Holiday Hunger' boost food bags, emergency food bags and breakfast bags for distribution by schools. We also provide fresh produce (including cheese and eggs) at the distribution centre in addition to the tinned and dried food already provided. This is proving very popular with our clients.

The foodbank currently works with 82 referral agencies. Our message to the referral agencies has always been not to delay in sending a client to the foodbank if they have any practical challenges in issuing a food voucher.

When the Churches of Dorking Housing Association Ltd closed in December 2023, they gave the ground lease on two flats at 24 Howard Road to Churches Together in Dorking and this benefits the foodbank.



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### Fuel Fund

The Fuel fund supports anyone in Dorking and the surrounding villages who, for whatever reason, have reached a financial crisis point and cannot afford fuel. It is largely supported by the government Household Support Fund supplemented by those who donate their Winter Fuel Allowance.

These funds are distributed through the foodbank.

### Household Support Fund

Grants to alleviate hardship particularly in the winter and support households in need of essentials were received and were distributed by the Foodbank team. Among these grants received in the year were £60,310 from Mole Valley District Council and Surrey County Council. The various uses they were put to included buying school uniforms and food and providing help with energy and water bills.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

**Food parcels distributed** (measured as 'vouchers' redeemed - each household provides a voucher for each visit to the foodbank (but data classification was changed by Trussell Trust from 1 April 2023 with comparable data unavailable for periods straddling the 1 April 2023 reclassification) so for the year to 31 March 2024: 1244 and in the year to 31 December 2022 (on the previous Trussell Trust classification): 1131.

In the year to 31 December 2023, a total of 3,345 people were fed, of which 1,925 were adults and 1,420 were children. In the year to 31 December 2022, 2,902 people were fed, of which 1,748 were adults and 1,154 were children.

The **school holiday boost bags** – 791 distributed to families in the year to 31 December 2023 including 266 at Christmas 2023.

Number of **referral agencies** (who can issue vouchers for the foodbank) - 82.

Number of **current volunteers** – 81.

**Fuel assistance** – We continue to work with Energy Manage to deliver managed support for clients with their fuel bills. From the launch of the new project in May 2023 until 31 December 2023 over 50 clients have been supported to get into a better position with their electricity and gas bills with over £17,000 of debt tackled.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Financial results of activities and events

The activities of the charity generated total income of £184,632 (2022 £108,109) and its total expenditure amounted to £136,991 (2022 £89,479). The resulting surplus of £47,540 (2022 £18,630) has been added to charity funds.



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**Reserves policy**

The trustees recognize the need to provide reserves to ensure the long-term and efficient running of the Dorking Area Foodbank, a franchisee of the Trussell Trust: -

**1. The risk of losing the use of the warehouse at short notice:**

In May 2024 the foodbank moved into another warehouse provided by Mole Valley District Council on a licence at a peppercorn rent. This licence can be terminated at three months' notice. When the foodbank is asked to vacate the premises, the foodbank faces the risk of having to provide warehousing space at short notice. Taking account of the continuing scarcity of suitable warehouse space available in Dorking, a reserve of £40,000 to provide warehouse space is considered prudent.

**2. Recurrent annual expenditure:**

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic it was thought prudent to make a reserve of 50% of annual recurrent expenditure, which at the end of 2023 would have been £50,839. The Trussell Trust has advised that increased need is likely to continue for up to 5 years after the end of the pandemic due to the downturn in economic activity, but that increased financial donations are likely to return to previous lower levels after the end of the pandemic. Accordingly, the Trussell Trust advised foodbanks to take account of this mismatch between the likely need and the likely reduction in financial donations in their reserves policy. The impact of the Cost-of-Living crisis is felt by our clients with the increase in the price of essentials including food and utility bills, which for many in the community has not been compensated for with increases in income. The foodbank is meeting increased costs at the new warehouse including paying for heating and lighting for the first time and in the increased cost of employing staff including a cost-of-living salary increase agreed from 1 April 2024. We estimate the combined extra warehouse and salary costs at some £15,000.

The reserve at the end of 2023 for annual recurrent expenditure is therefore set at £96,500 which is approximately 80% of the annual expenditure in 2023 (£101,779) plus 100% of the increased costs at the warehouse and on salaries.

In view of these factors, the total reserve for the foodbank has been set at £136,500 as at December 2023 which will be reviewed by the trustees when considered appropriate.

**Going concern**

The trustees have reviewed the financial forecasts for the charity and have considered its anticipated income and expenditure commitments for a period of twelve months from the date of approval of this trustees' annual report. The trustees believe that the charity has adequate resources and the reserves needed to operate for at least the next twelve months and to meet its liabilities. The trustees therefore continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

**Principal risks and uncertainties**

The trustees regularly review the risks to which the charity might be exposed, safeguarding and health and safety, and risks which are covered by insurance. The most serious risk is that the charity fails to secure sufficient funds to support its activities.



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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT****Status and History**

Churches Together in Dorking is a registered charity, and a company limited by guarantee, not having share capital. Every member undertakes to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the charity in the event of the charity being wound-up during the period of membership, or within one year thereafter.

Churches Together in Dorking (originally known as Churches Together in Dorking Limited) was incorporated on 9 April 2008 and became a registered charity on 20 June 2008. The charity is governed by the rules and regulations set down in its company Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 9 April 2008.

**Method of Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees**

The charity's Memorandum and Articles of Association sets out how trustees are to be appointed.

**Trustees' Responsibilities in the Preparation of Financial Statements**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Churches Together in Dorking for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees are preparing the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and applicable law).

Under company law, the trustees must not approve financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

During 2023 CTD opened a deposit account with CAF Bank to take advantage of the higher interest rate paid to this type of account. Most of our money was transferred to this account, leaving a smaller amount in the current account for day-to-day transactions.

**Independent Examiner**

David Bassett FCCA, as the charity's independent examiner, has indicated his willingness to continue as the Charity's independent examiner.

*These unaudited financial statements have been subjected to independent examination. See report on page 8*



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**Statement as to Disclosure of Information to the Independent Examiner**

The trustees and directors at the date of approval of this trustees' annual report confirm that so far as each of them is aware, there is no relevant information of which the independent examiner is unaware, and the trustees and directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

The trustees of the charity, who are also the directors of the company, have held office throughout the year except as where stated. The Trustees and directors are as follows: -

Rosemary Elias (Chair)  
Nicola Freeman (from 15 December 2023)  
Paul Gough (until 3 August 2023)  
Wayne Kitcat (Secretary)  
Justine Ryan (from 15 December 2023)  
David Wells (until 15 December 2023)

The principal address of the charity and the registered office of the company is: The Presbytery, 2, Falkland Grove, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 3DL.

The charity is registered under the charity number 1124616.

The company is incorporated with the company registration number 06560738.

The trustees have made the following appointment:

Independent Examiner: David Bassett, Tamar, Harrow Road East, Dorking, RH4 2AX.

Treasurer: David Wells, 2 Norfolk Road, Dorking, RH4 3JA.

Management: Day to day management of the operation of the Dorking Area Foodbank is undertaken by Katy Harris at the Food Bank Office, The Christian Centre, Church Street, Dorking. RH4 1DW

Bank: CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ.

**EXEMPTIONS FROM DISCLOSURE**

No exemptions from the disclosure requirements applicable to a small charity have been taken in this trustees' annual report.

**INVESTMENTS HELD**

Ground lease on flats at 24 Howard Road, Dorking. No valuation has been obtained of this holding.

**FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF OTHERS**

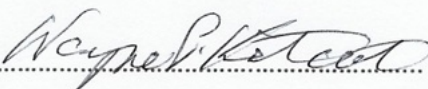
The charity maintains restricted funds to deal with incoming resources that are earmarked for a particular purpose by donors and other funders. The Charity does not hold funds as a custodian trustee on behalf of third parties.

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**APPROVAL OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

This report was approved by the trustees on .....<sup>25<sup>th</sup></sup> September 2024, and was signed for and on behalf of the board by

Wayne Paul Kitcat .......... Trustee

.....<sup>25<sup>th</sup></sup> September 2024



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DORKING

I report on the financial statements of Churches Together in Dorking (Charity No. 1124616; Company No. 06560738) for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 9 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

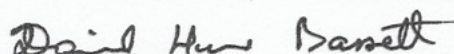
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair view", and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention, which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination: or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102)

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



David Bassett FCCA

Tamar

Harrow Road East

Dorking

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024



**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
		2023	2023	2023	2022
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:	Notes	£	£	£	£
Donations and legacies	2	960	123,362	124,322	108,109
Local authority grants		0	60,310	60,310	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		960	183,672	184,632	108,109
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Charitable Activities	3	101	136,991	137,092	89,479
<b>NET INCOME AND NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		859	46,681	47,540	18,630
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2023		10,298	108,956	119,254	100,624
<b>FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD AT 31 DECEMBER 2023</b>	6	11,157	155,637	166,794	119,254

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**BALANCE SHEET**

	Notes	2023	2022
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		£	£
Investments	7	902	0
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors and Prepayments		3,269	1,825
Cash at the bank and in hand		163,414	118,034
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		166,683	119,859
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	791	605
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		165,892	119,254
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		166,794	119,254

**FUNDS OF THE CHARITY**

	Notes	2023	2022
Unrestricted funds	6	11,157	10,298
Restricted funds	6	155,637	108,956
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>		166,794	119,254

For the year ended 31 December 2023, the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") relating to small companies.

The trustees' and directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act,
- The trustees and directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees and authorized for issue on

25<sup>th</sup> September 2024, and are signed on their behalf by:

Wayne Kitcat  Trustee

25<sup>th</sup> September 2024



**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net cash provided by operating activities	45,380	18,502
<b>CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	45,380	18,502
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	118,034	99,532
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD</b>	163,414	118,034

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Basis of accounting**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and under the historical cost convention. Within the definitions of FRS 102, the charity is a public benefit entity. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the financial statements and comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the charitable company, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

**Going concern**

The trustees have reviewed the financial forecasts for the charity and have considered its anticipated income and expenditure commitments for a period of twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements. The trustees believe that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for at least the next twelve months and to meet all its liabilities during that period as they fall due. For that reason, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

**Income**

General donations and other similar types of voluntary income are brought into account when receivable and donated income is included gross of any attributable tax recoverable, where relevant. Donations given for specific purposes are treated as restricted income.

**Grants**

The charity received grants from local government which had conditions as to how they were used, and these are shown separately within restricted funds. The details of grants received, and amount spent are shown in note 6 with details of the impact being given in the Trustee's Report on Page 2 under Achievements and Performance.

**Donations to the foodbank**

Donations of food collected and distributed are measured by weight. The weight collected and distributed during the year is disclosed in note 6. The Trussell Trust recommends that we use £2.37 per kg for 2023 (which was the same for 2022) to calculate the value of these donations.

**Expenditure**

Resources expended are allocated to the charity's principal activity as direct costs, where the costs can be identified as being directly related to that activity. Any costs that cannot be specifically categorized are allocated in proportions based upon a suitable ratio applicable to the nature of the cost involved.



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****Taxation**

The company is a registered charity and, as such, its income and gains falling due under section 471 to 489 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 are exempt from corporate tax to the extent that they are applied to its charitable objectives.

**Fund accounting**

The general fund comprises the accumulated surpluses of unrestricted incoming resources over resources expended, which are available for use in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific conditions imposed by donors. The purpose and use of the restricted funds are set out in the Trustee's Report on pages 1 and 2.

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions	960	0	960	1,077	-	1,077
CODHAL donation	-	10,902	10,902	-	-	-
Other donations	-	99,495	99,495	1,018	62,683	63,701
Bank interest	-	1,063	1,063	81	-	81
<b>Grants from:</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trussell Trust	-	11,902	11,902	-	5,000	5,000
Mole Valley District Council	-	40,930	40,930	-	20,000	20,000
Surrey County Council	-	19,380	19,380	-	18,250	18,250
	960	183,672	184,632	2,176	105,933	108,109

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023		2022	2022	2022
	£	£	£		£	£	£
Staff costs (see note 4)	-	21,553	21,553		-	14,934	14,934
Bank charges	66	-	66		92	-	92
Insurance	-	437	437		-	-	-
Administrative costs	35	2,750	2,785		180	4,134	4,314
Food Bank expenditure	-	46,260	46,260		200	31,801	32,001
Fuel Fund expenditure	-	20,361	20,361		-	-	-
MVDC Grant expenditure	-	32,058	32,058		-	21,135	21,135
SCC Grant expenditure	-	13,572	13,572		-	17,003	17,003
	101	136,991	137,092		472	89,007	89,479

**4. STAFF COSTS**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Salary and wages	0	21,553	21,553	14,934
Employers pension contributions	0	0	0	0
Total staff costs	0	21,553	21,553	14,934

The average monthly number of employees was 5 (2022: 3) and all are part-time which equates to the equivalent of 1.46 (2022: 0.96) of full-time employees. All employees are engaged only in charitable activities.

**5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Rent for foodbank	165	605
Mobile phone rental	402	-
Tax & NI	224	-
	791	605



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****6. THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY**

<b>Movement in 2023</b>		<b>Balance at</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance at</b>
		<b>1/1/23</b>			<b>31/12/23</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		<b>10,298</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>11,157</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Foodbank	6.1	104,802	104,976	70,886	138,792
Fuel fund	6.2	2,665	18,386	20,361	690
SCC winter hardship grant	6.3	1,489	19,380	13,572	7,297
MVDC household support grant	6.4	-	40,930	32,059	8,871
<b>Total Restricted funds</b>		<b>108,956</b>	<b>183,672</b>	<b>136,991</b>	<b>155,650</b>
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>		<b>119,254</b>	<b>184,632</b>	<b>137,092</b>	<b>166,807</b>

The charity purchases supermarket vouchers for clients to supplement food donated. At the end of 2023 the charity held £250.00 of vouchers that had not yet been distributed

<b>Movement in 2022</b>		<b>Balance at</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance at</b>
		<b>1/1/22</b>			<b>31/12/22</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		<b>8,594</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>10,298</b>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Foodbank	6.1	90,653	65,018	50,869	104,802
Fuel fund	6.2	-	2,665	-	2,665
SCC winter hardship grant	6.3	242	18,250	17,003	1,489
MVDC household support grant	6.4	1,135	20,000	21,135	0
<b>Total Restricted funds</b>		<b>92,030</b>	<b>105,933</b>	<b>89,007</b>	<b>108,956</b>
<b>TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS</b>		<b>100,624</b>	<b>108,109</b>	<b>89,479</b>	<b>119,254</b>

**6.1. Foodbank**

The Foodbank administers specific monetary donations by churches, organizations and individuals covering Dorking and the surrounding villages.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The value of the 33.7 tonnes of goods distributed during 2023 was equivalent to a value of £79,869 (2022 £74,892). The stock is valued at £2,370 per tonne (as for 2022) for the food and goods donated and distributed.

**6.2. Fuel Fund**

The Fuel fund represents specific monetary donations by churches, organizations, and individuals to assist those who are having difficulty paying for heating.

**6.3. Winter Hardship Fund**

This fund represents specific monetary grants made by Surrey County Council (SCC) for relief of winter hardship. The charity provides reports to SCC on the use of this fund.

**6.4. Household Support Fund**

This fund represents specific monetary grants made by Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) for household support. The charity provides reports to MVDC on the use of this fund.

**7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENT**

Churches Together in Dorking held one share in the Churches of Dorking Housing Association ('CODHAL') which ceased operating on 30 December 2023.

On CODHAL'S closure, it donated the ground lease on the flats at 24 Howard Road, Dorking to Churches Together in Dorking to benefit the foodbank. The lease generates an income of £200 a year to the foodbank.

CODHAL also donated £10,000 to the foodbank and donated £902 to cover the legal fees incurred in transferring the leasehold. The foodbank now receives the ground rent from each flat, due on 25 March each year.

The lease on the lower flat expires on 24 December 2175.

The lease on the upper flat expires on 26 November 2143.

The table below lists the ground rent from each flat. The charity receives no other payment from these flats and has no financial liability for any repairs that may be needed.

Annual rent	Lower flat until	Upper flat until
£100	25 December 2047	26 November 2051
£200	25 December 2080	26 November 2084
£400	25 December 2113	26 November 2117
£800	24 December 2175	26 November 2143

**8. FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIANS FOR OTHER CHARITIES**

No funds were collected or held on behalf of other charities during the year.

**9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

None of the trustees (or any persons related to them) received any remuneration during the current or previous period. The trustees made total donations of £803 during the year 2023, this compares with £2237 in 2022.

There were no transactions undertaken with related parties during the current or previous year apart from the monthly direct debit payment for the Foodbank's mobile phone which is paid from a trustee's personal account for which reimbursement is obtained periodically (2023 £402). Also, PAYE tax and NI (2023 £224).

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