

THE OSWESTRY & BORDERS FOODBANK

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

The Foodbank's Constitution was adopted on 20th June 2011 and amended (in respect of membership) on 12th June 2019. The Charity's objectives are 'the prevention or relief of poverty in Oswestry and Borders region by providing grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty'. In pursuit of these objectives, the charity:

- provides food parcels to people referred to as being in need. To achieve this, the Foodbank has entered into relationships with local churches, shops and other organisations to collect food.

- has initiated a 'Money Advice Service' to help its clients improve the management of their finances and avoid the consequences of persistent debt.

- provides small grants to people at risk of, for example, eviction or suspension of power supplies.

The corona virus pandemic dominated the entire year. Demands for help were higher than ever before as substantial numbers of people lost their jobs or were furloughed or otherwise became dependent on benefits. Traditional sources of food donations were lost as churches and schools were closed. However the plight of the people was recognised by more financial donations from extremely generous people than ever before and by corporate grants. The net effect on the Foodbank's finances was to leave us in a much stronger position.

Grants from a number of sources, some specifically for food purchase, totalled nearly £35,000, an increase of 80% over the previous year. The number of people donating by standing order increased from 39 at the start of the year to 62 at the end. One-off donations from individuals and philanthropic groups increased by over 500%.

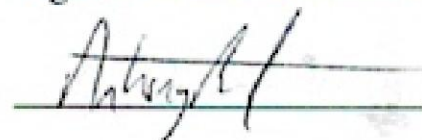
Much more food was donated, either supplied by supermarkets or bought using specific funds. This demanded more storage space and the decision was taken to replace the shipping container previously used with a unit on one of Oswestry's industrial estates.

Other significant changes during the year were: a substantial increase in deliveries of food parcels to people self isolating; and significant spending on health and safety measures in both the Foodbank's premises.

The Foodbank has no policy on financial reserves, seeking to limit its activities to the income it derives annually from donations and grants.

The trustees confidently believe that they have complied fully with the legal duty of having regard to public benefit, as set out in Charity Commission guidance.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 27th September 2021

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Rev Antony Maude (Chairman)

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Kathryn Davies (Secretary)

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
INCOME	£	£	£
Donations by Standing Orders		14,032	5,960
Shropshire Council Covid Grant		10,000	-
Trussell Trust		17,070	1,652
Grants from Asda & Tesco		-	17,596
Other Grants (Note 1)		7,849	-
Sale of Container		1,000	-
General Donations (Note 2)		76,394	11,610
		<u>126,345</u>	<u>36,818</u>
LESS EXPENSES			
Rent (Note 3)	16,140	6,180	
Utilities	3,601	2,445	
Insurances	713	513	
Project Manager (Note 4)	20,992	15,963	
Food Stocks	7,266	1,227	
Christmas Hampers	391	719	
Client Welfare Payments	696	182	
Trussell Trust Membership	360	360	
I.C.O. Membership	35	35	
Job Club	-	50	
Debt Centre	-	850	
Office/Container Supplies (Note 5)	3,322	1,489	
Travel	-	-	
Volunteer Expenses (Note 6)	2,193	2,281	
Health & Safety Expenses (Note 7)	4,474	-	
Osnosh Breakfast Contribution	500	-	
Pension Scheme Setup Fee	-	300	
Accountancy fees	426	-	
Petty Cash	240	500	
CCPAS	129	120	
		<u>61,478</u>	<u>33,214</u>
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		<u>64,867</u>	<u>3,604</u>
Bank reconciliation			
Opening balance	24,927	21,323	
Income less Expenditure	64,866	3,604	
Closing balance	<u>89,793</u>	<u>24,927</u>	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

2021

2020

1. OTHER GRANTS

	£	£
Shrewsbury Food Hub (Unicef)	3,675	-
Making a Difference Locally	1,524	-
Shropshire Food Hub	1,000	-
Other	1,650	-
	<u>7849</u>	<u>-</u>

2. GENERAL DONATIONS

These have greatly increased and include £27,630 from the Charities Aid Foundation and £2,200 from Wonderful, an online source of donations which ceased during the year,. The Trustees acknowledge the extreme generosity of all donors during this difficult year, some of whom made individual donations of £1000.

3. RENT

The rental figure of £16140 includes an advance payment of £7055 for the industrial estate unit. This covers the period from 1st April 2021 to 31st August 2022.

4. PROJECT MANAGER

	£	£
Gross Salary	20580	16087
Employer's Pension Contributions	430	233
Expenses	-	225
Adjustment re PAYE creditor	(18)	(582)
	<u>20992</u>	<u>15963</u>

5. OFFICE/CONTAINER EXPENSES

Printing Stationery & Postage	485	413
Packaging & Storage	547	104
Shelving	1,066	-
Repairs, Maintenance & Consumables	554	239
Sign for Building	-	282
Shredding	-	95
Shropshire Design & Print	321	-
Capital expenditure - 2 Filing Cabinets	-	356
Capital expenditure - Vacuum Cleaner	349	-
	<u>3,322</u>	<u>1,489</u>

6. VOLUNTEER EXPENSES

Gifts	-	319
Parking Permit & Parking	-	216
T-shirts	383	-
Anti-fatigue Mats	150	-
Travelling Expenses	999	759
Volunteers' Meals	661	987
	<u>2193</u>	<u>2,281</u>

7. HEALTH & SAFETY EXPENSES

Hand Sanitiser, Masks & Screens	914	-
Social Distancing Signage	174	-
Refurbishment of Toilets	1,289	-
Trestle Tables & Stools	319	-
Lighting	978	-
Sanitising Stations	800	-
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and were signed on its behalf by :



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