

THE OSWESTRY & BORDERS FOODBANK

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

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 again affected the Foodbank's operations. While lockdown was over, and the Foodbank was open as it had been, many clients were still self-isolating and needed deliveries of food parcels. Reimbursing volunteers' travelling expenses, therefore, continued to be a substantial element of the Foodbank's spending.

Demands for help continued to be high, with referrals from the 114 agencies associated with the Foodbank leading to 4,660 people being fed. Low income, sickness/ill health and benefit changes/delays were the most frequently mentioned reasons for referral. Over the 2021 Christmas period hampers were provided for 798 people (including 422 children) - the amount of food being provided amounting to 3 tonnes. The Foodbank was grateful to a local firm - Aico - who provided premises for assembling hampers, as well as practical assistance and a financial donation.

The Foodbank's income fell from £126,345 in 2020/21 to £109,532 in 2021/22. If transfers of funds from the Kingswell account (a fund already administered by the Foodbank) and from the Money Advice Connect Centre (bringing these funds into the main account) are ignored, income fell to £104,838 - a drop of £21,507 (17%). In large part, this resulted from a 34% fall in Government and other grants but financial donations from individuals, churches and philanthropic groups also fell, though only by 11%.

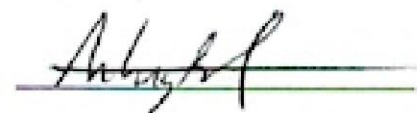
Similarly, donations of food from traditional sources also fell as a proportion of the overall amount. In 2018/19, 27% of the Foodbank's food donations came from churches. By 2021/22, this had halved and a similar proportion was now purchased - a negligible figure in earlier years. The Foodbank spent £18,164 on food stocks in 2021/22 compared with £7,266 in 2020/21 - an increase of 150%.

Despite these reductions in income, 2021/22 ended with a further excess of income over expenditure, this time of £45,050. The Foodbank, therefore, has a healthy bank account. This will help to cushion any financial adversity, where demands for help grow and financial donations decline. It will also allow the Foodbank to develop the services it offers, particularly in the area of money and debt advice.

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 29th July 2022



Rev Antony Maude (Chairman)



Kathryn Davies (Secretary)

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
INCOME	£	£	£
Donations by Standing Orders		14,451	14,032
Shropshire Council Covid Grant		-	10,000
Trussell Trust		15,874	17,070
Money Advice Connect Centre		1,104	-
Kingswell Account		3,590	
Other Grants (Note 1)		7,017	7,849
Sale of Container		-	1,000
General Donations (Note 2)		67,496	76,394
		<u>109,532</u>	<u>126,345</u>
LESS EXPENSES			
Rent (Note 3)	6,284	16,140	
Utilities	4,185	3,601	
Insurances	792	713	
Project Manager (Note 4)	19,528	20,992	
Food Stocks	18,164	7,266	
Christmas Hampers	2,293	391	
Client Welfare Payments	1,801	696	
Trussell Trust Membership	360	360	
I.C.O. Membership	35	35	
Community Money Advice	1,195	-	
Office/Container Supplies (Note 5)	5,474	3,322	
Volunteer Expenses (Note 6)	2,734	2,193	
Health & Safety Expenses (Note 7)	279	4,474	
Osnosh Breakfast Contribution	-	500	
Translation Service	42	-	
Accountancy fees	540	426	
Petty Cash	635	240	
CCPAS	141	129	
		<u>64,482</u>	<u>61,478</u>
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		<u>45,050</u>	<u>64,867</u>
Bank reconciliation			
Opening balance	89,793	24,927	
Income less Expenditure	45,050	64,866	
Closing balance	<u>134,843</u>	<u>89,793</u>	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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1. OTHER GRANTS

	£	£
Shrewsbury Food Hub (Unicef)	4,250	3,675
Making a Difference Locally	414	1,524
Shropshire Food Hub	-	1,000
Co-op Local Food Community	844	-
Powys CC	509	-
Other	1,000	1,650
	<u>7017</u>	<u>7,849</u>

2. GENERAL DONATIONS

A noted in the Trustees Annual Report, general donations fell by 11% - nearly £9,000 - from 2020/21. Had it not been for a remarkably generous donation, of over £20,000, from a charitable foundation, this reduction would have been much steeper. Nevertheless, general donations were still considerably higher than they were in the pre-pandemic year of 2019/20, when £11,610 was given. Donations from the Charities Aid Foundation amounted to £11,529, from churches in the area to £3,461 and from local Rotary clubs to £3,659. The remaining £28,550 came from a wide variety of voluntary and commercial organisations and from many individual people. The Foodbank Trustees are grateful to them all for their generosity.

3. RENT

Last year's rental figure included an advance payment of £7055 for the industrial estate unit. This covered the period from 1st April 2021 to 31st August 2022.

4. PROJECT MANAGER

	£	£
Gross Salary	19184	20580
Employer's Pension Contributions	388	430
Expenses	-	-
Adjustment re PAYE creditor	(44)	(18)
	<u>19528</u>	<u>20992</u>

5. OFFICE/CONTAINER EXPENSES

Printing Stationery & Postage	276	485
Packaging & Storage	1,339	547
Shelving	267	1,066
Repairs, Maintenance & Consumables	449	554
Traffic Cones & Lines	75	-
Shredding	8	-
Flooring	2,451	321
Capital expenditure - Laptop	609	-
Capital expenditure - Vacuum Cleaner	-	349
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6. VOLUNTEER EXPENSES

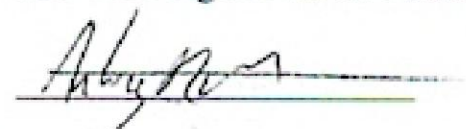
Gifts	959	-
Parking Permit & Parking	5	-
T-shirts	-	383
Anti-fatigue Mats	-	150
Travelling Expenses	1,272	999
Volunteers' Meals	498	661
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7. HEALTH & SAFETY EXPENSES

Hand Sanitiser, Masks & Screens	71	914
Table Covers	125	-
Standing Desk	70	-
First Aid Kit	13	-
Social Distancing Signage	-	174
Refurbishment of Toilets	-	1,289
Trestle Tables & Stools	-	319
Lighting	-	978
Sanitising Stations	-	800
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We report that the above Income and Expenditure Account is in accordance with the books and records of the Centre maintained by the Treasurer. We confirm that the account does not include transactions relating to the year ended 31st March which were not completed at that date.

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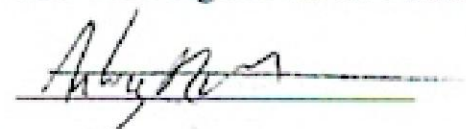
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