

Registered Charity 1149296

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PERIOD ENDED: 30 SEPTEMBER 2020

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

STATUS

The organisation was formed and granted charitable status on 11th October 2012 (charity number 1149296).

The charity is governed by its constitution which was adopted on 30th July 2011.

TRUSTEES

The board members serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2020. Legal and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY

Purposes and aims

The Charity's objects are specifically to relieve those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability and financial hardship in the Merthyr and Cynon Valley area, although this area may be extended to the adjoining communities if necessary.

To achieve this, we collaborate with Local Authorities, other statutory services, voluntary organisations and faith-based organisations.

In furtherance of the above, to supply boxes to beneficiaries, either directly or through agency partners approved by the Trustees, such boxes to contain tinned and non-perishable foods to ensure a healthy, balanced and nutritious diet for up to three days.

The Charity is also willing to undertake any other activities consistent with the primary purpose of the charity including, but not limited to, the provision of counselling and advisory services.

Ensuring our work delivers its aims

We are continually reviewing our aims, objectives and activities to ensure that we provide the maximum benefits possible to all of our clients. We are always prepared to consider the provision of new services if we feel that they will improve the welfare of our clients.

In setting our aims and objectives, we have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees are aware that the Charity has a responsibility under the Charities Act to demonstrate that it has charitable aims that meet the public benefit requirement and are therefore charitable. The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and comply with S17 Charities Act 2011 when considering, planning and implementing the activities of the charity. As Trustees, we believe that the aims of our organisation are charitable and for the public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The year to 30th September 2020 has been a difficult one because of the Corona Virus pandemic. Most of our volunteers were self-isolating although a few stepped in to help where necessary. We closed all our distribution centres because of the lockdowns and referrals were made online only. With the help of the local authority and some volunteers we delivered food parcels directly to the homes of the people in need. From the second week in July 2020 we re-opened our five centres in the Cynon valley with all procedures from Welsh Government in place but continued with home deliveries in the Merthyr area. We were fortunate to see the compassion and support of our communities in the Merthyr and Cynon valley areas and grateful for outstanding generosity of the public supporting their local food bank.

The Foodbank is in a better position financially than at any time since its conception. Local businesses, churches and individuals have been most generous during the Corona virus pandemic. Many, because they have not been able to donate food have donated money instead.

The charity has a full time Foodbank Co-ordinator, part time Warehouse Assistant and a well established administration team so it is the aim of the charity to use this foundation to expand and continue the charity activities and alleviate social deprivation. During the year 67 tonnes of food has been collected and 59 tonnes distributed to a total 6934 beneficiaries. To date we have collected in excess of 333 tonnes of food and distributed in excess of 313 tonnes to a total of 39,800 beneficiaries as at 30th September 2020. The donated

food supplies given to the charity are essential to the running of the core activity of the charity and the Trustees would like to express their thanks to each individual and organisation whom have made food contributions. The Trustees cannot put a value on the total donated food supplies and as such have not included any amounts in these financial statements.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity has been successful in maintaining and increasing Funding levels over the last 12 months. The charity received total funding of £74,167 in 2020 compared with £48,929 in the year to 30th September 2019. It is the aim of the charity to continually source additional funding and will aim to increase funding levels over the next 12 months. A cash surplus was made in the year amounting to £13,383 (2019: £12,621). It is the aim of the charity through careful business management and budgeting by the trustees, and the ongoing generosity of the public, to continue to be able to build up reserves of the organisation. At the 30th September 2020 the Foodbank had £101,286 in the bank which is enough to see the organisation through approx. 3 years.

Principal Funding Sources

Aside from the income generated by local churches and donations, during the year to September 2020, the main funding sources can be found on the Receipts and Payment Account with the Financial Statements.

Reserves Policy

Upon reviewing the reserves policy, the trustees decided to maintain a financial reserve, approximately equivalent to the normal, predictable outgoings in one month. In 2020 that is approximately £3,490. The charity currently has free reserves well in excess of this, being £98,579. The reserves policy does also however, have a caveat, that if a pressing financial need arises within the charity, and the charity has the ability to meet this out of the reserve, then this should be done, in accordance with the aims and objectives of the charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk review

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Internal control risks are minimised by procedures of authorisation of transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers and clients.

At present, the trustees have identified that the biggest risk that the organisation faces is due to the loss of income from various funders and from donations from members of the public.

Steps have already taken place to streamline the expenditure of the charity, with no adverse effects on the needs of our users. It is essential to the continuing financial health of the organisation that any 'lost' funds are able to be replaced by income from other sources. The Trustees are continually investigating other means of raising income.

Organisation

The method of appointment of trustees is set out in the constitution dated 30th July 2011. There are currently three trustees involved in the organisation. A.M. Pitt, K. Mason and M Linford.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

We are continually investigating potential new sources of income. We are also continually trying to identify any new services, consistent with the primary purpose of the charity that may be of benefit to the public in the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil and Cynon Valley areas. One of these, in association with Trussell Trust is to set up a fuel bank, whereby heat and light can be donated to those in need similar to food. Unfortunately due to the pandemic this has been temporarily shelved.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in January 2015).

Signed on behalf of the board:



K. Mason - Trustee

Dated: 20/5/2021

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Merthyr Cynon Foodbank

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30th September 2020, which are set out on pages 6 and 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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 on order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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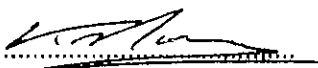
Receipts and Payments Account
 for the year ended 30th September 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2020 £	Totals 2019 £
Receipts				
Trussell Trust (Asda Grant)	-	-	-	18,400
Merthyr Valley Homes	10,000	-	10,000	1,500
Cyfarthfa High School Students	-	-	-	1,000
Adref Ltd	3,000	-	3,000	-
Santander	-	-	-	2,500
Cynon Taff Housing Association	5,000	-	5,000	-
Rhymney Brewery	2,500	-	2,500	1,000
Dwr Cymru	8,000	-	8,000	-
3G's Development Trust	1,000	-	1,000	-
Masonic Benevolent Fund	1,000	-	1,000	-
Michael Sobell Welsh Charitable Assoc.	-	-	-	1,000
Trussell Trust Fuel Bank	-	-	-	1,000
Rental Income	3,363	-	3,363	938
Donations from Local Churches	1,700	-	1,700	1,337
Monthly Church Donations	1,755	-	1,755	2,120
Private Donations	32,968	-	32,968	11,329
Rotary Club Aberdare	1,000	-	1,000	-
Sundry income	196	-	196	-
Tesco Cash Collections	-	-	-	1,763
Trussel Tesco Top-up	2,685	-	2,685	4,545
Trussell Asda Top Up	-	-	-	281
Recycling Income	-	-	-	216
Total Receipts	74,167	-	74,167	48,929
Payments				
Wages	15,899	18,045	33,944	28,372
Pension	647	-	647	392
Governance cost	822	-	822	804
Warehouse expenses	2,725	-	2,725	2,234
Vehicle purchased	2,395	16,500	18,895	-
Other payments	3,751	-	3,751	4,506
Total Payments	26,239	34,545	60,784	36,308
Net of Receipts	47,928	(34,545)	13,383	12,621
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds brought forward	50,651	37,552	88,203	75,582
Cash funds this period end	98,579	3,007	101,586	88,203

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

for the year ended 30th September 2020

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2020 £	Totals 2019 £
Cash Funds				
Cash at bank	98,279	3,007	101,286	87,903
Cash in hand	300	-	300	300
Total Cash Funds	98,579	3,007	101,586	88,203
Other monetary assets				
Other debtors	900	-	900	1,750
Prepayments	639	-	639	327
Total monetary assets	1,539	-	1,539	2,077
Liabilities				
Deferred income	-	3,007	3,007	37,552
Accruals	716	-	716	498
	716	3,007	3,723	38,050
Assets retained for the charity's own use				
	Restricted Funds		Unrestricted Funds	
	2020		2019	
	£		£	
	Cost	Current Value	Cost	Current Value
Motor vehicle	18,895	14,565	10,000	1,914
Property	469	350,000	469	350,000
	19,364	364,565	10,469	351,914


K. Mason - Trustee


Dated: