

Registered Charity 1149296

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

PERIOD ENDED: 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

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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:

K Mason – resigned 29th September 2025
M Linford – resigned 12th May 2025
S Dorricott
A Davis – appointed 18th May 2025
Rev PD Godsall (Chair) – appointed 18th May 2025
AG Anthony – appointed 18th May 2025
C Breeze – appointed 18th May 2025
P Poloha – appointed 18th May 2025
SE Davies – appointed 18th May 2025

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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 30th September 2025. 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 a minimum of three days and up to seven 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 via referral agencies, partners signposted by our volunteers.

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 2025 has been a very busy one. Again, more and more people are falling into poverty, due mainly to high inflation, rising prices of essentials and the higher cost of energy experienced over the period.

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 local authorities, businesses and public supporting their local food bank.

The Foodbank continues to be in a financially strong position. Local businesses, local authorities, local churches and individuals have again been most generous.

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 continue to use this foundation to expand and continue the charity activities and alleviate social deprivation. During the year 46 tonnes of food has been collected and 47 tonnes distributed to a total 7159 beneficiaries. To date we have collected in excess of 540 tonnes of food and distributed in excess of 535 tonnes to a total of 68,581 beneficiaries as at 30th September 2025. 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 who have made food and money 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 securing funding over the last 12 months. The charity received total funding of £69,686 in 2025 compared with £91,703 in the year to 30th September 2024. 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 deficit of £32,426 was incurred in the year. (2024: Deficit £13,616). 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 2025 the Foodbank had £98,023 in the bank.

Principal Funding Sources

Aside from the income generated by local churches and donations, during the year to September 2025, 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 of 2 years. In 2025 that is approximately £150,000. The charity currently has free reserves of £93,686 which is short of this target. The trustees are aware of this situation and it is their aim to increase free reserves in future years. 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 seven trustees involved in the organisation, as listed on page 2.

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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees.

Signed on behalf of the board:



C. Breeze - Trustee

Dated: 10/6/26

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 2025, 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.
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2025 £	Totals 2024 £
Receipts				
Merthyr Valley Homes	-	-	-	5,000
VAMT	-	-	-	4,996
Charities Aid Foundation	-	-	-	2,000
Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council	-	10,293	10,293	10,148
Rental Income	6,984	-	6,984	7,020
Donations from Local Churches	1,882	-	1,882	2,522
Monthly Church Donations	-	-	-	1,850
Private Donations & Fundraising	40,527	-	40,527	48,167
Total Receipts	49,393	20,293	69,686	91,703
Payments				
Wages & Pensions	63,803	-	63,803	58,603
Governance Cost	1,500	-	1,500	1,404
Warehouse Expenses	4,847	-	4,847	8,713
Foodstuff Purchased	-	19,338	19,338	23,600
Equipment Purchased	-	-	-	644
Christian Centre Rent & Expenses	8,100	-	8,100	8,902
Other Payments	4,524	-	4,524	3,453
Total Payments	82,774	19,338	102,112	105,319
Net of Receipts	(33,381)	955	(32,426)	(13,616)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds brought forward	127,067	3,382	130,449	144,065
Cash funds this period end	93,686	4,337	98,023	130,449

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

for the year ended 30th September 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2025 £	Totals 2024 £
Cash Funds				
Cash at bank	93,386	4,337	97,723	130,149
Cash in hand	300	-	300	300
Total Cash Funds	93,686	4,337	98,023	130,449
Other monetary assets				
Other debtors	149	-	149	720
Prepayments	459	-	459	473
Stock	16,756	-	16,756	16,756
Total monetary assets	17,364	-	17,364	17,949
Liabilities				
Accruals	810	-	810	849
	810	-	810	849
Assets retained for the charity's own use				
	Restricted Funds		Restricted Funds	
	2025		2024	
	£		£	
	Cost	Current Value	Cost	Current Value
Motor vehicle	18,895	2,049	18,895	2,731
Property	469	473,504	469	473,504
	19,364	475,553	19,364	476,235



C. Breeze

10/6/26

Dated: