

ELY FOODBANK

England & Wales · Charity number 1150746

Details

Status Registered

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Registered 2013-02-08

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY WITHIN A 20 MILE RADIUS OF THE CITY OF ELY BY PROVIDING GRANTS, ITEMS AND SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED AND/OR TO CHARITIES OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY

Activities: Practical community based action against poverty within the area of benefit, developing and running sustainable projects such as a foodbank as well as other projects which enable people to overcome their hardship with respect to financial means, food, clothing or shelter. These projects are run in partnership with both the local churches together with a wide variety of organisations.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ELY
- Cambridgeshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£479,991	£485,232	-	-
2023-12-31	£408,792	£383,676	-	-
2022-12-31	£221,048	£151,092	-	-
2021-12-31	£168,200	£136,084	-	-
2020-12-31	£195,966	£70,998	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Stephen Geoffrey Charles Greenish	Chair	2022-09-23
Jayne Amanda Howe		2023-02-08
Linda May Homan		2025-10-08
Reena Appadoo		2024-10-09
Rev William Frederick Warren		2026-02-04
Tabitha Griffin		2022-07-20

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Trustees' annual report

Year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 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 published in October 2019.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Ely Foodbank
Charity registration number	1150746
Principal office	10 Chapel Street Ely Cambridgeshire CB6 1AD

The trustees

The trustees who served during the year and at the date of approval were as follows:

S Greenish (Chair)
S Ochieng (Treasurer)
R Appadoo (Appointed 09/10/2024)
S Baxter
I Erviti (Appointed 04/06/2025)
T Griffin
J Howe
C Barnes (Term ended 01/03/2025)
M Bonney (Term ended 11/12/2024)
J Webb (Term ended 09/10/2024)

Independent examiner	A Robinson FCA Lovewell Blake LLP Chartered accountants First Floor Suite 2 Hillside Business Park Bury St Edmunds IP32 7EA
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Trustees' annual report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

Objectives and activities

Objective

The objective of the charity is the prevention or relief of poverty within a 20 mile radius of the City of Ely by providing food, other household items and small grants to support people in need and/or to charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

Activities

The principal activity of Ely Foodbank is the collection and distribution of basic food items to support people in times of crisis. Food, either donated or purchased is sorted into emergency food boxes, packed according to family size with the aim of providing 3 days' worth of food to people who find themselves in crisis and unable to buy sufficient food.

Public benefit

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit including, The Public Benefit Requirement (PB1), Running a Charity (PB2) and Reporting (PB3).

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Year ended 31 December 2024

Achievements and performance

Operating as part of the Trussell Trust network, during 2024 Ely Foodbank continued to run weekly distribution sessions across sites in Ely, March, Chatteris, Cottenham, Haddenham, Burwell, Soham and Waterbeach. Foodbank clients are identified by frontline care professionals from 103 active partner organisations who can issue vouchers to people and families in crises, so ensuring that our services are directed to those most in need. These vouchers are exchanged for sufficient food for 3 days at the foodbank distribution centres. These are typically set up as welcoming cafe style spaces where volunteers also serve tea and coffee and take time to listen and to point clients towards further sources of support. Clients visiting the distribution centres are usually able to select from a range of other donated items including toiletries, household items, hygiene products and pet food. During 2024 we supplied 3,689 boxes of food (2023 - 3,379) providing meals to around 8,831 people (2023 – 8,503), with around 38% being children, demonstrating the sustained and ever increasing demand.

Our volunteers and staff are able to direct clients to dedicated Citizens Advice advisors, enabling them to receive immediate and specific help with a wide range of benefit, housing, legal and other matters. This initiative is largely funded through a Trussell Trust grant which has been extended and now runs until the end of April 2026, with some additional funding coming from Ely Foodbank's own reserves. The initiative continues to prove to be both successful and cost effective, with many positive outcomes for clients, and further funding to ensure the continuation of the partnership with Citizens Advice is actively being sought.

The Charity largely relies upon receiving donations of food from the general public, by way of collection points at a number of supermarkets and other shops and centres across our area. Local churches and schools regularly donate produce from their Harvest festival celebrations, and from other occasional collections, particularly in the run-up to Christmas. During 2024 we received 66,632kg of donated food, and 75,644kg was distributed to clients in food boxes. We topped up food donations by purchasing just over 5,500kg, more than double the amount we needed to purchase in 2023.

In financial terms, the generosity of new and existing supporters has enabled the charity to expand operations and seek to help more people in more ways. Throughout the year we were able to offer clients small grants to top up electricity/gas meters - nearly £9,000 of fuel/supermarket vouchers.

There were a number of changes to staff and staffing during the year due to operational changes and at the end of the year Ely Foodbank had 1 full-time and 4 part-time staff. The Charity could not operate without the loyal support of a team of dedicated volunteers; and the financial support of over 240 individual donors, local churches, schools, charities, and other organisations. As the Charity currently has very healthy financial reserves it has not sought additional funds from local charities for several years.

There were six Trustee meetings held during the year, two on-line meetings and four in person.

Serious incidents

The Trustees confirm that there are no serious incidents to report regarding operations in 2024.

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Financial review

The charity has income for the year of £479,991 (2023: £408,792) and expenditure of £485,232 (2023: £383,676). Closing funds of the charity have decreased to a balance of £311,307 compared to £316,548 in the previous year.

Reserves policy

The charity aims to hold free reserves sufficient to cover 6 months of unrestricted expenditure, which is currently estimated to equate to £179,485. This reserves level allows sufficient cash to cover normal monthly expenditure, the main components of which are employment costs and rent & occupancy costs. In the light of changing circumstances this figure will be kept under review by the Trustees.

The Trustees note that our reserves are declining.

Plans for future periods

The Trustees plan to continue to grow the charity, with an aim to increase the number of meals and other services provided for people, adults, and children, in crisis in the area stretching from Soham, through Ely and out to March. The Trustees have committed to a focus on fundraising and are seeking to employ a professional fundraiser to significantly increase the income of the charity.

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Structure, governance and management

Ely Foodbank is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and a charity registered in effect from 8 February 2013. The charity is constituted and governed by Trustees under the terms of its memorandum and articles of association.

The charity's Trustees are stated on the reference and administrative details of these accounts.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are appointed from a recruitment and selection process to enhance the skills and experience of the board as a whole. Once appointed, Trustees are provided with all the information required to assist them in performing their role as Trustees covering all aspects of the organisation.

Trustee induction and training

Following an induction by the charity and on request Lovewell Blake LLP provides Trustees with training regarding the responsibilities of being a charity Trustee. If Trustees request or require further input then the charity would arrange for them to attend external training as appropriate.

Risk analysis

The Trustees confirm that major risks to which the Trust is exposed are reviewed regularly.

True and fair override

The financial statements have been prepared to give a "true and fair" view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a "true and fair view". This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Independent examiner reappointment

A resolution to appoint A Robinson FCA of Lovewell Blake LLP as independent examiner will be proposed at the next Annual General Meeting.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 06/08/2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



S Greenish (Chair)
Trustee



S Ochieng (Treasurer)
Trustee

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ely Foodbank

Year ended 31 December 2024

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts (financial statements) in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has since been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

Abigail Robinson

A Robinson FCA
Independent Examiner

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13/10/2025

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Statement of financial activities

Year ended 31 December 2024

			2024		2023
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations, grants and legacies	4	334,872	137,069	471,941	402,935
Investment income		8,050	–	8,050	5,857
Total income		<u>342,922</u>	<u>137,069</u>	<u>479,991</u>	<u>408,792</u>
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	5	358,970	126,262	485,232	383,676
Total expenditure		<u>358,970</u>	<u>126,262</u>	<u>485,232</u>	<u>383,676</u>
Net income		<u>(16,048)</u>	<u>10,807</u>	<u>(5,241)</u>	<u>25,116</u>
Transfers between funds		(21,119)	21,119	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>(37,167)</u>	<u>31,926</u>	<u>(5,241)</u>	<u>25,116</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		287,300	29,248	316,548	291,432
Total funds carried forward		<u>250,133</u>	<u>61,174</u>	<u>311,307</u>	<u>316,548</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet

31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Current assets					
Stock	9	26,121		25,373	
Debtors	10	7,655		6,900	
Cash at bank and in hand		287,386		287,504	
		<u>321,162</u>		<u>319,777</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>9,855</u>		<u>3,229</u>	
Net current assets			<u>311,307</u>		<u>316,548</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>311,307</u>		<u>316,548</u>
Net liabilities			<u>311,307</u>		<u>316,548</u>
Funds of the charity					
Restricted funds			61,174		29,248
Unrestricted funds			250,133		287,300
Total charity funds	12		<u>311,307</u>		<u>316,548</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 06/08/2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Stephen Greenish

S Greenish (Chair)
Trustee

S Ochieng

S Ochieng (Treasurer)
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2024

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is incorporated. The address of the principal office is 10 Chapel Street, Ely, Cambridgeshire, CB6 1AD.

2. Statement of compliance

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis and the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected income and expenditure for the next 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Income tax

As a registered charity, the activities are exempt from United Kingdom Income and Corporation taxation, provided that the income is applied to charitable purposes.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable, and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- Investment income consists of bank interest and is accounted for when receivable.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

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4. Donations, grants and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations	147,812	10,392	158,204
Goods donated in kind	171,215	–	171,215
Grants			
Trussell Trust	15,845	111,677	127,522
Ridge Clean Energy	–	15,000	15,000
	<u>334,872</u>	<u>137,069</u>	<u>471,941</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations	162,456	6,500	168,956
Goods donated in kind	182,229	–	182,229
Grants			
Trussell Trust	6,750	45,000	51,750
	<u>351,435</u>	<u>51,500</u>	<u>402,935</u>

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5. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Rent and occupancy costs	14,038	686	14,724
Fitments for food stores and equipment	465	15	480
Wages and salaries	94,059	17,510	111,569
Food purchases	7,505	–	7,505
Client help	1,673	7,210	8,883
Project costs	31,364	98,772	130,136
Goods Donated	170,467	–	170,467
Support costs	39,399	2,069	41,468
	<u>358,970</u>	<u>126,262</u>	<u>485,232</u>

2023	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Rent and occupancy costs	13,889	759	14,648
Fitments for food stores and equipment	1,413	88	1,501
Wages and salaries	65,843	3,254	69,097
Food purchases	5,171	–	5,171
Client help	7,449	–	7,449
Project costs	37,071	45,671	82,742
Goods donated	179,646	–	179,646
Support costs	22,433	989	23,422
	<u>332,915</u>	<u>50,761</u>	<u>383,676</u>

Analysis of support costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Insurance	576	–
Administration	6,015	5,854
Telephone and answering service	3,676	4,397
Accounting and professional fees	11,080	2,234
Stationery and printing	610	466
Training	1,163	–
Travel Expenses	4,105	911
Van hire	14,243	9,560
	<u>41,468</u>	<u>23,422</u>

6. Independent examination fees

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>1,890</u>	<u>1,590</u>

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

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7. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	107,577	67,433
Social security costs	1,305	–
Pension costs	2,687	1,664
	<u>111,569</u>	<u>69,097</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 6 (2023: 5).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Trustees. The Trustees all give their time and expertise without any remuneration or any other benefit in kind. (2023: £Nil).

8. Trustee remuneration and expenses

Trustees were reimbursed expenses amounting to £Nil (2024: £1,358) during the year.

9. Stocks

	2024	2023
	£	£
Raw materials and consumables	26,121	25,373

Donated goods are included at fair value based on a value per kilogram of £2.77 determined by the Trussell Trust.

10. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	655	–
Other debtors	7,000	6,901
	<u>7,655</u>	<u>6,901</u>

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	150	–
Accruals and deferred income	9,705	1,749
Social security and other taxes	–	1,480
	<u>9,855</u>	<u>3,229</u>

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12. Analysis of charitable funds

Year ended 31 December 2024

Restricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Trussell Trust CA Project	27,748	72,000	(51,756)	–	47,992
Chatteris Feoffee Fund	1,500	–	(1,500)	–	–
CA Extension	–	–	(18,000)	18,000	–
Cadent	–	392	(392)	–	–
OLM Trussel Trust	–	39,677	(42,796)	3,119	–
Ridge Clean Energy	–	15,000	(6,818)	–	8,182
Soham Charities	–	10,000	(5,000)	–	5,000
	<u>29,248</u>	<u>137,069</u>	<u>(126,262)</u>	<u>21,119</u>	<u>61,174</u>

Designated funds

CA Project	<u>53,169</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(20,964)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>32,205</u>
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Unrestricted funds

General Funds	<u>234,131</u>	<u>342,922</u>	<u>(338,006)</u>	<u>(21,119)</u>	<u>217,928</u>
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Restricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Trussell Trust CA Project	28,509	45,000	(45,761)	–	27,748
Chatteris Feoffee Fund	–	6,500	(5,000)	–	1,500
	<u>28,509</u>	<u>51,500</u>	<u>(50,761)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>29,248</u>

Designated funds

CA Project	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(9,331)</u>	<u>62,500</u>	<u>53,169</u>
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Unrestricted funds

General Funds	<u>262,923</u>	<u>357,292</u>	<u>(323,584)</u>	<u>(62,500)</u>	<u>234,131</u>
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Restricted fund purposes:

- Trussell Trust CA Project: The fund is restricted to purchasing Citizens Advice advisor time, to work with our clients helping them to ensure they are claiming all the financial support they are entitled to.
- CA Extension: This was additional Trussell Trust to extend the time period the CA Project would run, until April 2026.
- Cadent: We had access to Cadent's winter support fund, to provide energy voucher support for our clients.
- OLM Trussell Trust: This funding was restricted to Organising & Local Mobilisation work to help further engage the wider community in the work of Ely Foodbank.
- Ridge Clean Energy: This income was restricted to supporting our clients with their energy costs.
- Soham Charities: This income was restricted to supporting our clients in the Soham area.

The following restricted projects have been completed:

- Chatteris Feoffee Fund: The income was restricted supporting our clients in the Chatteris area.

Designated fund purposes:

- CA Project: Ely Foodbank designated its own, unrestricted funds to supporting the CA Project.

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

31 December 2024

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Current assets	217,928	32,205	61,174	311,307
Net Assets	<u>217,928</u>	<u>32,205</u>	<u>61,174</u>	<u>311,307</u>

31 December 2023

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Current assets	234,131	53,169	29,248	316,548
Net Assets	<u>234,131</u>	<u>53,169</u>	<u>29,248</u>	<u>316,548</u>

14. Operating lease commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Not later than 1 year	2,460	2,460

15. Related parties

There were no related party transactions in this or the prior year.

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J Webb
K Relton (Term ended 25/01/2023)

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Year ended 31 December 2023

Achievements and performance

During the reporting year under review, we operated weekly distribution sessions across Ely, Chatteris, Cottenham, Haddenham, March, Soham and Waterbeach and added an additional weekly session in Burwell from April 2023. Frontline Care Professionals from more than 70 organisations are able to identify their clients who are in crises, needing food and issue foodbank voucher, so ensuring that our services are directed to those most in need. These vouchers are exchanged for sufficient food for 3 days at the foodbank distribution centres where volunteers also take time to listen, and to point clients towards further sources of support. Clients visiting the distribution centres are usually able to select from a range of other donated items including toiletries, cleaning supplies and toilet rolls. During 2023 we supplied 3,379 boxes of food (2022: 3,195) providing meals to around 8,503 people (2022: 8,442), with around 39% being children.

In the course of 2023, our volunteers and staff continued to direct clients to a dedicated Citizens Advice advisor, enabling them to receive immediate and specific help with a wide range of benefit, housing, legal and other matters. This initiative is largely funded through a Trussell Trust grant which runs until September 2025. Increasing interest from clients in seeking support from Citizens Advice advisors threatened to overload the allocated advisor and as a result we took the decision to designate funds from our reserves to support an additional advisor at a cost of approximately £25,000 per annum from August 2023 for the remaining period of the project. The initiative continues to prove to be both successful and cost effective, with many positive outcomes for clients.

The Charity relies upon the general public making donations of food at collection points at a number of supermarkets and other shops and centres. Local churches and schools regularly donate produce from their Harvest festival celebrations, and from other occasional collections, particularly in the run-up to Christmas. During the period under review 74.5 tonnes (2022: 83.0 tonnes) of food was donated or purchased and 75.8 tonnes (2022: 80.5 tonnes) was distributed to clients in food boxes.

The positive impact on our financial donations that we saw during the pandemic has been maintained so that our income continues to be well above pre-pandemic levels. The generosity of new and existing supporters enables the charity to help more people in more ways. The level of reserves carried forward will enable the charity to support people in ways that have not previously been possible. For example, in response to the cost of living crisis and specifically the massive increase in heating costs we were able to provide support to clients with small grants to top-up electricity/gas meters.

During 2023 our long serving Project Director retired, having been with Ely Foodbank since its inception in 2012. In recognition of the increasing activities of the Foodbank and given our current financial security, the Trustees were able to appoint an Operations Director, our first full-time employee, who started in October 2023. Our part-time employees increased from 4 to 5 during the year with the appointment of a Manager for our March centre.

The Charity could not operate without the loyal support of a team of dedicated volunteers; and the financial support of over 240 individual donors, local churches, schools, charities, and other organisations. As the Charity currently has very healthy financial reserves it has not sought funds from local charities for several years.

There were four Trustee meetings held during the year, two conducted via the medium of Zoom and three in person.

Serious incidents

The Trustees confirm that there are no serious incidents to report regarding operations in 2023.

Ely Foodbank

Trustees' annual report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

Financial review

The charity has income for the year of £408,792 (2022: £434,623) and expenditure of £383,676 (2022: £341,677). Closing funds of the charity have increased to a balance of £316,548 compared to £291,432 in the previous year.

Reserves policy

The charity aims to hold free reserves sufficient to cover 6 months of normal expenditure, which is currently estimated to equate to £191,838. This reserves level allows sufficient cash to cover normal monthly expenditure, the main components of which are employment costs and rent & occupancy costs. In the light of changing circumstances this figure will be kept under review by the Trustees.

The Trustees note that our reserves continue to rise well above the level of operating reserves required. The Trustees have already committed to spend £133,000 in the coming three years by operating an energy grant scheme for Foodbank recipients, increasing client help with one-off grants, and supporting an additional part-time CA adviser to attend distribution sessions. The trustees have also made provision for the purchase of food should public donations not keep up with demand. Beyond that the trustees are also considering strategic projects that may include taking on specific project workers or further support for the Ely CAP debt centre.

Plans for future periods

The Trustees plan to continue to grow the charity, with an aim to increase the number of meals and other services provided for people, adults, and children, in crisis in the area stretching from Soham, through Ely and out to March. In addition, the Trustees are looking to appoint an additional part-time employee in early 2024 whose remit will be partly to work with clients with lived experience of using the Foodbank to increase our understanding of their needs and also to increase public awareness of the role we undertake.

Ely Foodbank

Trustees' annual report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

Structure, governance and management

Ely Foodbank is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and a charity registered in effect from 8 February 2013. The charity is constituted and governed by Trustees under the terms of its memorandum and articles of association.

The charity's Trustees are stated on the reference and administrative details of these accounts.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are appointed from a recruitment and selection process to enhance the skills and experience of the board as a whole. Once appointed, Trustees are provided with all the information required to assist them in performing their role as Trustees covering all aspects of the organisation.

Trustee induction and training

Following an induction by the charity and on request Lovewell Blake LLP provides Trustees with training regarding the responsibilities of being a charity Trustee. If Trustees request or require further input then the charity would arrange for them to attend external training as appropriate.

Risk analysis

The Trustees confirm that major risks to which the Charity is exposed are reviewed regularly.

True and fair override

The financial statements have been prepared to give a "true and fair" view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a "true and fair view". This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Independent examiner reappointment

A resolution to appoint L Thurston FCCA of Lovewell Blake LLP as independent examiner will be proposed at the next Annual General Meeting.

The trustees' annual report was approved on^{3/6/2024}..... and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



S Greenish (Chair)
Trustee





S Ochieng (Treasurer)
Trustee

Ely Foodbank

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ely Foodbank

Year ended 31 December 2023

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet and the related notes.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts (financial statements) in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has since been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.



L Thurston FCCA
Independent Examiner

Lovewell Blake LLP
Chartered accountants
First Floor Suite
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IP32 7EA
4/6/2024

Ely Foodbank

Statement of financial activities

Year ended 31 December 2023

			2023		2022
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations, grants and legacies	4	351,435	51,500	402,935	433,272
Investment income		5,857	–	5,857	1,351
Total income		<u>357,292</u>	<u>51,500</u>	<u>408,792</u>	<u>434,623</u>
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	5	332,915	50,761	383,676	341,877
Total expenditure		<u>332,915</u>	<u>50,761</u>	<u>383,676</u>	<u>341,877</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>24,377</u>	<u>739</u>	<u>25,116</u>	<u>92,746</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		262,923	28,509	291,432	198,686
Total funds carried forward		<u>287,300</u>	<u>29,248</u>	<u>316,548</u>	<u>291,432</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on page 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.


Ely Foodbank

Balance sheet

31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Current assets					
Stock	9	25,373		22,790	
Debtors	10	6,900		–	
Cash at bank and in hand		287,504		268,642	
		<u>319,777</u>		<u>291,432</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year					
	11	<u>3,229</u>		–	
Net current assets			<u>316,548</u>		<u>291,432</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>316,548</u>		<u>291,432</u>
Net assets			<u>316,548</u>		<u>291,432</u>
Funds of the charity					
Restricted funds			29,248		28,509
Unrestricted funds			287,300		262,923
Total charity funds	12		<u>316,548</u>		<u>291,432</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 3/6/2024....., and are signed on behalf of the board by:


S Greenish (Chair)
Trustee




S Ochieng (Treasurer)
Trustee

The notes on page 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is incorporated. The address of the principal office is 10 Chapel Street, Ely, Cambridgeshire, CB6 1AD.

2. Statement of compliance

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

In the previous year the charity prepared its accounts using the receipts and payments basis however this year, as the charity's gross income is more than £250,000, the charity has prepared accounts using the accruals basis accordingly. The results for the previous year, which are the comparatives shown in these accounts, have been restated so that they are presented on the same basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis and the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected income and expenditure for the next 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

Income tax

As a registered charity, the activities are exempt from United Kingdom Income and Corporation taxation, provided that the income is applied to charitable purposes.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Income

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable, and its amount can be measured reliably.

- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable, and entitlement is established.

- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.

- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.

Stock

Donated goods awaiting distribution are valued at the amount per kilogramme from time to time determined by the Trussell Trust.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

4. Donations, grants and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations	162,456	6,500	168,956
Goods donated in kind	182,229	–	182,229
Grants			
Trussell Trust	6,750	45,000	51,750
	<u>351,435</u>	<u>51,500</u>	<u>402,935</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Donations	162,947	5,000	167,947
Goods donated in kind	213,575	–	213,575
Grants			
Trussell Trust	6,750	45,000	51,750
	<u>383,272</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>433,272</u>

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

5. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Rent and occupancy costs	13,889	759	14,648
Fitments for food stores and equipment	1,413	88	1,501
Wages and salaries	65,933	3,164	69,097
Food purchases	5,171	–	5,171
Client help	7,449	–	7,449
Project costs	37,071	45,671	82,742
Goods donated	179,646	–	179,646
Support costs	22,433	989	23,422
	<u>332,915</u>	<u>50,761</u>	<u>383,676</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Rent and occupancy costs	12,513	687	13,200
Fitments for food stores and equipment	523	30	553
Wages and salaries	43,030	2,361	45,391
Food purchases	2,674	147	2,821
Client help	14,150	776	14,926
Project costs	21,737	31,407	53,144
Goods donated	190,785	–	190,785
Support costs	20,058	999	21,057
	<u>305,740</u>	<u>36,407</u>	<u>341,877</u>

Analysis of support costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Insurance	–	432
Administration	5,854	2,311
Telephone and answering service	4,397	5,113
Accounting and professional fees	2,234	–
Stationery and printing	466	828
Training	–	1,417
Travel Expenses	911	1,379
Van hire	9,560	9,577
	<u>23,422</u>	<u>21,057</u>

6. Independent examination fees

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>1,590</u>	<u>-</u>

Ely Foodbank

Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

7. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	69,097	45,391

The average head count of employees during the year was 5 (2022: 4).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

Key Management Personnel

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Trustees. The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions) received in respect of key management personnel amounted £Nil.

8. Trustee remuneration and expenses

Trustees were reimbursed expenses amounting to £1,358 during the year.

9. Stocks

	2023	2022
	£	£
Raw materials and consumables	25,373	22,790

Donated goods are included at fair value based on a value per kilogram of £2.37 determined by the Trussell Trust.

10. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	–	–
Other debtors	6,901	–
	<u>6,901</u>	<u>–</u>

11. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,749	–
Social security and other taxes	1,480	–
	<u>3,229</u>	<u>–</u>

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

12. Analysis of charitable funds

Year ended 31 December 2023

Restricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Trussell Trust CA Project	28,509	45,000	(45,761)	–	27,748
Chatteris Feoffee Fund	–	6,500	(5,000)	–	1,500
	<u>28,509</u>	<u>51,500</u>	<u>(50,761)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>29,248</u>

Designated funds

CA Project	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(9,331)</u>	<u>62,500</u>	<u>53,169</u>
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Unrestricted funds

General Funds	<u>262,929</u>	<u>357,292</u>	<u>(323,584)</u>	<u>(62,500)</u>	<u>234,131</u>
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Year ended 31 December 2022

Restricted funds

	At 1 Jan 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Trussell Trust CA Project	14,916	45,000	(31,407)	–	28,509
Chatteris Feoffee Fund	–	5,000	(5,000)	–	–
	<u>14,916</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>(36,407)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>28,509</u>

Unrestricted funds

General Funds	<u>183,770</u>	<u>384,623</u>	<u>(305,470)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>262,923</u>
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Restricted fund purposes:

Trussell Trust CA Project: The income received is restricted to provide emergency food and support to people facing hardship in line with the charities objectives.

Chatteris Feoffee Fund: The income received is restricted to the purposes set out by the fund provider.

Designated fund purposes:

CA Project: A fund that has been reviewed as unrestricted but designated towards additional CA advisor time.

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Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 December 2023

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

31 December 2023

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Current assets	234,131	53,169	29,248	316,548
Net Assets	<u>234,131</u>	<u>53,169</u>	<u>29,248</u>	<u>316,548</u>

31 December 2022

	General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Current assets	240,133	–	28,509	268,642
Net Assets	<u>240,133</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>28,509</u>	<u>268,642</u>

14. Operating lease commitments

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Not later than 1 year	<u>2,460</u>	<u>–</u>

15. Related parties

There were no related party transactions in this or the prior year.

ELY FOODBANK

England & Wales - Charity number 1150746

Accounts

ELY FOODBANK
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Address: 10 Chapel Street, Ely CB6 1AD
Charity Number: 1150746

Bankers: Lloyds Bank

Independent Examiner: Dr Michael Williamson

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statement of the trust for the period
1 January - 31 December 2022

Status

The Charity was incorporated on 8 February 2013 and registered with the Charity Commission as a
Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the charity number 1150746

Trustees

There shall be not less than 5 and no more than 8 trustees. The Trustees are appointed by the
existing Trustees with regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective
administration of the Trust.

Karl Relton (Chair)	(term ended 25 Jan 2023)
Stephen Greenish (new Chair)	(appointed 23 Sept 2022)
Sara Ochieng (Treasurer)	(appointed 27 May 2022)
Gordon Foster (Treasurer)	(term ended 14 Sept 2022)
Peter Whale (Secretary)	(resigned 30 Jan 2022)
Jenny Gage	(resigned 15 Jan 2022)
Mark Bonney	
Jenny Webb	
Caroline Barnes	
Stephanie Baxter	
Tabitha Griffin	(appointed 20 Jul 2022)
Jayne Roskell	(appointed 8 Feb 2023)

Objectives

Objectives:

The prevention or relief of poverty within a 20 mile radius of the City of Ely by providing small grants, emergency food parcels and other household items and services to individuals in need and/or to charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

Activities

Food is donated by members of the public, stored, and sorted into emergency food boxes. Frontline Care Professionals issue foodbank vouchers to people in crisis. These vouchers are exchanged for sufficient food for 3 days at the foodbank distribution centres where, in normal times, volunteers also take time to listen, and point clients towards further sources of support. This aspect of our activities was largely curtailed during the Covid 19 pandemic in order to protect the health of both clients and volunteers. Gradually during 2022 we were able to resume these ‘signposting’ activities which became even more relevant in the second half of the year with the onset of the cost of living crisis and enormous increase in fuel costs.

During 2022, our volunteers and staff continued to direct clients to a dedicated Citizens Advice advisor, enabling them to receive immediate and specific help with a wide range of benefit, housing, legal and other matters. The period of the initial grant we had received from Asda that has enabled us to fund this detailed in-depth assistance came to an end in August 2022. The success of the initiative was recognised by Trussell Trust who committed to continue to fund and extend the project for a further three years through to September 2025. This initiative has proved to be both successful and cost effective, with many positive outcomes for clients.

During 2022 83.0 tonnes (2021 - 72.9 tonnes) of food was donated or purchased and 80.5 tonnes (72.9 tonnes in 2020) was distributed as food boxes. This was the equivalent of approximately 88,000 meals (80,000 in 2020) for people, adults, and children, in crisis in the area stretching from Soham, through Ely, and out to March. Food was given out at distribution centres operated by the charity in Ely, Chatteris, Cottenham, Haddenham, March, Soham and Waterbeach.

The Charity relies upon the general public making donations of food at collection points at a number of supermarkets and other shops and centres. Local churches and schools often donate produce from their Harvest festival celebrations, and from other occasional collections, particularly in the run-up to Christmas. The positive impact on our financial donations that we saw during the pandemic has been maintained so that our income continues to be well above pre-pandemic levels. The generosity of new and existing supporters enables the charity to help more people in more ways.

The record level of reserves carried forward will enable the charity to help people in ways that have not previously been possible. In response to the cost of living crisis and specifically the massive increase in heating costs we were able to provide support to clients with small grants to top-up electricity/gas meters.

The trustees continue to actively plan and implement additional ways of helping people at the point of crisis.

One such new initiative during the year was the funding of Form the Future a project which mentors children from disadvantaged homes through secondary schools. Another new initiative was to offer one-off grants to local secondary schools across our region of operation to enable them to better support needy children and their families.

The Charity could not operate without the loyal support of a team of dedicated volunteers; and the financial support of over 240 individual donors, local churches, schools, charities, and other organisations. As the Charity currently has very healthy financial reserves it has not sought funds from local charities for several years.

There were 6 Trustee meetings held during the year, two conducted via the medium of Zoom, one hybrid meeting and three in person.

Serious Incidents

The Trustees confirm that there are no serious incidents to report regarding operations in 2022.

Risk Analysis

The Trustees confirm that major risks to which the Trust is exposed are reviewed regularly.

Reserves Policy

The charity aims to hold free reserves sufficient to cover 6 months of normal expenditure, which is currently estimated to equate to £53,000. This reserves level allows sufficient cash to cover normal monthly expenditure, the main components of which are employment costs and rent & occupancy costs. In the light of changing circumstances this figure will be kept under review by the Trustees.

The trustees note that our reserves continue to rise well above the operating reserves that they would normally keep. The trustees have already committed to spend £140,000 in the coming three years by operating an energy grant scheme for Foodbank recipients, increasing client help with one-off grants, and supporting an additional part-time CA adviser to attend distribution sessions.. The trustees have also made provision for the purchase of food should public donations not keep up with demand. Beyond that the trustees are also considering strategic projects that may include taking on specific project workers or further support for the Ely CAP debt centre.

Cash Assets

Cash assets at year end totalled £268,642, of which £29,509 was in restricted funds. Total cash assets at the end of the previous year were £198,685, of which £14,916 was in a restricted fund.

Stephen Greenish
(Chairman of Trustees)

Sara Ochieng
(Treasurer)

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Ely Foodbank

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2022

**Charity
no (if any)**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2022**.

**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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

R M Williamson

Date:

25/10/2023

Name:

R M Williamson

Address:

MiJan Ltd, The Willows, Long Drove

Waterbeach, Cambridge

CB25 9LW

Receipts and Payments for the year to 31 December 2022				
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
Receipts	£	£	£	£
Charities	11,140	5,000	16,140	11,720
Churches	2,800	-	2,800	982
Schools	522		522	2,927
Local organisations	15,487		15,487	2,753
Companies	17,561		17,561	15,897
Trussell Trust	6,750	45,000	51,750	-
Internet & Facebook	67,027		67,027	56,061
Single donations	20,760		20,760	27,833
Standing orders	19,223		19,223	16,814
Gift Aid	4,994		4,994	5,439
Cash & misc.	3,433		3,433	414
Pop-up shop	-		-	-
ASDA CAB project	-		-	26,887
Building Society interest	1,351		1,351	473
Totals	171,048	50,000	221,048	168,200
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL 2022	TOTAL 2021
Payments	£	£	£	£
Trussell Trust	-		-	
Rent & occupancy costs	12,513	687	13,200	14,147
Insurance	432		432	1,271
Fitments for food stores & equipmen	523	30	553	220
Admin	2,191	120	2,311	1,178
Telephone & Answering Service	4,847	266	5,113	4,350
Stationery & Printing	785	43	828	489
Training	1,417		1,417	40
Travel expenses	1,307	72	1,379	2,946
Van hire	9,079	498	9,577	8,900
Employment	43,030	2,361	45,391	44,793
Food purchases	2,674	147	2,821	5,237
Client help	7,044	386	7,430	3,277
Fuel Poverty - client help	7,106	390	7,496	614
ASDA CAB project	8,137	14,916	23,053	30,486
Trussell Trust CA Project		16,491	16,491	-
Special projects	13,600		13,600	18,136
Totals	114,685	36,407	151,092	136,084
Net receipts / payments	56,363	13,593	69,956	32,116
Balances b/fwd	183,770	14,916	198,686	166,570
Balances c/fwd	240,133	28,509	268,642	198,686

ELY FOODBANK

England & Wales - Charity number 1150746

Accounts

ELY FOODBANK
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Address: 10 Chapel Street, Ely CB6 1AD
Charity Number: 1150746

Bankers: Lloyds Bank

Independent Examiner: Dr Michael Williamson

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statement of the trust for the period
1 January - 31 December 2021

Status

The Charity was incorporated on 8 February 2013 and registered with the Charity Commission as a
Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the charity number 1150746

Trustees

There shall be not less than 5 and no more than 8 trustees. The Trustees are appointed by the
existing Trustees with regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective
administration of the Trust.

Karl Relton (Chairman)
Gordon Foster (Treasurer) (term ended 14/09/22)
Sara Ochieng (Treasurer) (appointed 27/05/22)
Peter Whale (Secretary) (resigned 30/01/22)
Mark Bonney
Jenny Gage (resigned 15/01/22)
Jenny Webb
Caroline Barnes
Stephanie Baxter (appointed 06/09/21)
Tabitha Griffin (appointed 20 July 22)

Objectives

Objectives:

The prevention or relief of poverty within a 15 mile radius of the City of Ely by providing grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or to charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

Activities

Food is donated by members of the public, stored, and sorted into emergency food boxes. Frontline Care Professionals issue foodbank vouchers to people in crisis. These vouchers are exchanged for sufficient food for 3 days at the foodbank distribution centres where, in normal times, volunteers also take time to listen, and point clients towards further sources of support. The second year of the Covid_19 pandemic meant that for much of the year things were anything but normal, consequently some aspects of the 'signposting' work had to be put on hold in order to protect the health of both clients and volunteers.

Although face-to-face support had to be curtailed, we continued to direct clients to a dedicated Citizens Advice Bureau advisor, enabling them to receive immediate and specific help with a wide range of benefit, housing, legal and other matters. The detailed in-depth assistance that was provided was made possible by an extremely generous grant from Asda that has enabled us to fund - in conjunction with other foodbanks in the area - the part time employment of a C.A.B advisor. This initiative has proved to be both successful and cost effective, with many positive outcomes for clients.

During 2021 72.9 tonnes (84.8 tonnes in 2020) of food was donated or purchased and 72.9 tonnes (83.0 tonnes in 2020) was distributed as food boxes. This was the equivalent of approximately 80,000 meals (91,000 in 2020) for people, adults, and children, in crisis in the area stretching from Soham, through Ely, and out to March. Food was given out at distribution centres operated by the charity in Ely, Soham, Cottenham, March, Haddenham, Chatteris and Waterbeach.

The Charity relies upon the general public making donations of food at collection points at a number of supermarkets and other shops and centres. Churches and schools normally donate produce from their Harvest festival celebrations, but again less so this year due to the pandemic. Although Covid_19 had some negative effects on our operations there was a massive positive effect in that financial donations continued to be well above pre-pandemic levels. The generosity of new and existing supporters continues to enable the charity to help more people in more ways.

The record level of reserves carried forward will enable the charity to help people in ways that have not previously been possible, and the trustees continue to actively plan and implement additional ways of helping people at the point of crisis. One such new initiative during the year was the part funding of a C.A.P (Christians Against Poverty) Debt Centre Manager in the Fenland area. As the Charity currently has very healthy financial reserves it has not sought funds from local charities for several years.

The Charity could not operate without the loyal support of a team of dedicated volunteers; and the financial support of over 140 individual donors, local churches, schools, charities, and other organisations. As the Charity currently has very healthy financial reserves it has not sought funds from local charities for several years.

There were 5 Trustee meetings held during the year, all conducted via the medium of Zoom. The formation of a Management sub-team towards the end of 2020 proved beneficial, enabling Trustee meetings to focus more on strategic, rather than operational, issues.

Serious Incidents

The Trustees confirm that there are no serious incidents to report regarding operations in 2021

Risk Analysis

The Trustees confirm that major risks to which the Trust is exposed are reviewed regularly.

Reserves Policy

The charity aims to hold free reserves sufficient to cover 6 months of normal expenditure, which is currently estimated to equate to £45,000. This reserves level allows sufficient cash to cover normal monthly expenditure, the main components of which are employment costs and rent & occupancy costs. In the light of changing circumstances this figure will be kept under review by the Trustees.

The trustees note that our reserves continue to rise well above the operating reserves that they would normally keep. The trustees have already committed to spend £75,000 in the coming 3 years by operating an energy grant scheme for Foodbank recipients, increasing client help with one-off grants, making annual grants to Fenland CAP, and sponsoring a peer mentoring programme in secondary schools across our area of benefit. The trustees have also made provision for the purchase of food should public donations not keep up with demand. Beyond that the trustees are also considering strategic projects that may include taking on specific project workers, e.g. to campaign to shift public perception such that Foodbanks do not become 'the norm' for social provision in our society.

Cash Assets

Cash assets at year end totalled £198,685, of which £14,916 was in restricted funds. Total cash assets at the end of the previous year were £166,570, of which £18,516 was in a restricted fund.

The Rev Karl Relton
(Chairman of Trustees)

Sara Ochieng
(Treasurer)

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Ely Foodbank		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2021	Charity no (if any)	1150746
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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 12 / 2021**.

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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:	R M Williamson	Date:	30/10/2022
Name:	R M Williamson		
Address:	MiJan Ltd, The Willows, Long Drove		
	Waterbeach, Cambridge		
	CB25 9LW		

Receipts and Payments for the year to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Receipts				
Charities	7,720	4,000	11,720	18,240
Churches	982		982	5,401
Schools	2,927		2,927	172
Local organisations	2,153	600	2,753	7,550
Companies	11,997	3,900	15,897	21,979
Internet & Facebook	56,061		56,061	61,032
Single donations	23,006	4,827	27,833	35,459
Standing orders	16,814		16,814	13,269
Gift Aid	5,439		5,439	2,418
Cash & misc.	414		414	241
Pop-up shop				182
ASDA CAB project		26,887	26,887	29,548
Building Society interest	474		474	474
Totals	127,986	40,214	168,200	195,966

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
Payments				
Trussell Trust				
Rent & occupancy costs	14,147		14,147	10,969
Insurance	1,271		1,271	
Fitments for food store				
Equipment	220		220	1,748
Admin	5,528		5,528	3,792
Stationery	489		489	507
Training	40		40	287
Internet giving subscription				96
Travel expenses	2,946		2,946	1,806
Van hire	8,900		8,900	3,283
Employment	44,793		44,793	27,136
Food purchases	337.33	4,899	5,236	8,761
Client help	72	3,205	3,277	502
Fuel Poverty - client help		614	614	1,078
ASDA CAB project		30,486	30,486	11,033
Special projects	13,527	4,609	18,136	
Totals	92,270	43,813	136,084	70,998
Net receipts / payments	35,716	-3,600	32,116	124,968
Balances b/fwd	148,054	18,516	166,570	41,602
Balances c/fwd	183,770	14,916	198,686	166,570

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2021 £	TOTAL 2020 £
ACTS 435 money in bank account	-125		-125	-150
Unspent balances on payment cards	416		416	717
Cash in hand	184		184	673
Bank account	23,824	14,916	38,740	31,856
Building Society deposit	159,470		159,470	133,474
Totals	183,769	14,916	198,685	166,570

ELY FOODBANK

England & Wales - Charity number 1150746

Accounts

ELY FOODBANK
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Trustees, with regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective
administration of the Trust (and approved in consultation with the churches in Ely).

Karl Relton (Chairman)
Gordon Foster (Treasurer)
Peter Whale (Secretary)
Mark Bonney
Jenny Gage
Keith Rawson (retired 01/11/20)
Jenny Webb
Martin Wells (retired 31/01/20)
Caroline Barnes (from 30/11/20)

Objectives

Objectives:
The prevention or relief of poverty within a 15 mile radius of the City of Ely by providing grants,
items and services to individuals in need and/or to charities or other organisations working to
prevent or relieve poverty.

Activities

Food is donated by members of the public, stored, and sorted into emergency food boxes. Frontline Care Professionals issue foodbank vouchers to people in crisis. These vouchers are exchanged for sufficient food for 3 days at the foodbank distribution centres where, in normal times, volunteers also take time to listen, and point clients towards further sources of support. The Covid_19 pandemic meant that for much of the year things were anything but normal, consequently this ‘signposting’ aspect of the work had to be put on hold in order to protect the health of both clients and volunteers,

During 2020 84.8 (56.8 tonnes in 2019) of food was donated or purchased and 83.0 tonnes (60.1 tonnes in 2019) was distributed as food boxes. This was the equivalent of approximately 91,000 meals (66,000 in 2019) for people, adults, and children, in crisis in the area stretching from Soham, through Ely, and out to March. As previously, food was given out at distribution centres operated by the charity in Ely, Soham, Cottenham, March, Haddenham and Chatteris. Additionally, Waterbeach was added as a distribution point during the year.

The Charity relies upon the general public making donations of food at collection points at a number of supermarkets and other shops and centres. Churches and schools normally donate produce from their Harvest festival celebrations, but again less so this year due to the pandemic. Although the pandemic had some negative effects on our operations there was a massive positive effect in that donations of both food and money increased substantially. The generosity of supporters old and new was overwhelming and is enabling the charity to help more people in more ways.

The Charity could not operate without the loyal support of a team of dedicated volunteers; and the financial support of over 120 individual donors, local churches, schools, charities, and other organisations. Higher levels of activity meant that expenses increased significantly compared to the previous year, but income increased by an even greater margin. The record level of reserves carried forward will enable the charity to help people in ways that have not previously been possible, and the trustees are actively planning and implementing additional ways of helping people at the point of crisis.

During the year we received an extremely generous grant from Asda that has enabled us to fund - in conjunction with other foodbanks in the area - the part time employment of a Citizens Advice Bureau advisor. This enables clients to receive immediate and specific help with a wide range of benefit, housing, legal and other matters.

In September we appointed a part-time ‘Rural Development Worker’. This is a new position and enables us to build new contacts and further develop the work that we do in remote and deprived areas. This brings our total number of employees up to 3 (all of whom are part-time).

The Charity currently has very healthy financial reserves and has not sought funds from local charities for several years.

Serious Incidents

The Trustees confirm that there are no serious incidents to report regarding operations in 2020

Risk Analysis

The Trustees confirm that major risks to which the Trust is exposed are reviewed regularly.

Reserves Policy

The charity aims to hold free reserves sufficient to cover 6 months of normal expenditure, which has previously been estimated to equate to £28,000. This reserves level allows sufficient cash to cover normal monthly expenditure, the main components of which are employment costs and rent & occupancy costs. In the light of changing circumstances this figure will be kept under review by the Trustees. The balance at the end of the period was £165,898 (41,227 in 2019).

Cash Assets

Cash assets at year end totalled £166,570, of which £18,516 was in restricted funds. Total cash assets at the end of the previous year were £41,602, of which £260 was in a restricted fund.

In addition to the above, there was £5,439 due in Gift Aid tax relief on donations received during the year. This was received in March 2021.

The Rev Karl Relton
(Chairman of Trustees)

Gordon Foster
(Treasurer)

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name ELY FOODBANK

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2020	Charity no (if any)	1150746
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (“the Trust”) for the year ended 31/12/2020.

**Responsibilities and basis
of report**

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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.

Signed:

R M Williamson

Date:

6/10/21

Name:

R M Williamson

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Address:

MiJan Ltd
The Willows, Long Drove, Waterbeach
Cambridge CB25 9LW

**Receipts and Payments for the
year to 31 December 2020**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL 2020	TOTAL 2019
Receipts	£	£	£	£
Charities	12,240	6,000	18,240	1,000
Churches	5,401		5,401	1,101
Schools	172		172	-
Local organisations	6,850	700	7,550	5,076
Companies	21,979		21,979	6,767
Trussell Trust (EWSL)	-		-	-
Internet & Facebook	61,032		61,032	10,166
Single donations	34,459	1,000	35,459	8,983
Standing orders	13,269		13,269	8,093
Gift Aid	2,418		2,418	2,219
Cash & misc.	241		241	2,035
Pop-up shop	182		182	634
ASDA CAB project		29,548	29,548	
Building Society interest	474		474	382
Totals	158,717	37,248	195,966	46,456

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL 2020	TOTAL 2019
Payments	£	£	£	£
Trussell Trust				360
Rent & occupancy costs	10,969		10,969	9,334
Insurance				588
Fitments for food store				392
Equipment	1,748		1,748	164
Admin	3,792		3,792	1,372
Stationery	507		507	276
Petty cash	-		-	-
Training	287		287	-
Internet giving subscription	96		96	96
Travel expenses	1,806		1,806	1,318
Van hire	3,283		3,283	5,561
Employment	19,336	7,800	27,136	18,813
Food purchases	8,761		8,761	1,551
Client help	502		502	472
Contingency	-		-	-
Trussell EWSL	-		-	-
Fuel Poverty - client help	918	160	1,078	1,015

ASDA CAB project		11,033	11,033	
Totals	52,005	18,993	70,998	41,312
Net receipts / payments	106,712	18,256	124,968	5,144
Balances b/fwd	41,342	260	41,602	36,458
Balances c/fwd	148,054	18,516	166,570	41,602

**Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 December 2020**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	TOTAL 2020	TOTAL 2019
	£	£	£	£
ACTS 435 money in bank account	-150		-150	
Unspent balances on payment cards	717		717	
Cash in hand	673		673	375
Bank account	13,340	18,516	31,856	4,582
Building Society deposit	133,474		133,474	36,645
	148,054	18,516	166,570	41,602