

KINGS LYNN FOODBANK
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025

Charity Registration: 1151936

**KINGS LYNN FOODBANK
TRUSTEES REPORT
YEAR END 31 MARCH 2025**

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the charity are :-

The prevention or relief of poverty in Kings Lynn and the surrounding area by providing food to local people who are in need of emergency supplies and by such other means as the trustees may determine.

Our vision is to end hunger and poverty in the UK. We know that it is improbable we can end all hunger and poverty but this is our goal.

Our mission is to bring communities together to end hunger and poverty in the UK by providing compassionate, practical help while challenging injustice.

The Kings Lynn Foodbank is a charity founded on Christian principles. We work with people of all faiths and none.

We rely on food donations to feed local people in crisis.

All food given out by the foodbank is donated or purchased with funds donated to us. Supermarket collections are one of the main ways that food is donated. Professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers, CAB, and police identify people in crisis and issue them with a foodbank voucher

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit.

Chair's Report

This year has been for Kings Lynn Foodbank a time when we have operated in a context where there is still a significant Cost-of-living crisis which has meant that the demand for our services has continued, and our food stocks have diminished. We have employed a driver to free up time to buy in the stocks we need as donations of food itself are insufficient. In the Accounting year 2024/2025 we fed a total of 6222 people which is a figure lower than last years record level.

We have also given out fuel vouchers to help folk to heat their homes bearing in mind the substantial increases in gas oil and electricity costs, and we are very grateful for grants and other monies enabling us to do this.

We continue our aim of working towards the elimination of the need for the Foodbank. We have utilised a grant from Trussell Trust to enable us to employ an additional member of staff in the distribution centre thus releasing our strategic project manager to spend time seeking ways to alleviate the endemic food poverty in the area along with other statutory and voluntary agencies. We seek to collaborate with all agencies seeking to address the issues of poverty in West Norfolk.

We have been blessed with substantial gifts both of food and money to enable us to provide this food and run the organisation notwithstanding the increased call in our services. We have also received grants from the Council as well as from Trussell Trust to enable us to work with Citizens Advice in providing debt and benefit advice in line with our hope of doing away with the need for our charity.

Our finances remain in a strong position, and we are urgently seeking larger premises which will enable us to carry out our work more effectively although we are very grateful to the Sea Cadets for the use of part of their premises. We are pleased to say that new premises are likely to be available in late 2026 which we see as an answer to prayer.

The charity depends on the hard work of our paid staff as well as the many volunteers who give selflessly of their time to help those who come to the Foodbank needing food and help. It also relies on the support and goodwill of the whole of the community in West Norfolk including ordinary Christians from many churches, as well as those who have simply seen the need and sought to meet it from their own sometimes limited resources. Both I and all the Trustees are very grateful and humbled by these signs of a community meeting the needs of those who are in need.

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Chair's Report cont.....

We have become a CIO as advised by Trussell Trust to enable us to operate more smoothly. The CIO became active, and assets were transferred to the new entity with effect from April 2025. The CIO Registered Charity number is 1209832. Our accountants have been very helpful to the Charity in managing this transition. We are very grateful to them for the help they give.

We expect that there will be funding challenges in the current years as grants cease and we expect over the next years to use the reserves we have to meet some of the shortfall we expect and will budget for.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is governed by constitution and is run as an unincorporated charity.

The management committee consisting of Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, and other trustees must meet at least 4 times a year.

The quorum for Management Committee meetings shall be 50% of the committee.

Voting at Management Committee meetings shall be by a show of hands, with the Chairperson having the deciding vote.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT, Cont.....

In order to achieve the objectives the trustees have the power to;

- Provide services and publicise its activities
- Raise funds and invite contributions.
- Employ paid or voluntary workers.
- Purchase, rent or lease property or equipment.
- Co-operate with other voluntary, charitable or statutory organisations.

MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATIONS

Kings Lynn Foodbank is affiliate with the Trussell Trust Charity and Churches Together in Kings Lynn.

TRUSTEES

The Charity Trustees during the year were:

- Mr A Whittle
- Mr R Pennington
- Mr A King
- Mr N McGivern
- Dr P Coates

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES cont.....

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board on 23/7/25 and signed on its behalf by


Mr R Pennington

Trustee

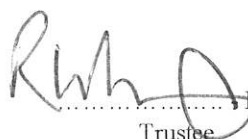
KINGS LYNN FOODBANK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR END 31 MARCH 2025

	2025 £	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Donations & Legacies				
Donations	-	154,352	154,352	145,463
Donations for Fuel	15,700	-	15,700	1,450
Charitable Activities				
Grants	49,543	8,681	58,224	55,262
Finance Income				
Interest Received	-	3,517	3,517	2,684
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	65,243	166,550	231,793	204,859
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Activities				
Wages	12,901	52,186	65,087	54,067
CAB Worker	38,558	-	38,558	31,916
Training	-	110	110	620
Rent	-	3,600	3,600	4,600
Food	-	21,386	21,386	11,869
Light & Heat	-	2,349	2,349	1,932
Insurance	-	1,931	1,931	1,833
Phone&Broadband	-	711	711	511
Computer	-	462	462	406
Accountancy	-	488	488	859
Independent Examination	-	420	420	420
Network Donation	-	360	360	360
Legal & Professional Fees	-	2,131	2,131	-
Subscriptions	-	35	35	35
Charis Expenses	15,700	31,462	47,162	49,478
Repairs & Maintenance	-	4,430	4,430	8,770
Printing, Postage & Stationery	-	2,781	2,781	3,653
General Expenses	-	-	-	178
Rates and Water	-	216	216	181
Travelling	-	353	353	290
Motor Expenses	-	2,111	2,111	2,361
Fraudulent Bank Expenses	-	263	263	-
Bank Charges	-	179	179	193
Depreciation	935	721	1,656	1,968
	68,094	128,685	196,779	176,500
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	68,094	128,685	196,779	176,500
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	(2,851)	37,865	35,014	28,359
TRANSFER OF FUNDS	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	28,691	185,791	214,482	186,123
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	25,840	223,656	249,496	214,482

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
YEAR END 31 MARCH 2025**

	2025 £	2024 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Fixed Assets (note 5)	3,526	5,182
Cash at bank and in hand	247,213	208,754
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>250,739</u>	<u>213,936</u>
DEBTORS		
Other Debtors	-	268
Prepayments	55	2,982
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>250,794</u>	<u>217,186</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accruals	469	2,253
Social Security	629	451
Pension Fund	200	-
Wages	-	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>1,298</u>	<u>2,704</u>
NET ASSETS	<u><u>249,496</u></u>	<u><u>214,482</u></u>
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY		
Unrestricted Funds	223,656	185,791
Restricted Funds	25,840	28,691
	<u><u>249,496</u></u>	<u><u>214,482</u></u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 23/9/25 and signed on its behalf by;


..... Mr R Pennington
Trustee

KINGS LYNN FOODBANK
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR END 31 MARCH 2025

1. Principal Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014.
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- and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1 Incoming Resources

All income is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which it is received.

No income is shown net of expenditure.

2.2 Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted which are available for use as the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes of the financial statements.

2.3 Resources Expended

All expenditure is included on an accruals basis and is recognised when the commitment has been made.

The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure is shown gross of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Continuity of operations

The charity has converted to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 02 April 2025. This involved a change in legal structure from an unincorporated association to a CIO, with the CIO being registered with the Charity Commission. The CIO now holds all the assets and liabilities of the charity and will continue to operate for the same charitable purposes. The trustees of the CIO have limited liability.

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3. Staff Costs and Numbers

	2025	2024
Salaries	63,805	53,107
Pension	1,282	960
	<u>65,087</u>	<u>54,067</u>

There were five employees in the year.

No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000.

Trustees are not remunerated. No expenses are reimbursed to Trustees.

4. Control

The charity is controlled by its board of trustees.

5. Fixed Assets

	Motor Vehicle £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
COST			
At 1 April 2024	11,820	3,084	14,904
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	<u>11,820</u>	<u>3,084</u>	<u>14,904</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2024	8,080	1,642	9,722
Charge for year	935	721	1,656
At 31 March 2025	<u>9,015</u>	<u>2,363</u>	<u>11,378</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025	<u>2,805</u>	<u>721</u>	<u>3,526</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,740</u>	<u>1,442</u>	<u>5,182</u>

6. Restricted Funds

	B/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Bal C/fwd
Donations for Fuel	-	15,700	(15,700)	-	-
CAB Worker	24,174	36,489	(38,558)	-	22,105
Fixed Assets	3,740	-	(935)	-	2,805
Trussell Trust	777	13,054	(12,901)	-	930
	<u>28,691</u>	<u>65,243</u>	<u>(68,094)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,840</u>

Fixed Assets

- motor vehicle supplied to the charity

Donations for Fuel

- to be used on fuel vouchers

Trussell Trust - CAB

- to be used for CA advisor from Norfolk CAB

Trussell Trust

- strategic resources grant to contribute to operations resources salary

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
KINGS LYNN FOODBANK
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

I report on the accounts of Kings Lynn Foodbank for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 1 and 3.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 154 of the Charities Act. My independent examiner's work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity, the charity's members as a body and the charity's trustees as a body for my independent examiner's work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to :-

examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;

to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Companies Act; and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters, have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

1. a) accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- b) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- c) 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Kezia Benefer FCCA
Hayhow and Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
and Business Advisers
19 King Street
King's Lynn
Norfolk**

Date: 5 October 2025

Signed.....