

Uckfield Foodbank
Trustees' Report for the year April 2022 to March 2023

Uckfield Foodbank commenced operation in September 2013 and was established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in August 2013. It is registered with the Charity Commission as Charity No. 1153505.

The main address for contact is:

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Facebook: facebook.com/uckfieldfoodbank

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The Trustees are:

Peter Roe (Chair)

Philip Garland

Richard Burt

Ian Noble

Simon Harriyott - resigned 14th February 2023.

The objects of the CIO are

The prevention or relief of poverty in Uckfield and surrounding areas, with the support of the Churches in Uckfield, in particular but not exclusively by:

- a) providing emergency food boxes containing three day's supply of balanced and nutritional foodstuffs to individuals in need and/or for distribution by charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty;
- b) the provision of fresh fruit and vegetables with each food parcel;
- c) the provision of or signposting to relevant information and other advisory services

Review of Activities during the year to carry out those purposes (for the public benefit)

We have a team of 60 volunteers, excluding our Trustees, who are all very supportive of our charity and respond positively to the challenges of the day.

During the 2022-2023 year we saw a 53% increase in the number of clients needing support. Our financial giving continued to be very generous and we are very thankful to those individuals and organisations who make regular or one-off donations.

We received a total of **29953Kg** of food donated during the year. This was an increase of 37% on last year. Public donations remain strong but we have made several bulk food purchases to supplement our stock.

Harvest giving totalled 1325kgs from local schools and churches.

Our annual stock take took place on 16th August 2022. There was 2567.37 in stock, valued at £4492.90.

This financial year we fulfilled 1577 vouchers, feeding a total of 4329 people, 1922 of whom were children. The main reasons people used the foodbank were due to problems with low income, in receiving benefit payments or changes to their benefits and a number of ill health, including mental health issues. The cost of living has had a huge impact with many more people unable to meet the costs of everyday necessities.

Future Plans

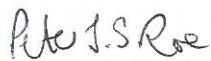
With the continuing receipt of food donations and the support of volunteers we aim to continue operating the foodbank for as long as there are people in the town and surrounding areas that need our assistance. We seek to build strong relationships with our agencies in order that we can sign-post clients to get the best support. We anticipate that the 2023-2024 year will continue to see a growth in the number of clients needing support.

Our distribution centre has been operating all year and many clients appreciate the opportunity to share their concerns over a cup of tea or coffee. We also offer delivery to housebound clients and to those living in outlying villages.

Declaration

We declare that we rent warehouse and office space from Ashdown AV, of which one of the Directors is a Trustee of Uckfield Foodbank. We also declare that we rent the distribution centre from Uckfield Baptist Church, of which two of their Members are Trustees of Uckfield Foodbank.

On behalf of the board of Trustees



Mr Peter Roe

Chairman

Dated: 9/1/24

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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CHARITY INFORMATION

| | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Trustees | I Noble S Harriyott P Roe P Garland R Burt |
| Registered charity number | 1153505 |
| Registered office | 15 Horsted Square Bellbrook Industrial Estate Uckfield TN22 1QG |
| Accountants | Gibson Appleby Chartered Accountants Shoreham-by-Sea West Sussex BN43 5DH |

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Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Uckfield Food Bank ('the charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity (and its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

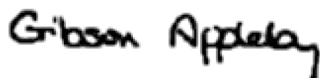
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My 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 and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:



Sarah Johnson

Dated:

15/1/2024

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Gibson Appleby

Chartered Accountants

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**INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Turnover | 53,494 | 29,440 |
| Other income | 1 | - |
| Staff costs | (15,305) | (14,404) |
| Other charges | (34,636) | (21,806) |
| Profit/(loss) | 3,554 | (6,770) |

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

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|--|---------------|---------------|
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| Capital and reserves | 34,589 | 31,035 |

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by:

The consider that the Company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and members have not required the Company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the micro-entities' regime.

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P. Roe

Trustee
P. Roe

Date: 22nd December 2023

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DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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| Turnover | | |
| Donations recieved | 26,036 | 16,908 |
| Gift aid tax claimed | 1,598 | 1,063 |
| Grants recieved | 22,548 | 8,410 |
| Partner income | 3,312 | 3,059 |
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| Other charges | | |
| Staff training | - | 61 |
| Motor running costs | 421 | 103 |
| Printing and stationery | 653 | 452 |
| Telephone and fax | - | 20 |
| General office expenses | 266 | 238 |
| Trade subscriptions | 60 | 60 |
| Accountancy fees | 120 | 120 |
| Equipment leasing (operational) | 599 | - |
| Sundry expenses | 360 | 154 |
| Office and warehouse rent | 2,153 | 1,105 |
| Conference costs | 30 | - |
| Insurances | 462 | 398 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 83 | - |
| Trussell Trust | 360 | 360 |
| Client food costs | 27,067 | 14,978 |
| Client fuel vouchers | 1,910 | 267 |
| Material costs | 92 | 240 |
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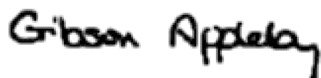
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