

SLOUGH FOODBANK

England & Wales · Charity number 1153813

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2013-09-16

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM BUT PRIMARILY IN SLOUGH AND THE SURROUNDING AREA PARTICULARLY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY PROVIDING EMERGENCY FOOD SUPPLIES TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED, AS MOTIVATED BY THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH.

Activities: The object of Slough Foodbank is the prevention or relief of poverty in the United Kingdom, mainly in Slough and the surrounding area , in particular but not exclusively by providing emergency food supplies to individuals in need , as motivated by the principles of the Christian Faith.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£183,965	£241,446	-	-
2023-12-31	£221,943	£186,907	-	-
2022-12-31	£113,994	£134,179	-	-
2021-12-31	£163,623	£101,063	-	-
2020-12-31	£245,058	£99,315	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anoma Pitt		2023-04-28
Celia Charlotte Taylor		2014-09-20
John Shepherd		2024-05-08
Sarah McAllister		2024-05-08

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Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1153813

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024
for
SLOUGH FOODBANK

Two Rivers Accountancy
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for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The object of Slough Foodbank, is the prevention or relief of poverty in the United Kingdom but primarily in Slough and the surrounding area in particular but not exclusively by providing emergency food supplies to individuals in need, as motivated by the principles of the Christian Faith.

Main activities

As in previous years, Slough Foodbank supplied food parcels containing three days' supply of nutritionally balanced food to everyone referred to the foodbank who is in food poverty crisis for whatever reason. In addition to food, we also supply basic toiletries and household products as well as nappies, baby wipes, and pet food if required.

Slough Foodbank collected donated food and toiletries from the local community to enable those people referred to Slough Foodbank to receive a food parcel.

Slough Foodbank maintained its network of referral agencies in Slough, to ensure that those in food poverty crisis are referred to Slough Foodbank.

Steps to Providing Food Parcels to Referred Clients:

- Food and toiletry donations and purchases are delivered to the main Slough Foodbank warehouse, where they are weighed and sorted by category and expiration date.
- Food parcels are packed in a second warehouse.
- Food parcels are delivered to distribution centres for client collection.
- A limited number of food parcels are delivered direct from the warehouse to the homes of clients who are too incapacitated to attend a distribution centre.

In addition to food parcels, Slough Foodbank provided emergency fuel vouchers through a purchasing agreement with Charis Grants, to those in food crisis during 2024. Clients with a pre-payment key who lacked enough gas or electricity to cook the food provided by Slough Foodbank received assistance.

Where appropriate, Slough Foodbank provided information that points our clients to other agencies and charities that may be able to assist them to recover from a position of food poverty crisis. This activity is referred to as Signposting. It is a strategic aim of Slough Foodbank to increase the level of signposting provided to clients.

Slough Foodbank supports the campaigning activities of Trussell that seek to reduce food poverty in the UK.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Grantmaking

Slough Foodbank currently does not make grants to third party good causes. Unsuitable donated food items, like large packs, were given to other local charities to avoid waste.

Contributions by volunteers

During 2024 Slough Foodbank had 130 volunteers. These volunteers remain critical to the operation of Slough Foodbank. The trustees are grateful for the contribution made by our volunteers.

Throughout the year, volunteers were engaged in collecting food donations, warehousing, prepacking food parcels, delivering food parcels, transporting food parcels to distribution centres, and administering the referral system.

Slough Foodbank also engaged with local businesses for teams of corporate volunteers to assist regular volunteers with sorting stock and packing food parcels.

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Referrals of People in Food Poverty

In February 2024, the staff at Jobcentres were instructed not to refer their clients to foodbanks. Job centres in recent years in Slough had become a major source of referrals. Measures were taken to re direct requests for food parcels to other referral agencies.

At the end of 2024, 210 agencies in the Slough area were referring clients to Slough Foodbank. These included homeless charities and housing associations, jobcentres, probation services, local government agencies schools and other children's agencies, surgeries, churches, and other charities.

During 2024, Slough Foodbank received 5374 referrals compared to 5098 the previous year.

Financial Inclusion Project

In October 2023, with funding provided by Trussell, Slough Foodbank launched a Financial Inclusion Project with Citizens Advice East Berkshire (CAEB). The aim of the project is to help clients who have underlying issues relating to benefits, debt, low income, discrimination at work, housing, homelessness or ill health.

In the first year of the project running (October 2023 to September 2024) 182 clients were referred to CAEB. Between them, these clients had 1,825 issues, demonstrating the complexity of their situations. Over the year there was £116k identified in financial gains for these clients. In addition, the project has also signposted many clients to alternative sources of help and support.

Food Donation Levels and Stock

During the twelve months from April 2024, Slough Foodbank received 78 tonnes of food and toiletries donations from local churches, schools, shops, businesses, and private donations, compared to 87 tonnes of food and toiletries donations during 2023. Stock at end 2024 was 27 tonnes compared to stock at end 2023, 23.5 tonnes, however stock in August 2024 dropped to 13.5 tonnes. The gap between stocks out and stocks donated for the twelve months from April 2024 was 15.7 tonnes.

Managing this shortfall continues to be a challenge, with increased levels of purchasing funded by a combination of General Funds and grants. Some less essential items that Slough Foodbank historically routinely placed in parcels such as shaving foam, washing-up liquid, biscuits and nappies are not purchased unless grant funded and were therefore not always available when requested.

During 2024, Slough Foodbank entered into an agreement with Bankuet, to facilitate this level of purchasing.

Distribution of Food Parcels

Slough Foodbank distributed food parcels through distribution centres across the greater Slough area. During 2024, Slough Foodbank operated five distribution centres one of which opened twice a week, the remainder opened once a week. One of the distribution centres opens on a Saturday.

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In 2024 Slough Foodbank fulfilled 632 vouchers through home deliveries, which is 12% of voucher fulfilments. This compares to the previous year with 771 home deliveries, making up 15% of fulfilments.

In December, we provided Christmas Hampers to households to help bring a little joy to people struggling in food poverty crisis this Christmas.

In 2024, 12,147 food parcels were given out. The number of food parcels distributed in 2024, was almost double the number in 2020 (see Table). Of the food parcels distributed in 2024, 4,472 went to children.

Total Number of Food Parcels Provided Over the Last 5 Years

Year	Total number of food parcels	% change on previous year
2024	12,147	7% increase
2023	11,300	21% increase
2022	9,322	27% increase
2021	7,360	13% increase
2020	6,350	37% increase

This table shows that the percentage increase in demand year on year was lower than in the previous five years. We are hopeful that this is an indication that the introduction of the Financial Inclusion Project has been a successful strategy for reducing the number of times a client needs to visit a Foodbank.

Food Purchasing

An experienced volunteer collaborates with the warehouse manager to oversee food and toiletry purchases. In 2024 Slough Foodbank spent £37k on purchases of Food and Toiletries compared to £17.6k in 2023. In 2024, £29.6k from General Funds was spent on food despite two grants from the Berkshire Community Fund.

During 2024, Slough Foodbank entered into a purchasing agreement with Bankuet, an operation set up in conjunction with Morrisons, in response to the difficulties foodbanks have encountered with purchasing large volumes of food from high street supermarket chains.

Fuel bank assistance to Slough Foodbank clients

Slough Foodbank continued to use the Charis Grants scheme to provide emergency fuel vouchers in 2024. Slough Foodbank payments to Charis Grants in 2024 were £28.7k compared to £37.5k in 2023, £22k in 2022 and £13k in 2021. During 2024, Slough Foodbank The fuel bank funded emergency power for 776 homes in 2024 compared to 783 homes in 2023 and compared to 601 homes in 2022 and 305 homes in 2021. This assistance continues to be restricted to Slough Foodbank food referrals.

Signposting and Campaigning

Many people who find themselves in food poverty crisis and need to use a foodbank have underlying issues relating to benefits, debt, low income, discrimination at work, housing, homelessness, or ill health.

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In October 2023, along with Citizens Advice, Slough Foodbank launched a new venture, a three-year project in Slough to help people in food poverty crisis, beyond the provision of food parcels. This was made possible by a grant from Trussell (formerly the Trussell Trust). With this new service, Citizens Advice workers run confidential sessions at most of the Slough Foodbank's Distribution Centres. This was a significant step, helping people get the advice they need so they can reduce their reliance on crisis support, including the use of foodbanks, as their financial situation improves.

In the first complete year of operation 182 clients were referred to CAEB, between them they had 1,825 issues. Over the year there was £116,163 in financial gains for Slough Foodbank clients.

Engagement with the wider community

During 2024, the Slough Foodbank Manager met with a variety of groups including Slough Poverty Forum, Slough Homeless Forum, and Slough Borough Council.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Details of any funds materially in deficit

The General Fund expenditure in 2024 exceeded unrestricted income received in 2024 by £71k. This was as a result of the decision from the Trustees to spend the money that was raised by O2 employees in 2023, on charitable activities during 2024.

Income

Unrestricted Income in 2024 fell to £115.8 k, a decrease of 30% compared to 2023. This was partly because over £60k of the 2023 income arose from one specific campaign, related to auctioning office furniture on the relocation of O2 corporate headquarters from Slough.

Restricted income in 2024 rose to £68k, a 25% increase compared to 2023. In addition to the £44k grant from Trussell for the second year of the Financial Inclusion project, a grant of £12.7k from Trussell was also received to pay for a Signposting employee.

The trustees of Slough Foodbank here express our thanks to all our donors, large and small, both regular and occasional, who through their generosity allow the charity to operate, and to move forward in its strategic goals.

Restricted Funds

During 2024, four restricted funds were in operation, FOOD, FUEL and FINANCIAL INCLUSION PROJECT (FIP) and SIGNPOSTING.

The Food Fund is for the purchase of food and essential toiletries. During 2024, the FOOD fund received two grants of £5k, from Berkshire Community Foundation: one for Toiletries, and one for Winter Food purchases.

The FUEL FUND received £1.2k income, just 11% of that received in 2023. Part of this can be attributed to the change of government policy regarding Winter Fuel allowance, as generous donors are no longer passing this allowance on to Slough Foodbank for Fuel bank. Restricted income only amounted to 4% of the cost of purchasing fuel vouchers in 2024.

The FINANCIAL INCLUSION PROJECT FUND (FIP) was initiated in response to a restricted grant from Trussell (formerly the Trussell Trust) that allows Slough Foodbank to provide clients with an advice service in partnership with Citizens Advice. The grant provides £44k for each of three consecutive years to be placed in the Financial Inclusion Project Fund. This restricted fund was used to spend £23k in 2023 and £44k in 2024 to pay Citizens Advice East Berkshire (CAEB), who employ staff to support the Financial Inclusion Project. Payments to CAEB are made by quarterly payments in advance. The service was launched in October 2023. Therefore 2024, was the first complete year of operation for the FIP project. Where CAEB staff incurred expenses while attending Slough Foodbank distribution centres, Slough Foodbank settled those expenses from the Financial Inclusion Project Fund.

Expenditure across all funds

Total expenditure during 2024 was £241.4k compared to £187k, in 2023.

In 2024 £27.3k from unrestricted funds was designated for purchase of Fuel Vouchers, compared to £26.3k in 2023.

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Expenditure from General Funds during 2024 was £159.6k compared to £125.3k in 2023. Of this increase, £14k (+16%) was in staff costs, driven by additional employment hours to cope with increased demand, and inflationary pressures of wages, and £13k was from increased use of General Funds to purchase food, given the continuing shortfall between food donations and demand for food parcels.

Investment policy and objectives

The objective in the depositing of funds was to maximise coverage of the FSCS guarantee by spreading funds across different banking groups. Some funds were placed in instant access savings accounts for interest, while some reserve funds were deposited in a 95-day notice account at Redwood for a higher interest rate.

Reserves policy

The reserves provide Slough Foodbank with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future. It is our policy to hold unrestricted cash reserves equivalent to at least twelve months operational costs or a minimum of £80,000.

In addition to those general operational reserves, £50k cash resided in a designated warehouse contingency reserve. This allowed the trustees to mitigate the risk of being given notice if the current landlords circumstances change. The level of actual reserves is reviewed frequently by the Trustees.

Going concern

Outlook

The success of the FIP project, and the increased emphasis on signposting signals a strategic shift for Slough Foodbank, to address with clients and other partners the underlying causes of Food poverty crisis.

It is believed by the trustees that ultimately, this approach, together with effective lobbying at a national level by Trussell, will begin to halt the devastating rise in food poverty in Slough that Slough Foodbank has experienced. The widening gap between the level of food donations and demand, and the increased staffing levels required to cope with pressure of client levels, would otherwise place an unsustainable strain on the finances of Slough Foodbank going forward.

However, Finances in 2025 are expected to be challenging, and some provision of services to clients might have to be curtailed in order to achieve the longer-term goals.

More positively, the restrictions during the Pandemic resulted in a severe decline in Signposting which persisted long after restrictions were removed. The recruitment of a grant assisted role toward the end of 2024 specifically to improve signposting and to training volunteers in signposting, is anticipated to have a beneficial impact for clients in 2025.

The Financial Inclusion Project is expected to build on the success achieved in 2024. The project is in a strong position for the start of the second year. Processes are in place, relationships with CAEB are good and Slough Foodbank is continuing to see more financial gains for our clients.

It is clear, that the wider Slough Community, from large corporations to individual small donors remains highly supportive of Slough Foodbank.

A strategic plan for fundraising has been developed to increase income.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes a CIO- Foundation, registered 16th September 2013 and amended on 16th May 2016.

How the charity is constituted

Foundation Model of which only voting members are trustees.

Related parties

Relationship with Trussell

Slough Foodbank is part of the foodbank network of Trussell (formerly the Trussell Trust).

Representatives of Trussell periodically conduct a formal review of the charity's processes. Trussell provides training and template policies. Slough Foodbank discusses these policies and may make amendments before adopting them.

Trussell provides software systems for stock management, client referral, and volunteer rotas. Trussell does not provide Human Resources systems nor Financial Systems for Slough Foodbank.

Trussell Trust is not involved in the appointment of Slough Foodbank Trustees, nor in the selection nor the remuneration of Slough Foodbank employees.

Slough Foodbank policies exist for Safeguarding, Data management, Health and Safety based on Trussell models. Other policies at Slough Foodbank include, but are not limited to, Staff Remuneration, Recruitment, Finance and Risk Management.

Risk management

The trustees of Slough Foodbank are responsible for the overseeing of the risks faced by the foodbank. Risks are documented, evaluated, and managed throughout the year using a risk register.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1153813

Principal address

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Trustees

C C Taylor
S Bradley (resigned 1.10.24)
R Ford (resigned 31.10.24)
L Dolor
A Pitt
R Singleton (resigned 31.10.24)
S McAllister (appointed 8.5.24)
W J Shepherd (appointed 8.5.24)

Trustee Selection Method

Slough Foodbank trustees select and appoint new trustees.

Slough Foodbank trustees must be affiliated with a church.

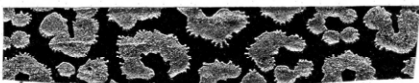
Slough Foodbank has a trustee induction programme, which includes an overview of the constitution, finances and identifying potential conflicts of interest.

Current trustees must undergo reappointment by their fellow trustees at the conclusion of each three-year term.

Independent Examiner

Two Rivers Accountancy
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 1st Sept-2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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C C Taylor - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
SLOUGH FOODBANK

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of SLOUGH FOODBANK

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of SLOUGH FOODBANK (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

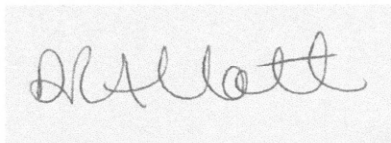
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the 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.



Delia Allott F.C.C.A

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Date:1st September 2025.....

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		111,150	68,138	179,288	217,779
Investment income	2	<u>4,677</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,677</u>	<u>4,164</u>
Total		<u>115,827</u>	<u>68,138</u>	<u>183,965</u>	<u>221,943</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable					
		<u>186,886</u>	<u>54,560</u>	<u>241,446</u>	<u>186,907</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(71,059)	13,578	(57,481)	35,036
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>244,762</u>	<u>21,711</u>	<u>266,473</u>	<u>231,437</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>173,703</u></u>	<u><u>35,289</u></u>	<u><u>208,992</u></u>	<u><u>266,473</u></u>

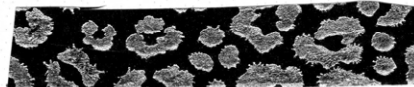
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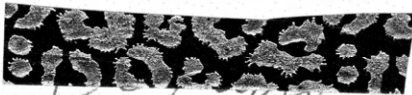
Balance Sheet
31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		173,703	35,289	208,992	266,473
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>173,703</u>	<u>35,289</u>	<u>208,992</u>	<u>266,473</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>173,703</u>	<u>35,289</u>	<u>208,992</u>	<u>266,473</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>173,703</u></u>	<u><u>35,289</u></u>	<u><u>208,992</u></u>	<u><u>266,473</u></u>
FUNDS	5				
Unrestricted funds				173,703	244,762
Restricted funds				35,289	21,711
TOTAL FUNDS				<u><u>208,992</u></u>	<u><u>266,473</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 1st Sept 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



W J Shepherd - Trustee



C C Taylor - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis.

The accounts comply with the appropriate legal requirements in that the gross recorded income from all sources did not exceed £250,000 and that the charity is not a company incorporated under the Companies Acts.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has received the funds.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on a payments basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further details are included in the Trustees' report.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the statement of Financial Activities when they have been paid into the scheme.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>4,677</u>	<u>4,164</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2024 nor for the year ended 31 December 2023.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	161,795	55,984	217,779
Investment income	<u>4,164</u>	-	<u>4,164</u>
Total	<u>165,959</u>	<u>55,984</u>	<u>221,943</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable	<u>151,593</u>	<u>35,314</u>	<u>186,907</u>
NET INCOME	14,366	20,670	35,036
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>230,396</u>	1,041	<u>231,437</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>244,762</u>	<u>21,711</u>	<u>266,473</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	244,762	(43,786)	(27,273)	173,703
Charis Grants Fuel	-	(27,273)	27,273	-
	<u>244,762</u>	<u>(71,059)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173,703</u>
Restricted funds				
Food	10	2,879	-	2,889
Fuel	811	(200)	-	611
Financial Inclusion Project	20,890	(375)	-	20,515
Trussell Trust	-	11,274	-	11,274
	<u>21,711</u>	<u>13,578</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,289</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>266,473</u>	<u>(57,481)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>208,992</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	115,827	(159,613)	(43,786)
Charis Grants Fuel	-	(27,273)	(27,273)
	<u>115,827</u>	<u>(186,886)</u>	<u>(71,059)</u>
Restricted funds			
Food	10,210	(7,331)	2,879
Fuel	1,229	(1,429)	(200)
Financial Inclusion Project	43,988	(44,363)	(375)
Trussell Trust	12,711	(1,437)	11,274
	<u>68,138</u>	<u>(54,560)</u>	<u>13,578</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>183,965</u>	<u>(241,446)</u>	<u>(57,481)</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	230,396	40,654	(26,288)	244,762
Charis Grants Fuel	-	(26,288)	26,288	-
	<u>230,396</u>	<u>14,366</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>244,762</u>
Restricted funds				
Food	346	(336)	-	10
Fuel	695	116	-	811
Financial Inclusion Project	-	20,890	-	20,890
	<u>1,041</u>	<u>20,670</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,711</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>231,437</u></u>	<u><u>35,036</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>266,473</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	165,959	(125,305)	40,654
Charis Grants Fuel	-	(26,288)	(26,288)
	<u>165,959</u>	<u>(151,593)</u>	<u>14,366</u>
Restricted funds			
Food	750	(1,086)	(336)
Fuel	11,247	(11,131)	116
Financial Inclusion Project	43,987	(23,097)	20,890
	<u>55,984</u>	<u>(35,314)</u>	<u>20,670</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>221,943</u></u>	<u><u>(186,907)</u></u>	<u><u>35,036</u></u>

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5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	230,396	(3,132)	(53,561)	173,703
Charis Grants Fuel	-	(53,561)	53,561	-
	<u>230,396</u>	<u>(56,693)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173,703</u>
Restricted funds				
Food	346	2,543	-	2,889
Fuel	695	(84)	-	611
Financial Inclusion Project	-	20,515	-	20,515
Trussell Trust	-	11,274	-	11,274
	<u>1,041</u>	<u>34,248</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,289</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>231,437</u>	<u>(22,445)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>208,992</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	281,786	(284,918)	(3,132)
Charis Grants Fuel	-	(53,561)	(53,561)
	<u>281,786</u>	<u>(338,479)</u>	<u>(56,693)</u>
Restricted funds			
Food	10,960	(8,417)	2,543
Fuel	12,476	(12,560)	(84)
Financial Inclusion Project	87,975	(67,460)	20,515
Trussell Trust	12,711	(1,437)	11,274
	<u>124,122</u>	<u>(89,874)</u>	<u>34,248</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>405,908</u>	<u>(428,353)</u>	<u>(22,445)</u>

6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1153813

Accounts



Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023
for
SLOUGH FOODBANK

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The object of Slough Foodbank, is the prevention or relief of poverty in the United Kingdom but primarily in Slough and the surrounding area in particular but not exclusively by providing emergency food supplies to individuals in need, as motivated by the principles of the Christian Faith.

Main activities

As in previous years, Slough Foodbank supplied food parcels containing three days' supply of nutritionally balanced food to everyone referred to the foodbank who is in food poverty crisis for whatever reason. In addition to food, we also supply basic toiletries and household products as well as nappies, baby wipes, and pet food if required.

Slough Foodbank collected donated food and toiletries from the local community to enable those people referred to Slough Foodbank to receive a food parcel.

Slough Foodbank maintained its network of referral agencies in Slough, to ensure that those in food poverty crisis are referred to Slough Foodbank.

Steps to Providing Food Parcels to Referred Clients:

- Donations and purchases of Food and toiletries are delivered to the main Slough Foodbank warehouse, weighed and then sorted by category and best by date.
- Food parcels are packed in a second warehouse.
- Most Food parcels are delivered to distribution centres for collection by referred clients.
- A limited number of food parcels are delivered direct to the homes of clients who are too incapacitated to attend a distribution centre.

In addition to food parcels, Slough Foodbank provided emergency fuel vouchers to those in food crisis during 2023. Assistance was given to clients with a pre-payment key who did not have sufficient gas or electricity to cook the food Slough Foodbank provided.

Sadly, the cost-of-living crisis resulted in continuing surge in demand for both food and emergency fuel vouchers.

Where appropriate, Slough Foodbank provides information that points our clients to other agencies and charities that may be able to assist them to recover from a position of food poverty crisis. This activity is referred to as signposting.

Slough Foodbank supports the campaigning activities of the Trussell Trust that seek to reduce food poverty in the UK.

Grantmaking

Slough Foodbank currently does not make grants to third party good causes. Some surpluses of individual food categories were passed to other foodbanks or local charities that feed people, to avoid food waste.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Volunteers

During 2023 Slough Foodbank had 130 volunteers. These volunteers remain critical to the operation of Slough Foodbank. The trustees are grateful for the contribution made by our volunteers.

Throughout the year, volunteers were engaged in collecting food donations, warehousing, repacking food parcels, delivering food parcels, transporting food parcels to distribution centres, and administering the referral system.

Slough Foodbank also engaged with local businesses for teams of corporate volunteers to assist regular volunteers with sorting stock and packing food parcels.

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Referrals of People in Food Poverty

During 2023 over 200 agencies in the Slough area referred clients to Slough Foodbank, which represents a slight increase on the previous year. These included homeless charities and housing associations, jobcentres, probation services, local government agencies schools and other children's agencies, surgeries, churches, and other charities.

Slough Foodbank received 5,098 referrals in 2023 compared to 4,183 referrals during 2022.

Food Donation Levels

During 2023, Slough Foodbank received 87 tonnes of food and toiletries donations from local churches, schools, shops, businesses, and private donations, compared to 96 tonnes of food and toiletries donations during 2022. The stock management improved due to improved communication of which items were needed by Slough Foodbank, at food collection points and on the website. Stock at end 2023 was 23.5 tonnes compared to stock at end 2022, 31.3 tonnes.

Distribution of Food Parcels

Slough Foodbank distributed through distribution centres across the greater Slough area. During 2023, Slough Foodbank operated five distribution centres one of which opened twice a week, the remainder opened once a week. One of the distribution centres opens on a Saturday.

Slough Foodbank provided 11,300 emergency food parcels during 2023 compared to 9,322 in 2022 and 7,365 in 2021. These food parcels helped feed many people, 4,129 of these were children. Unfortunately, this increase continues the rise seen in recent years as shown in the following Table. It is clear from these figures, that for many in Slough, the cost-of-living crisis continues, and families are being hit hard.

Total Number of Food Parcels Provided Over the Last 5 Years

Year	Total number	% change on previous year	
2023	11,300	21%	increase
2022	9,322	27%	increase
2021	7,360	13%	increase
2020	6,350	37%	increase
2019	4,783	19%	increase

In 2023 Slough Foodbank fulfilled 771 vouchers through home deliveries, that is 15% of voucher fulfilments. This was a reduction compared to the previous year where 836 home deliveries were required accounting for 20% of fulfilments.

In December, we provided 383 Christmas Hampers to households to help bring a little joy to people struggling in food poverty crisis this Christmas.

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Food Purchases

When food donations are insufficient to provide the items required in food parcels Slough Foodbank purchases food and essential toiletries. One of the trustees was appointed to manage these purchases in conjunction with the warehouse manager. This remains a challenging area. Food purchases by Slough Foodbank costed £17.6k in 2023 compared to £20k in 2022 and £11k in 2021.

Fuel bank assistance to Slough Foodbank clients

Slough Foodbank continued to use the Charis Grants scheme to provide emergency fuel vouchers in 2023. Slough Foodbank payments to Charis Grants in 2023 were £37.5k in 2023 compared to £22k in 2022 and compared to £13k in 2021. The fuel bank funded emergency power for 783 homes in 2023 compared to 601 homes in 2022 and 305 homes in 2021. This assistance continues to be restricted to Slough Foodbank food referrals.

Signposting and Campaigning

Since July 2022, the UK government has used one-off cost of living payments to help people on low incomes, but the limitations of this approach are now clear. We see in our data that there is a dip in the need for food banks when each payment is made, however this respite only lasts between one and three weeks.

Many people who find themselves in food poverty crisis and need to use a foodbank have underlying issues relating to benefits, debt, low income, discrimination at work, housing, homelessness, or ill health.

In October 2023, along with Citizens Advice East Berkshire (CAEB), Slough Food bank launched a new venture, a three-year project in Slough to help people in food poverty crisis, beyond the provision of food parcels. This was made possible by a grant from the Trussell Trust. With this new service, Citizens Advice workers run confidential sessions at most of the Slough Foodbank's Distribution Centres and provide remote follow-on support. This was a significant step, helping people get the advice they need so they can reduce their reliance on crisis support, including the use of foodbanks, as their financial situation improves.

Having trained advisers from Citizens Advice dedicated to offering advice and information related to these areas is of enormous benefit ensuring that clients are getting all the support possible to help them out of food poverty. The project launched in October 2023 and during the last 3 months of the year there were 54 client referrals to CAEB via Slough Foodbank. Across these 54 clients, there were 413 issues including benefits and tax credits, universal credit, debt, and housing that needed support. The advice provided has already made a significant financial impact for a number of these clients. There was a total financial outcome of £36,492. This is a very encouraging start for this project.

Engagement with the wider community

During 2023, the Slough Foodbank Manager met with a variety of groups including Slough Poverty Forum, Slough Homeless Forum, and Slough Borough Council.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Details of any funds materially in deficit

No funds are materially in deficit during 2023, however, General Fund expenditure is anticipated to significantly exceed income in 2024, if the current level of client referrals continues to rise.

Income

Unrestricted income in 2023 rose to £166k, an increase of 48% compared to 2022. Over £60k of this income arose from one specific campaign, related to auctioning office furniture on the relocation of O2 corporate headquarters from Slough. Slough Foodbank is grateful to the organiser of this effective and motivating campaign.

Restricted income in 2023 rose to £56k, of which £44k was a grant from Trussell Trust for the Financial Inclusion Project, and £750 arose from two grants from the Neighbourly Foundation, for Food and essential toiletries. The remaining restricted income was for Fuel Vouchers, mainly through Just Giving.

Online giving, mainly through the CAF platform and Just Giving accounted for 59% of unrestricted income.

The trustees of Slough Foodbank here express our thanks to all our donors, large and small, both regular and occasional, who through their generosity allow the charity to operate.

Restricted Funds

During 2023, three restricted funds were operation, FOOD, FUEL and FINANCIAL INCLUSION PROJECT (FIP).

Although there was only £750 income for the FOOD fund during 2023, and expenditure reduced the balance to trivial levels, the FOOD FUND remains open, for those donors wishing to restrict their gifts to the purchase of items for food parcels.

The FUEL FUND received £11.2k income from a combination of a Just Giving campaign and donors gifting their winter fuel allowance. Expenditure from this fund during 2023 was £11.1k on payments to Charis Grants to support Fuel Vouchers, matched the income over the course of the year.

The FINANCIAL INCLUSION PROJECT FUND (FIP) was initiated in response to a grant from the Trussell Trust, of which £44k was restricted to a three-year project. This restricted fund was used in 2023 for payment of Citizens Advice East Berkshire (CAEB), who employ staff to support the project with advanced quarterly payment, and the payment of the expenses of those staff incurred for Slough Foodbank, £24k. Recruitment of the staff proved challenging, so the service was launched in October 2023.

Expenditure across all funds

Total expenditure during 2023 was £187k, compared to £134k in 2022.

Expenditure from General Funds during 2023 was £125.3k compared to £96k in 2022. Of this increase, £16.7k was in staff costs, driven by the need to recruit more staff to cope with increased demand, and inflationary pressure .

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£11.8k was from increased use of General Funds to purchase food, given the lower income to the FOOD fund in 2023.

Investment policy and objectives

The objective in the depositing of funds was to maximise coverage of the FCSC guarantee by spreading funds across current and savings accounts of different banking groups. Within that policy, some funds were deposited in a 95day notice deposit account at Redwood to earn interest.

Reserves policy

The reserves provide Slough Foodbank with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future. It is our policy to hold unrestricted cash reserves equivalent to at least six months operational costs or a minimum of £80,000.

In addition to those reserves, during 2023 £100k cash resided in a designated warehouse contingency reserve. This allowed the trustees to mitigate the risk of being given notice if the current landlords circumstances change. The trustees agreed to release £50k of that contingency, from January 2024, because of progress in negotiations with the current landlord, and the increased levels of client referrals foreseen for 2024.

The trustees agreed that Slough Foodbank would not compete with local charities for further grants until 2024. The level of actual reserves is reviewed at each Trustees meeting.

Going concern

Outlook

It is a stark reality that year on year the increase in demand for Slough Foodbank continues. This is not an acceptable trend, as demonstrated by the comments by the Slough Foodbank Manager on release to the press of the 2023 statistics.

"It is so disheartening to see the stats prove what we see first-hand in the distribution centres, the continuing deprivation in Slough leading to people facing food poverty crisis and turning to us, often as a last resort.

We were hopeful that the cost-of-living payments would make a substantial difference, sadly the relief was temporary. Although it does show that with a little extra in their pockets people can afford to eat. That's why we are supporting the Trussell Trust's campaign to 'Guarantee our Essentials' and that, at a minimum, Universal Credit should protect people from going without essentials such as food, household bills or travel costs.

With a 21 % increase in food parcels, we are under real pressure to meet this demand both on supply of food, which we rely on donations for, as well as volunteers who sort food, prepare food parcels and serve clients."

More positively, having trained advisers from Citizens Advice East Berkshire (CAEB) dedicated to offering advice and information related to these areas is of enormous benefit ensuring that clients are getting all the support possible to help them out of food poverty. Slough Food bank has already seen some of our clients benefit from this service.

In February 2024, the staff at Jobcentres were instructed not to refer their clients to foodbanks. Given that a significant proportion of Slough Foodbank's clients came from that source in recent years, the impact of this decision on those in Food poverty crisis in Slough is unclear.

It is clear, that the wider Slough Community, from large corporations to individual small donors remains highly supportive of Slough Foodbank.

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes a CIO- Foundation, registered 16th September 2013 and amended on 16th May 2016.

How the charity is constituted

Foundation Model of which only voting members are trustees.

Related parties

Relationship with the Trussell Trust

Slough Foodbank is part of the foodbank network of the Trussell Trust.

A formal review of the charity's processes is undertaken annually by representatives of the Trussell Trust.

The Trussell Trust provides software systems for stock management, client referral, and volunteer rotas. Slough Foodbank policies exist for Safeguarding, Data management, Health and Safety based on Trussell Trust models. Other policies at Slough Foodbank include Staff Remuneration, Finance and Risk Management.

Risk management

The trustees are responsible for the overseeing of the risks faced by the foodbank. Risks are identified, assessed and controls established throughout the year via a risk register.

The most significant risk is potential change to current no rent lease arrangements on warehousing space. Part of the reserves is used as a contingency for funding commercial rated warehousing if notice were given by the current landlord. The value of the generous provision of the use of two warehouses by Segro, are not included in the income or expenses. Based on local inquiries, this provision saves Slough Foodbank £70k per annum.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1153813

Principal address

411 Montrose Avenue
Slough
Berkshire
SL1 4TJ

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Trustees

O Ogunniyi (until 25.11.23)
C C Taylor
T W Batt (until 1.7.23)
A Searle (until 12.7.23)
S Bradley (until 4.10.24)
R Ford (until 4.10.24)
L Dolor (from 6.6.23)
A Pitt (from 28.4.23)
R Singleton (from 22.5.23)

S McAllister (from 8.5.24)
J Shepherd (from 8.5.24)

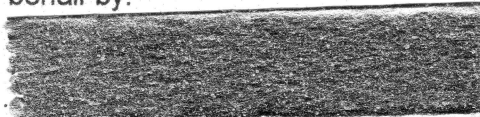
Senior Staff: Laura Cole Slough Foodbank Manager

Trustees of Slough Foodbank are required to have an affiliation with a church. Slough Foodbank has a trustee induction programme, which includes an overview of the constitution, finances and identifying potential conflicts of interest.

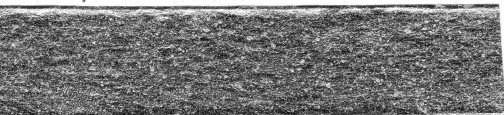
Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7th October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



J Shepherd - Trustee and Chair of Trustees



C Taylor - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of SLOUGH FOODBANK

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of SLOUGH FOODBANK (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

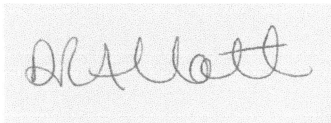
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the 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.



Delia Allott F.C.C.A

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Date: 14th October 2024

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		161,795	55,984	217,779	112,642
Investment income	2	4,164	-	4,164	1,352
Total		<u>165,959</u>	<u>55,984</u>	<u>221,943</u>	<u>113,994</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable					
		151,593	35,314	186,907	132,919
Other		-	-	-	1,260
Total		<u>151,593</u>	<u>35,314</u>	<u>186,907</u>	<u>134,179</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		14,366	20,670	35,036	(20,185)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		230,396	1,041	231,437	251,622
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>244,762</u></u>	<u><u>21,711</u></u>	<u><u>266,473</u></u>	<u><u>231,437</u></u>

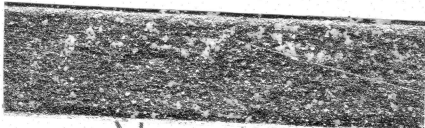
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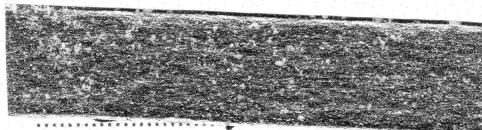
Balance Sheet
31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		244,762	21,711	266,473	231,437
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>244,762</u>	<u>21,711</u>	<u>266,473</u>	<u>231,437</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>244,762</u>	<u>21,711</u>	<u>266,473</u>	<u>231,437</u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>244,762</u></u>	<u><u>21,711</u></u>	<u><u>266,473</u></u>	<u><u>231,437</u></u>
FUNDS	5				
Unrestricted funds				244,762	230,396
Restricted funds				<u>21,711</u>	<u>1,041</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u><u>266,473</u></u>	<u><u>231,437</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 7th Oct. 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



J Shepherd - Trustee and Chair of Trustees



C Taylor - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis.

The accounts comply with the appropriate legal requirements in that the gross recorded income from all sources did not exceed £250,000 and that the charity is not a company incorporated under the Companies Acts.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has received the funds.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on a payments basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further details are included in the Trustees' report.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the statement of Financial Activities when they have been paid into the scheme.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.23	31.12.22
	£	£
Deposit account interest	4,164	1,352

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the 31 December 2022. An individual serving as a trustee was employed 14hrs a week from May 2023, as Projects and Communications Manager earning £8,052 total benefit in the year ending 31 December 2023, and receiving £302 as reimbursement for employee expenses incurred.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	111,820	822	112,642
Investment income	1,352	-	1,352
Total	<u>113,172</u>	<u>822</u>	<u>113,994</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable	116,714	16,205	132,919
Other	1,260	-	1,260
Total	<u>117,974</u>	<u>16,205</u>	<u>134,179</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(4,802)	(15,383)	(20,185)
Transfers between funds	6,222	(6,222)	-
Net movement in funds	1,420	(21,605)	(20,185)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	228,976	22,646	251,622
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>230,396</u></u>	<u><u>1,041</u></u>	<u><u>231,437</u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	230,396	40,654	(26,288)	244,762
Charis Grants Fuel	-	(26,288)	26,288	-
	<u>230,396</u>	<u>14,366</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>244,762</u>
Restricted funds				
Food	346	(336)	-	10
Fuel	695	116	-	811
Financial Inclusion Project	-	20,890	-	20,890
	<u>1,041</u>	<u>20,670</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,711</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>231,437</u>	<u>35,036</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>266,473</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	165,959	(125,305)	40,654
Charis Grants Fuel	-	(26,288)	(26,288)
	<u>165,959</u>	<u>(151,593)</u>	<u>14,366</u>
Restricted funds			
Food	750	(1,086)	(336)
Fuel	11,247	(11,131)	116
Financial Inclusion Project	43,987	(23,097)	20,890
	<u>55,984</u>	<u>(35,314)</u>	<u>20,670</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>221,943</u>	<u>(186,907)</u>	<u>35,036</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	228,976	(4,802)	6,222	230,396
Restricted funds				
Covid	8,619	(897)	(7,722)	-
Food	14,027	(15,181)	1,500	346
Fuel	-	695	-	695
	<u>22,646</u>	<u>(15,383)</u>	<u>(6,222)</u>	<u>1,041</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>251,622</u>	<u>(20,185)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>231,437</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	113,172	(117,974)	(4,802)
Restricted funds			
Covid	-	(897)	(897)
Food	-	(15,181)	(15,181)
Fuel	822	(127)	695
	<u>822</u>	<u>(16,205)</u>	<u>(15,383)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>113,994</u>	<u>(134,179)</u>	<u>(20,185)</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	228,976	35,852	(20,066)	244,762
Charis Grants Fuel	-	(26,288)	26,288	-
	<u>228,976</u>	<u>9,564</u>	<u>6,222</u>	<u>244,762</u>
Restricted funds				
Covid	8,619	(897)	(7,722)	-
Food	14,027	(15,517)	1,500	10
Fuel	-	811	-	811
Financial Inclusion Project	-	20,890	-	20,890
	<u>22,646</u>	<u>5,287</u>	<u>(6,222)</u>	<u>21,711</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>251,622</u>	<u>14,851</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>266,473</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	279,131	(243,279)	35,852
Charis Grants Fuel	-	(26,288)	(26,288)
	<u>279,131</u>	<u>(269,567)</u>	<u>9,564</u>
Restricted funds			
Covid	-	(897)	(897)
Food	750	(16,267)	(15,517)
Fuel	12,069	(11,258)	811
Financial Inclusion Project	43,987	(23,097)	20,890
	<u>56,806</u>	<u>(51,519)</u>	<u>5,287</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>335,937</u>	<u>(321,086)</u>	<u>14,851</u>

6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023.

SLOUGH FOODBANK

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SLOUGH FOODBANK

Registered Charity Number 1153813

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

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- Donations and purchases of Food and toiletries are delivered to the main Slough Foodbank warehouse, weighed and then sorted by category and best by date.
- Food parcels are packed in a second warehouse.
- Most Food parcels are delivered to distribution centres for collection by referred clients.
- A limited number of food parcels are delivered direct to the homes of clients who are too incapacitated to attend a distribution centre.

In addition to food parcels, Slough Foodbank provided emergency fuel vouchers to those in food crisis during 2022. Assistance was given to clients with a pre-payment key who did not have sufficient gas or electricity to cook the food Slough Foodbank provided.

Sadly, the cost-of-living crisis in 2022 resulted in a further surge in demand for both food and emergency fuel vouchers.

Grantmaking

Slough Foodbank currently does not make grants to third party good causes. Some surpluses of individual food categories were passed to other foodbanks or local charities that feed people, to avoid food waste.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Volunteers

During 2022 Slough Foodbank had 130 volunteers, higher than in 2019, the last pre-pandemic year. These volunteers remain critical to the operation of Slough Foodbank. The trustees are very grateful for the contribution made by our volunteers.

Throughout the year, volunteers were engaged in collecting food donations, warehousing, prepacking food parcels, delivering food parcels, transporting food parcels to distribution centres and administering the referral system.

Slough Foodbank also engaged with local businesses for teams of corporate volunteers to assist regular volunteers with sorting stock and packing food parcels.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Referrals of People in Food Poverty

During 2022, 208 agencies in the Slough area referred clients to Slough Foodbank compared to 218 in 2021, including homeless charities and housing associations, jobcentres, probation services, local government agencies schools and other children's agencies, surgeries churches and other charities.

Slough Foodbank received 4183 referrals in 2022 compared to 3517 referrals during 2021.

Food Donation Levels

Slough Foodbank received 96 tonnes of food and toiletries donations during 2022 from local churches, schools, shops, businesses, and private donations. This is a small increase (5%) compared to 90.7 tonnes received in 2021.

Increased Distribution of Food Parcels

Slough Foodbank provided 9322 emergency food parcels during 2022 compared to 7365 in 2021 and 4783 in 2019. These food parcels helped feed a large number of people, 3521 of these were children.

The vast majority of this food was distributed through distribution centres across the greater Slough area. During 2022, Slough Foodbank operated five distribution centres one of which opened twice a week, the remainder opened once a week.

In 2022 836 home deliveries were required. This is a reduction of almost 20% from 1036 in 2021, as fewer clients were isolating, and clients were encouraged to attend distributions centres where possible.

The Cost of Food Purchases Close to Double Previous Year

Food purchases costed £20K in 2022 compared to £11k in 2021. This large increase was due to a combination of increased food costs and demand exceeding donations for some items.

Large increase in Fuel bank assistance to Slough Foodbank clients

Slough Foodbank continued to use the Charis Grants scheme to provide emergency fuel vouchers in 2022. Slough Foodbank payments to Charis Grants in 2022 were £22k compared to £13k the previous year. The fuel bank funded emergency power for 601 homes in 2022 compared to 305 homes in 2021. This assistance was restricted to Slough Foodbank food referrals.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Income fell from the exceptional 2020 level

Income in 2022 fell by 30% compared to the previous year (2021) but was still well above pre Covid levels.

The decline in income is accounted for by the decrease in large grants. In 2022, three grants over £4000 were received, totalling £16.8k, including a grant of £6.8k from Bucks County council. In 2021, grants over £4000 accounted for £75k.

Online giving, mainly through the CAF platform, very similar to the previous year. Online giving accounted for 44% of income in 2022.

The trustees of Slough Foodbank here express our thanks to all our donors, large and small, both regular and occasional, who through their generosity allow the charity to operate

Restricted Funds

During 2022 three Restricted funds operated. COVID, FOOD and FUEL.

There was £22.6k in restricted funds at the beginning of 2022, split between the FOOD (£14k) and COVID (£8.6k) funds. The only restricted income received was £822 for the FUEL fund.

Some COVID funds were spent during 2022 on providing additional hygiene measures on site (£897), and some was transferred to the FOOD fund (£1500) where this was consistent with the original grant terms.

When the COVID fund was closed at the end 2022, after the end of the health crisis, £6,222 remained in the COVID fund. The trustees agreed to designate this to the FUEL fund in the light of the emerging fuel crisis affecting Foodbank clients, then recovered from COVID.

During 2022, Restricted FOOD funds were used to purchase £15k of food and essential toiletries, and restricted FUEL funds (£126.50) were used to pay Charis for Fuel vouchers. At the close of 2022, £1041 remained in restricted funds split between FOOD (£345) and FUEL (£695).

Expenditure Across All funds

Expenditure was 33% higher in 2022 compared to that of the previous year. Most of this increase was driven by the increase in food purchases and fuel vouchers. Staff costs also increased compared to 2021, due to the need to recruit a new manager and manage an extended handover period to avoid disruption to Slough Foodbank operations.

Investment policy and objectives

The objective in the depositing of funds was to maximise coverage of the FCSC guarantee by spreading funds across current and savings accounts of different banking groups. Within that policy, some funds were deposited in a 95day notice deposit account at Redwood to earn interest.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The reserves provide Slough Foodbank with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future. It is our policy to hold unrestricted cash reserves equivalent to at least twelve months operational costs or a minimum of £80,000.

In addition to those reserves, £100k cash resides in a designated warehouse contingency fund. This allows the trustees to mitigate the risk of being given notice if the current landlords circumstances change.

Since the level of unrestricted reserves in mid-2022 were well ahead of the minimum level, the trustees agreed that Slough Foodbank would not compete with local charities for further grants during 2022. The level of actual reserves is reviewed at each Trustees meeting.

Going concern

Outlook

Demand for Slough Foodbank remains high in 2023 , is not expected to fall until issues relating to the high cost of living, high cost of housing and cost of personal debt are addressed. Trussell Trust has launched a lobbying campaign calling on the UK government to ensure Universal Credit covers essential costs such as food, travel and household bills. Slough Foodbank participates in a local housing forum for Slough. In addition, a grant from Trussell Trust in 2023 has allowed Slough Foodbank to launch a Financial Inclusion project in conjunction with Citizens Advice Bureau.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes a CIO- Foundation, registered 16th September 2013 and amended on 16th May 2016.

Related parties

Relationship with the Trussell Trust

Slough Foodbank is part of the foodbank network of the Trussell Trust.

A formal review of the charity's processes is undertaken annually by representatives of the Trussell Trust.

The Trussell Trust provides software systems for stock management, client referral, and volunteer rotas. Slough Foodbank policies exist for Safeguarding, Data management, Health and Safety based on Trussell Trust models. Other policies at Slough Foodbank include Staff Remuneration, Finance and Risk Management.

Risk management

The trustees are responsible for the overseeing of the risks faced by the foodbank. Risks are identified, assessed and controls established throughout the year via a risk register. The most significant risk is potential change to current no rent lease arrangements on warehousing space. Part of the reserves is used as a contingency for funding commercial rated warehousing if notice were given by the current landlord.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1153813

SLOUGH FOODBANK

Report of the Trustees

For the Year ended 31 December 2022

Principal address

411 Montrose Avenue

Slough

Berkshire

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Trustees

T.W.Batt	Until 31st July 2023
S.Bradlev	
L. Dolar	From 6 ¹¹ June 2023
R. Ford	
O.Oaunnivi	
A.Searle	Until 12th July 2023
A.Pitt	From 28 ¹¹ April 2023
R.Sinaleton	From 22 nd May 2023
C.C.Taylor	
R.Sinaleton	From 22 nd May 2023

Trustees of Slough Foodbank are required to have an affiliation with a church. Slough Foodbank has a trustee induction programme, which includes an overview of the constitution, finances and identifying potential conflicts of interest.

Independent Examiner

Two Rivers Accountancy
38 Eton Wick Road
Eton Wick
Windsor
Berkshire
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Approved by order of the board of Trustees on ...5TH June 2023and signed on its behalf by:

C. C Taylor
Treasurer



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
SLOUGH FOODBANK

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of SLOUGH FOODBANK

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of SLOUGH FOODBANK (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

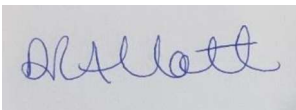
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the 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.



Delia Allott F.C.C.A

Two Rivers Accountancy
38 Eton Wick Road
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Date:26th October 2023.....

SLOUGH FOODBANK

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		111,820	822	112,642	162,811
Investment income	2	1,352	-	1,352	812
Total		<u>113,172</u>	<u>822</u>	<u>113,994</u>	<u>163,623</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable					
		116,714	16,205	132,919	101,063
Other		1,260	-	1,260	-
Total		<u>117,974</u>	<u>16,205</u>	<u>134,179</u>	<u>101,063</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)					
Transfers between funds	5	(4,802)	(15,383)	(20,185)	62,560
		<u>6,222</u>	<u>(6,222)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		1,420	(21,605)	(20,185)	62,560
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		228,976	22,646	251,622	189,062
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>230,396</u></u>	<u><u>1,041</u></u>	<u><u>231,437</u></u>	<u><u>251,622</u></u>

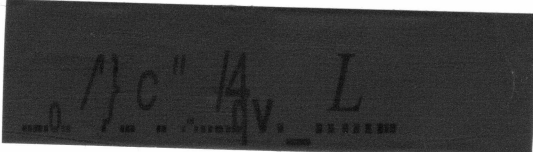
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SLOUGH FOODBANK

Balance Sheet
31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		230,396	1,041	231,437	251,622
NET CURRENT ASSETS		230,396	1,041	231,437	251,622
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		230,396	1,041	231,437	251,622
NET ASSETS		230,396	1,041	231,437	251,622
FUNDS	5				
Unrestricted funds				230,396	228,976
Restricted funds				1,041	22,646
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>231,437</u>	<u>251,622</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on5/ ..6./2023.....and were signed on its behalf by:



CC Taylor- Trustee and Treasurer

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared under the receipts and payments basis.

The accounts comply with the appropriate legal requirements in that the gross recorded income from all sources did not exceed £250,000 and that the charity is not a company incorporated under the Companies Acts.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has received the funds.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on a payments basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further details are included in the Trustees' report.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the statement of Financial Activities when they have been paid into the scheme.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,352	812

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	132,811	30,000	162,811
Investment income	812	-	812
Total	133,623	30,000	163,623
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable	64,707	36,356	101,063
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)			
Transfers between funds	68,916 425	(6,356) (425)	62,560 -
Net movement in funds	69,341	(6,781)	62,560
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	159,635	29,427	189,062
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD			
	228,976	22,646	251,622

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.22 £
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	159,635	68,916	425	228,976
Restricted funds				
General running expenses	-	17	(17)	-
Covid	9,750	(1,131)	-	8,619
Food	13,427	600	-	14,027
Part time staff	6,250	(5,842)	(408)	-
	<u>29,427</u>	<u>(6,356)</u>	<u>(425)</u>	<u>22,646</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>189,062</u>	<u>62,560</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>251,622</u>

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	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	133,623	(64,707)	68,916
Restricted funds			
General running expenses	18,000	(17,983)	17
Covid	-	(1,131)	(1,131)
Food	12,000	(11,400)	600
Part time staff	-	(5,842)	(5,842)
	<u>30,000</u>	<u>(36,356)</u>	<u>(6,356)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>163,623</u>	<u>(101,063)</u>	<u>62,560</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

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Unrestricted funds				
General fund	159,635	64,114	6,647	230,396
Restricted funds				
General running expenses	-	17	(17)	-
Covid	9,750	(2,028)	(7,722)	-
Food	13,427	(14,581)	1,500	346
Fuel	-	695	-	695
Part time staff	6,250	(5,842)	(408)	-
	<u>29,427</u>	<u>(21,739)</u>	<u>(6,647)</u>	<u>1,041</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>189,062</u>	<u>42,375</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>231,437</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	246,795	(182,681)	64,114
Restricted funds			
General running expenses	18,000	(17,983)	17
Covid	-	(2,028)	(2,028)
Food	12,000	(26,581)	(14,581)
Fuel	822	(127)	695
Part time staff	-	(5,842)	(5,842)
	<u>30,822</u>	<u>(52,561)</u>	<u>(21,739)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>277,617</u>	<u>(235,242)</u>	<u>42,375</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1153813

Report of the Trustees

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

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Objectives and aims

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Significant activities

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Within the constraints of the COVID 19 government restrictions in operation during 2021, Slough Foodbank collected donated food and toiletries from the local community to enable those people referred to Slough Foodbank to receive a food parcel. During 2021, these food donations were supplemented with purchases of food and toiletries by Slough Foodbank.

Slough Foodbank maintained its network of referral agencies amongst the caring professionals in Slough, to ensure that those in food poverty crisis are referred to Slough Foodbank.

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- Donations and purchases of Food and toiletries are delivered to the main Slough Foodbank warehouse, weighed and then sorted by category and best by date.
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- Most Food parcels are delivered to distribution centres for collection by referred clients.
- Some food parcels are delivered direct to the homes of clients who are too incapacitated to attend a distribution centre.

Slough Foodbank ran a fuel bank operation during 2021. Assistance was given to clients with a pre-payment key who did not have sufficient gas or electricity to cook the food Slough Foodbank provided.

Grantmaking

Slough Foodbank currently does not make grants to third party good causes. Some surpluses of individual food categories were passed to other foodbanks or local charities that feed people, to avoid food waste.

SLOUGH FOODBANK

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Volunteers

Volunteers remain critical to the operation of Slough Foodbank. The trustees are very grateful for the contribution made by our volunteers during 2021.

Throughout the year, volunteers were engaged in collecting food donations, warehousing, pe-packing food parcels, delivering food parcels, transporting food parcels to distribution centres and administering the referral system. Some of these volunteers were able to support Slough Foodbank because of the Government furlough scheme and returned to work as the COVID situation gradually eased. Although volunteer recruitment and training began as Covid restrictions eased in 2021, volunteer hours had not returned to pre COVID levels by the end of 2021. This resulted in higher overtime levels for paid staff and that Slough Foodbank has not been able to signpost other assistance to our clients during 2021.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Increased Referrals of People in Food Poverty

During 2021, 218 agencies in the Slough area referred clients to Slough Foodbank compared to 176 in 2020, including homeless charities and housing associations, job centres, probation services, local government agencies schools and other children's agencies, surgeries churches and other charities.

Slough Foodbank received 3,517 referrals in 2021 compared to 3,023 referrals during 2020.

Food Donation Levels Maintained

Slough Foodbank received 90.7 tonnes of food and toiletries donations during 2021 from local churches, schools, shops, businesses and private donations. This is a slight increase compared to 88.8 tonnes received in 2020.

Increased Distribution of Food Parcels

Slough Foodbank distributed 98.7 tonnes to support people experiencing food crisis. This is compared to 80.6 tonnes in 2020, a year on year increase of 22% year on year.

Slough Foodbank provided 7365 emergency food parcels during 2021 compared to 6530 in 2020. These food parcels helped feed a large number of people, 2657 of these were children.

The vast majority of this food was distributed through distribution centres across the greater Slough area. During 2021, Slough Foodbank operated five distribution centres one of which opened twice a week, the remainder opened once a week.

Food deliveries to homes had become significant in 2020. With the easing of restrictions in 2021 only 1036 home deliveries were required. This is down from 1280 the previous year. However, this is still much higher than pre Covid levels, placing a strain on volunteer resources.

Increased Food Purchases

Despite the widening gap between Food donations and Food Parcel distributions, operations continued through increased purchases of food and toiletries, and operating on lower stock levels. Food purchases costed £11.4k in 2021 compared to £7k in 2020, an increase of 62%.

Large increase in Fuel bank assistance to Slough Foodbank clients

Using the Charis Grants fuel voucher system, the fuel bank funded emergency power for 305 homes in 2021, more than 5 times the number of homes in 2020, amounting to £12,710 during 2021. This assistance was restricted to Slough Foodbank food referrals.

Christmas Bazaar

Clients were invited to a socially distanced event to select Christmas treat food and items of warm clothing.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Income fell from the exceptional 2020 level

Income fell by a third compared to the previous year (2020) but was still well above pre Covid levels. The trustees of Slough Foodbank here express our thanks to all our donors, large and small, both regular and occasional, who through their generosity allow the charity to operate.

In 2021, 60% of the income came from two large grants received in the first three months. One grant was from Mars Wrigley, the other from Slough Council for Voluntary Service a local charity registered as Slough CVS. £22.6k was received as other Corporate donations.

Online giving, mainly through the CAF platform, was half that of 2020 but at £51k in 2021 was still well up on pre Covid levels. Online giving accounted for 31% of income in 2021.

A COVID grant of £2k was received via Slough Borough Council, as part of the government support of charities during COVID and £2.5k was received from a neighbouring parish council.

Corporate donations routed through the Trussell Trust, were £5k dropped compared to 2020 £22k, returning to the levels of earlier years.

Restricted Funds

Only £30k of the income received in 2021 was restricted, however some restricted funds (£29.4k) carried through from the previous year.

At the end of 2021, £8.6k resides in a COVID fund and £14k resides in the Food fund which is used for food purchases.

Expenditure increased slightly overall compared to that of the previous year

The modest increase in expenditure is despite a saving of £21k because in 2020, the Slough Foodbank purchases a van. When comparing to 2020 expenditure excluding the van purchase; expenditure rose by 30%. This was attributable by three main factors:-

- Salary costs rose by 30% compared to 2020, as overtime levels remained high, and staff were awarded bonuses at the end of 2021 for their extraordinary commitment during the Covid crisis.
- Payments to Charis Grants to enable the Fuel banks operation rose by 70%.
- The cost of food purchases rose by over 60% compared to 2020.

Significant Surplus for 2021

Despite the fall in income, Slough Foodbank achieved a surplus of £62.5k in 2021, well down on the exceptional position of 2020, but still a much higher surplus than pre COVID years.

Investment policy and objectives

The objective in the depositing of funds was to maximise coverage of the FCSC guarantee by spreading funds across current and savings accounts of different banking groups. Within that policy, some funds were deposited in a 95 day notice deposit account at Redwood to earn interest.

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Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The reserves provide Slough Foodbank with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future. It is our policy to hold unrestricted cash reserves equivalent to at least twelve months operational costs or a minimum of £80,000.

In addition to those reserves, £100k cash resides in a designated warehouse contingency fund. This allows the trustees to mitigate the risk of being given notice if the current landlords circumstances change.

Since the level of unrestricted reserves in mid 2021 were well ahead of the minimum level, the trustees agreed that Slough Foodbank would not compete with local charities for further grants during the remainder of 2021. The level of actual reserves is reviewed at each Trustees meeting.

Going concern

Response to COVID 19 emergency

Restrictions due to COVID began to ease by the end of 2021, but most operational changes made necessary by COVID have become embedded in the operation either because they allow more efficient use of volunteer hours in distribution centres, or because expectations have changed as is the case with deliveries to homes.

Outlook

Slough Foodbank is emerging from the Covid Emergency only to face a cost of living crisis fuelled by high inflation in fuel and food. The generous level of donations given to Slough Foodbank during 2020 and 2021 should help the Foodbank to provide assistance to all those referred to the foodbank even as those referrals increase due inflation pressures, if food donations continue at least at current levels, if volunteer levels can be increased and if governmental action eases the cost of living pressures.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes a CIO- Foundation, registered 16th September 2013 and amended on 16th May 2016.

Related parties

Relationship with the Trussell Trust

Slough Foodbank is part of the foodbank network of the Trussell Trust.

A formal review of the charity's processes is undertaken annually by representatives of the Trussell Trust.

The Trussell Trust provides software systems for stock management, client referral, and volunteer rotas. Slough Foodbank policies exist for Safeguarding, Data management, Health and Safety based on Trussell Trust models. Other policies at Slough Foodbank include Staff Remuneration, Finance and Risk Management.

SLOUGH FOODBANK

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The trustees are responsible for the overseeing of the risks faced by the foodbank. Risks are identified, assessed and controls established throughout the year via a risk register. The most significant risk is potential change to current no rent lease arrangements on warehousing space. Part of the reserves is used as a contingency for funding commercial rated warehousing if notice were given by the current landlord.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1153813

Principal address

411 Montrose Avenue
Slough
Berkshire
SL1 4TJ

Trustees

O Ogunniyi
C C Taylor
T W Batt
A Searle
S Bradley (appointed 4.10.21)
R Ford (appointed 4.10.21)

Trustees of Slough Foodbank are required to have an affiliation with a church. Slough Foodbank has a trustee induction programme, which includes an overview of the constitution, finances and identifying potential conflicts of interest.

Independent Examiner

Two Rivers Accountancy
38 Eton Wick Road
Eton Wick
Windsor
Berkshire
SL4 6JL

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 5th Sept. 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



T W Batt - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
SLOUGH FOODBANK

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of SLOUGH FOODBANK

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of SLOUGH FOODBANK (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the 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.



Delia Allott F.C.C.A
Two Rivers Accountancy
38 Eton Wick Road
Eton Wick
Windsor
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Date: 28/10/22.....

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £	31.12.20 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		132,811	30,000	162,811	244,870
Investment income	2	<u>812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>812</u>	<u>191</u>
Total		133,623	30,000	163,623	245,061
 EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Charitable		<u>64,707</u>	<u>36,356</u>	<u>101,063</u>	<u>99,318</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		68,916	(6,356)	62,560	145,743
Transfers between funds	5	<u>425</u>	<u>(425)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		69,341	(6,781)	62,560	145,743
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		<u>159,635</u>	<u>29,427</u>	<u>189,062</u>	<u>43,319</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>228,976</u>	<u>22,646</u>	<u>251,622</u>	<u>189,062</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

SLOUGH FOODBANK

Balance Sheet
31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £	31.12.20 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		228,976	22,646	251,622	189,062
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>228,976</u>	<u>22,646</u>	<u>251,622</u>	<u>189,062</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>228,976</u>	<u>22,646</u>	<u>251,622</u>	<u>189,062</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>228,976</u>	<u>22,646</u>	<u>251,622</u>	<u>189,062</u>
FUNDS	5				
Unrestricted funds				228,976	159,635
Restricted funds				<u>22,646</u>	<u>29,427</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>251,622</u>	<u>189,062</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on

5th Sept 2022

and were signed on its behalf by:



T W Batt - Trustee



C C Taylor - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity, have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

The accounts comply with the appropriate legal requirements in that the gross recorded income from all sources did not exceed £250,000 and that the charity is not a company incorporated under the Companies Acts.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has received the funds.

Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on a payments basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further details are included in the Trustees' report.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the statement of Financial Activities when they have been paid into the scheme.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.21	31.12.20
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>812</u>	<u>191</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2021 nor for the year ended 31 December 2020.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	159,588	85,282	244,870
Investment income	<u>191</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>191</u>
Total	159,779	85,282	245,061
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable	44,206	55,112	99,318
	<u>44,206</u>	<u>55,112</u>	<u>99,318</u>
NET INCOME	115,573	30,170	145,743
Transfers between funds	<u>743</u>	<u>(743)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	116,316	29,427	145,743
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>43,319</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,319</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>159,635</u>	<u>29,427</u>	<u>189,062</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	159,635	68,916	425	228,976
Restricted funds				
General running expenses	-	17	(17)	-
Covid	9,750	(1,131)	-	8,619
Food	13,427	600	-	14,027
Part time staff	6,250	(5,842)	(408)	-
	<u>29,427</u>	<u>(6,356)</u>	<u>(425)</u>	<u>22,646</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>189,062</u>	<u>62,560</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>251,622</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	133,623	(64,707)	68,916
Restricted funds			
General running expenses	18,000	(17,983)	17
Covid	-	(1,131)	(1,131)
Food	12,000	(11,400)	600
Part time staff	-	(5,842)	(5,842)
	<u>30,000</u>	<u>(36,356)</u>	<u>(6,356)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>163,623</u>	<u>(101,063)</u>	<u>62,560</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	43,319	115,573	743	159,635
Restricted funds				
General running expenses	-	141	(141)	-
Covid	-	9,750	-	9,750
Food	-	13,427	-	13,427
Part time staff	-	6,250	-	6,250
PC Project	-	564	(564)	-
Van project	-	38	(38)	-
	-	<u>30,170</u>	<u>(743)</u>	<u>29,427</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>43,319</u>	<u>145,743</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>189,062</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	159,779	(44,206)	115,573
Restricted funds			
General running expenses	13,750	(13,609)	141
Covid	9,750	-	9,750
Food	20,224	(6,797)	13,427
Fuel	2,000	(2,000)	-
Part time staff	15,195	(8,945)	6,250
PC Project	2,970	(2,406)	564
Van project	<u>21,393</u>	<u>(21,355)</u>	<u>38</u>
	<u>85,282</u>	<u>(55,112)</u>	<u>30,170</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>245,061</u>	<u>(99,318)</u>	<u>145,743</u>

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021**

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.12.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	43,319	184,489	1,168	228,976
Restricted funds				
General running expenses	-	158	(158)	-
Covid	-	8,619	-	8,619
Food	-	14,027	-	14,027
Part time staff	-	408	(408)	-
PC Project	-	564	(564)	-
Van project	-	38	(38)	-
	-	<u>23,814</u>	<u>(1,168)</u>	<u>22,646</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>43,319</u>	<u>208,303</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>251,622</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	293,402	(108,913)	184,489
Restricted funds			
General running expenses	31,750	(31,592)	158
Covid	9,750	(1,131)	8,619
Food	32,224	(18,197)	14,027
Fuel	2,000	(2,000)	-
Part time staff	15,195	(14,787)	408
PC Project	2,970	(2,406)	564
Van project	<u>21,393</u>	<u>(21,355)</u>	<u>38</u>
	<u>115,282</u>	<u>(91,468)</u>	<u>23,814</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>408,684</u>	<u>(200,381)</u>	<u>208,303</u>

SLOUGH FOODBANK

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021.

SLOUGH FOODBANK

England & Wales - Charity number 1153813

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2020		31	12	2020

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 Tom Batt	Chair	From 01/07/2021	Appointed by Trustees
2 Shola Ogunniyi	Trustee		
3 Andy Searle	Trustee		
4 Celia Taylor	Treasurer	From 01/08/2021	Appointed by Trustees
5 Celia Taylor	Chair	Until 31/07/2021	
6 Steve Smith	Treasurer	Until 31/07/2021	
7 Rebecca Ford	Trustee	From 04/10/2021	Appointed by Trustees
8 Sarah Bradley	Trustee	From 04/10/2021	Appointed by Trustees
9			

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Foundation Model whose only voting members are trustees
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	By appointment by the trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Slough Foodbank has a trustee induction programme, which includes an overview of the constitution, finances and identifying potential conflicts of interest.

Slough Foodbank is part of the foodbank network of the Trussell Trust.

The trustees are responsible for the overseeing of the risks faced by the foodbank. Risks are identified, assessed and controls established throughout the year via a risk register. The most significant risk is potential change to no rent lease arrangements on warehousing space. Part of the reserves is used as a contingency for funding commercial rated warehousing if notice were given by the current landlord.

A formal review of the charity's processes is undertaken annually by representatives of the Trussell Trust.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Object

The object of Slough Foodbank, is the prevention or relief of poverty in the United Kingdom but primarily in Slough and the surrounding area in particular but not exclusively by providing emergency food supplies to individuals in need, as motivated by the principles of the Christian Faith.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Main Activities

Slough Foodbank supplied food parcels containing three days supply of nutritionally balanced food to everyone referred to us who is in food poverty crisis for whatever reason.

Within the constraints of the COVID 19 government restrictions, Slough Foodbank collected donated food from the local community to enable those people referred to Slough Foodbank to receive a food parcel. During 2020, these food donations were supplemented with purchases of food by Slough Foodbank.

Slough Foodbank maintained its network of referral agencies amongst the caring professionals in Slough, to ensure that everyone who is in food poverty crisis is referred to Slough Foodbank.

In response to the government lock down in March 2020 Slough Foodbank was obliged to change our operations. During 2020, some established volunteers were obliged to shield and therefore more reliance was placed

on employee hours. The preparation of the Food parcels was moved from distribution centres to a second warehouse, and delivered to collection centres throughout the year, for collection by referred clients. Also, some more vulnerable clients received deliveries of these pre-packed food parcels.

Slough Foodbank ran a fuel bank operation during 2020. Assistance was given to clients who did not have sufficient gas or electricity to cook the food Slough Foodbank provided, and those whose fuel is paid for on a pre-payment key.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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- You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Grant Making

Slough Foodbank currently does not make grants to third party good causes, unless agreed with individual donors. No cash grants were made in 2020. Some food surpluses did get passed to other foodbanks or charities that feed people, to avoid food waste.

Policy on Investment of Funds

During 2020, Slough Foodbank received substantial financial donations, as community organisations and companies based in the Slough area responded to the Covid crisis. Additional bank accounts were opened to maximise the security of funds under the FSCS bank protection limit.

Contribution Made by Volunteers

About thirty additional temporary volunteers were recruited at the beginning of the COVID crisis to replace the 50% or so of experienced volunteers who were shielding.

Volunteers were engaged in collecting food donations, warehousing, prepacking food parcels, delivering food parcels, transporting food parcels to distribution centres and administering the referral system. Some of these volunteers were able to support Slough Foodbank because of the Government furlough scheme and returned to work as the COVID situation gradually eased. New volunteer recruitment and training began in the autumn to resource ongoing operations.

Change to Operating Systems with Assistance of Referral Agencies

The paper-based voucher system that Slough Foodbank used since its launch, became untenable due to the risk of virus spread. Therefore, through the hard work of staff and the referral agencies, during the year, the referral system was changed from a paper-based system to an electronic system provided and maintained by the Trussell Trust.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Referrals of People in Food Poverty

Slough Foodbank received 3023 referrals during 2020. During the period, 176 agencies in the Slough area referred clients to Slough Foodbank, including homeless charities and housing associations, jobcentres, probation services, local government agencies schools and other children's agencies, surgeries churches and other charities.

Distribution of Food parcels

Slough Foodbank provided 6530 emergency food parcels during 2020. These food parcels helped feed a large number of people, 2365 of these were children. The vast majority of this food was distributed through distributions centres across the Slough area. During 2020, Slough Foodbank operated four distribution centres. One distribution centre opened twice a week, the remainder opened once a week.

Unlike previous years, food deliveries to homes were required during 2020, due to individuals shielding. Of these food parcels, 1280 were

delivered to people's residences.

Food Donations Received

Slough Foodbank received 88.8 tonnes of food during 2020 from local churches, schools, shops, businesses and private donations. Slough Foodbank distributed 80.6 tonnes to support people experiencing food crisis. Special measures were required to receive donations and quarantine food in line with government COVID guidelines.

Fuel bank

Slough Foodbank operates a fuel bank for those in fuel poverty, to prevent people having to make a choice of between eating and staying warm. During the first quarter of the year the fuel bank operated by Slough Foodbank funded emergency power to 63 homes amounting to £2,500. The fuel bank was not able to operate again until it was moved to the Charis online fuel system, in response to Covid restrictions on personal contact. Using that system, the fuel bank funded emergency power for 53 homes, amounting to £2262 during the remainder of 2020 and transferred funds to the Charis system for fuel vouchers to be issued the following year.

Christmas Bazaar

In the run up to Christmas, instead of issuing Christmas hampers, clients were invited to a socially distanced event to select Christmas treat items, warm clothing and toys.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The reserves provide Slough Foodbank with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future.

It is our policy to hold cash reserves equivalent to at least twelve months operational costs or a minimum of £80,000, to ensure we are able to meet our financial obligations despite the irregularity of income or unplanned incremental costs. When uncertainty is high, the trustees allow the reserves to rise well above these minimum limits.

This level of reserves provides a degree of protection for any unexpected falls in level of donations of food, any significant increase in clients or material change in the requirements of how the foodbank operates due to changing situations. The increase in warehousing requirements in 2020 increased the scale of our primary financial risk. Our reserves policy is reviewed at least annually. The level of actual reserves is reviewed at each Trustees meeting.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

No funds are materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy

Income rose to five times that of the previous year

The COVID 19 emergency triggered generosity from donors, proving unrestricted income at levels never experienced by Slough Foodbank. This was underpinned by Slough Foodbank's high profile in the community, built up over the previous years.

One off gifts from community groups and corporations were twelve times higher in 2020 than the previous year.

No direct grants from central or local government were received, and no furlough grants were received. Online giving, through the CAF platform was over ten times higher in 2020 than 2019.

Corporate donations routed through the Trussell Trust, which was previously comprised of distributions from supermarkets, rose to over six times the level in 2019.

adopted.

Restricted Income

Of the voluntary income received, £86k came with restriction. Only £25k came with project related restrictions, (£2.9k for pc's and associated software licences, £21k was for purchasing a van). On completion of these projects, £0.6k was transferred to unrestricted funds at year end. £13.6 of the restricted income was for running costs £0.1k was transferred to unrestricted funds at year end. The remaining restricted donations £20k was for food purchases, £2k for fuel bank, £15k for part time staff and £9.8k for COVID related expenses.

Expenditure doubled compared to that of the previous year

Salary costs rose by 60% compared to the previous year, as an additional part time member of staff was hired, and overtime payments rose substantially, when volunteers self-isolated due their age and vulnerability.

Some months proved problematic for food collections. As shortages appeared in shops, food collection points were suspended, and food donations to our warehouse became problematic, purchases of food and toiletries increased by over seven times compared to the previous year. A low mileage used van was purchased to enable food parcels to be delivered to clients, who were unable to attend distribution centres due to self-isolation, and to enable food to be delivered to distribution centres. This purchase was not capitalised and depreciated, so it was treated as expenditure within the year of purchase.

Cost of Warehousing

The level of uncertainty rose in both supply, and demand during the year. Slough Foodbanks operation required an additional warehouse because of social distancing, this was provided free of charge for the period.

2020 Surplus

The unusual year resulted in a very high surplus, over twenty times that of the previous year. Cash reserves consequently also rose. At the end of 2020 were over four times larger than the end of 2019. Bank accounts were opened to minimise the financial risk. At the end of 2020 Slough Foodbank had £114k in savings accounts compared to £36k of the previous year. The amounts in current accounts also rose.

Section F

Other optional information

Response to COVID 19 emergency

In March 2020 Slough Foodbank took steps, in line with government advice, to help contain the outbreak of COVID 19. Trustees monitored the government guidance relevant to our operations, and the risks to staff, volunteers and clients associated with our operations throughout the remainder of the year. Thankfully, foodbank operations were able to continue due to the commitment of our staff and volunteers, and the understanding and patience of our clients. The locations used for our distribution centres closed their community activities, but generously allowed sole use by the foodbank because of its importance to the community.

Outlook

The level of voluntary income is expected to decline to pre Covid levels from 2022 onwards, however rising living costs, forecast increases in debt both personal and governmental, and long term impacts of the Covid crisis on health are all expected to keep demand high for next few years.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees
Slough Foodbank Trustees Annual Report

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

TOM BATT	CELIA TAYLOR
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

CHAIR	TREASURER
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Date

12/11/2021



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Slough Foodbank	No (if any) 1153813
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2020	To	Period end date 31/12/2020
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary Income	159,585	85,282	-	244,867	48,700
Activities for Generating Funds	-	-	-	-	3,523
Investment Income	191	-	-	191	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	159,776	85,282	-	245,058	52,223
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	159,776	85,282	-	245,058	52,223
A3 Payments					
Cost of Fundraising	-	-	-	-	15
Charitable Activities	43,303	55,112	-	98,415	46,571
Governance Costs	900	-	-	900	35
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	44,203	55,112	-	99,315	46,621
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	44,203	55,112	-	99,315	46,621
Net of receipts/(payments)	115,573	30,170	-	145,743	5,602
A5 Transfers between funds	743	743	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	43,319	-	-	43,319	37,717
Cash funds this year end	159,635	29,427	-	189,062	43,319

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account (Bank)	45,282	29,427	-
	Petty Cash	289	-	-
	Savings Account	114,064	-	-
	Total cash funds	159,635	29,427	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
[Redacted Signature]	TOM BATT	12/11/21
	CELIA TAYLOR	12/4/21



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Slough Foodbank

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2020

Charity no (if any)

1153813

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

13-Dec-2021

Name:

Warren Robert Delo

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

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IS AM NOT A PRACTICING ACCOUNTANT I AM A CFO AT ACCUNGA LTD AND HAPPY TO HELP

Address:

The Studio, 1 Comberton Road, Kidderminster, DY10 1UA

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Following Celia Taylor Review & CORRECTION THE REPORT IS IN ORDER

Slough Foodbank 2020

FY2020	Bank	Petty Cash	Other Accounts	Total	
	£	£	£	£	
N Gift Aid	12,445.31			12,445.31	Annual Return Receipts & Payments
Gift Aid	15,230.77	100.00		15,330.77	<i>A1 Receipts</i>
Online CAF	73,171.56			73,171.56	Voluntary Income 244867.06
Online Crowd	35,345.11			35,345.11	Activities for Generating Fu 0.00
GASDS	0.00	190.15		190.15	Investment Income 190.56
Grants	12,580.00			12,580.00	A1 subtotal 245057.62
One-off gifts	70,100.62			70,100.62	
Trussell	22,137.68			22,137.68	A2
Tax reclaims	591.54			591.54	Asset & Investment Sales 0
Petty Cash	2,974.32			2,974.32	
Interest			190.56	190.56	A3
Total Income				245,057.62	Cost of Fundraising 0.00
Food	6,841.10	33.37		6,874.47	Charitable Activities 98415.66
F Vouchers	7,580.00			7,580.00	Governance costs 900.00
Salary Sue	20,268.84			20,268.84	A3 Subtotal 99315.66
Salary Bev	8,945.06			8,945.06	
Tax\NI	7,786.74			7,786.74	A4
Pension	8,970.81			8,970.81	Asset & Property 0
Accounts	531.90			531.90	
Petty Cash	0.00			0.00	
Travel	65.88			65.88	
Phone	1,021.66			1,021.66	
Mobile	338.26			338.26	
Postage	123.60			123.60	
PC purchase	2,405.96			2,405.96	
Equipment	7,175.67			7,175.67	
Motor	2,693.28			2,693.28	
Electricity	1,644.93			1,644.93	
Water	57.56			57.56	
Bus Rates	200.00			200.00	
Insurance	375.64			375.64	
T Trust	900.00			900.00	Governance costs
Other bank Accounts	112,802.22				
Van Purchase	21,355.40			21,355.40	
Total Expenditure				99,315.66	

Balances as of 31st December 2020

Petty Cash	289
Coop Current	39,709
Metro Current	35,000
Coop Savings	50,000
Metro Savings	50,064
Redwood Deposit	14,000
Total Cash Balances	189,061

Slough Foodbank The Use of Restricted Funds in 2020

Ref	Date	Bank Reference	Customer Reference	Credit	COVID	Food	Fuel	Part time staff	PC Project	Van Project	Running	Notes
28	16/01/2020	PPAF TYP PCC	THAMES VALLEY POLI	1,500.00							1,500.00	running costs
108	28/02/2020	TRUSSELL TRUST	TRUSSELL TRUST	1,503.02					1,503.02			3 PCs and associated software licenses. Grant was paid
107	28/02/2020	TRUSSELL TRUST	TRUSSELL TRUST	1,466.99					1,466.99			3 pcs and associated software licenses
115	02/03/2020	SLOUGH FOODBANK	RADIAN GROUP LTD R	1,500.00		2,000.00	1,500.00					fuelbank
175	02/04/2020	TRUSSELL TRUST	TRUSSELL TRUST	6,395.00		1,500.00						£4,395 majority was for part time staff member and for food supplies
180	03/04/2020	SLOUGH FOOD BANK	RADIAN GROUP LTD R	1,500.00		500.00		4,395.00				individual donation with restriction;
188	07/04/2020	HODSON FUEL-Food		1,000.00		500.00						
196	08/04/2020	A546755	BERKS COMMUNITY FO	6,000.00		3,000.00						
212	20/04/2020	CROWDFUNDER UK -PA	Crowdfunder Ltd	8,223.80	500.00	4,223.80						
252	01/05/2020	GARFIELD WESTON	GARFIELD WESTON FO	10,000.00								
282	11/05/2020	SERCO FOUNDATION	SERCO FOUNDATION	2,000.00	2,000.00			5,000.00				anything related to covid and helping people affected b
302	18/05/2020	SLOUGH CENTRAL	G M ZC 2016 LP GE	5,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00						food supplies and virus protection
300	18/05/2020	SERCO FOUNDATION	SERCO FOUNDATION	2,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00						anything related to covid and helping people affected b
370	22/07/2020	PPAF TYP PCC	THAMES VALLEY POLI	2,000.00								food supplies
434	22/07/2020	A564539	BERKS COMMUNITY FO	3,750.00	3,750.00							donation came via BCF from reckett benhauser to supp
431	22/07/2020	'louis bayliss	000000 CREDIT	1,500.00	1,500.00							for covid emergency
453	31/07/2020	Lottery Community Fund	COVID-19 RESPONSE	9,550.00		3,000.00		5,800.00				for covid emergency
523	04/09/2020	546-27	SEGRO	10,000.00								for larger capacity van
563	28/09/2020	Faster Payment	TRUSSELL TRUST	11,393.00								for larger capacity van
Total Restricted funds Voluntary Income				85,281.81	9,750.00	20,223.80	2,000.00	15,195.00	2,970.01	21,393.00	13,750.00	

Expenditure charged to restricted

Running Cost charged												
Van purchased										2,405.96	2,405.96	13,609.12
PC Project												
Part Time Staff								8,945.06				
Fuel Bank						2,000.00						
Food						6,796.60						
Covid												
Charitable activities expenditure charged to restricted						0						
Restricted fund at year end before transfers						0.00	6,796.60	8,945.06	2,405.96	21,355.40	13,609.12	
Transfers between Funds						13,427.20	0.00	6,249.94	564.05	37.60	140.88	
Restricted Fund after transfers						0	0	0	-564.05	-37.6	-140.88	
						29,427.14	9,750.00	6,249.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	

13,609.12 Salary Sue (Manager) from May onwards

21355.4

Salary Bev(part time staff)

Payment into Charis Grants scheme