

BASFORD, BESTWOOD & BULWELL FOODBANK

England & Wales · Charity number 1153963

Details

Other names BESTWOOD & BULWELL FOODBANK

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2013-09-26

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

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF POVERTY IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NOTTINGHAM THROUGH THE PROVISION OF FOOD AND ESSENTIAL ITEMS TO PEOPLE IN CRISIS.

Activities: The charity distributes food and essential items for the relief of poverty to people in crisis within the City and County of Nottingham

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Nottingham City
- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£76,759	£77,846	-	-
2024-03-31	£81,269	£72,425	-	-
2023-03-31	£105,613	£79,068	-	-
2022-03-31	£51,364	£36,304	-	-
2021-03-31	£50,840	£23,875	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
GREG COWLEY	Chair	2020-01-28
Rev Christine Little		2020-01-28

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Accounts

Basford, Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank

Registered Charity Number 1153963

Trustees Report

April 2024 to March 2025

Basford, Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank (working name Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank) is an unincorporated association governed by a constitution adopted on 19th March 2013.

Our charitable purpose is the prevention or relief of poverty which we do through the distribution of food and essential items to people in crisis within the City and County of Nottingham.

We are part of the Trussell Trust network of foodbanks and our principal place of operations is St. Philip's Church, Knights Close, Top Valley, Nottingham. NG5 9AJ.

In accordance with the constitution, Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting.

The Trustees for the period covered by this report were Ms. Adele Brooksbank, Mr. John Gregory (Greg) Cowley BEM (Chair) & Rev. Christine Little.

All trustees gave their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by The Charities Commission on public benefit and are satisfied that the charities operation continues to satisfy those criteria.

Report on Activities

Throughout the period we have retained a strong core of volunteers for which we remain thankful as without them it would not be possible to operate at the level needed. However, the continued demand does place a strain on our volunteers and despite this strong core, there have been occasions where we have needed to seek last minute assistance or operate with skeleton levels of staffing.

We have always attempted to help clients address the underlying issues which cause them to seek help from our charity and to that end, with grant funding we have been able to formalise our work with Bestwood Advice Centre to fund a part time Welfare Benefits & Debt Advisor and a part time Support Advice Worker who can work from our distribution centres. This facility continues to be extensively used to successfully assisted clients to secure additional benefits.

We have also received some funding from Nottingham City Council through the Household Support Fund which has allowed us to top up some of our food stocks.

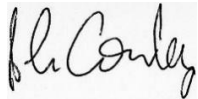
Demand for our services continues at both our main distribution centre which operates from St. Phillip's Church in Bestwood and our secondary centre which operates one day a week out of St. Mary's Church in Bulwell although, encouragingly we have seen a decrease in the number of visitors. In total this year we have provided food parcels of ten meals each to 4,449 people which is 1618 fewer people than last year, a decrease of 27%.

The decrease in demand for our services, coincided with a decrease in the level of food donations we received, although the monies we have received via fundraising, donations and the household support has allowed us to shore up a number of staples without significantly reducing our working funds.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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John Gregory Cowley
Chair of Trustees
2nd January 2026

Bestwood & Bulwell Food Bank

Accounts to 31 March 2025

	Year to 31 Mar 2025		Year to 31 Mar 2024	
GENERAL FUND INCOME				
Donations	67373		68347	
Donations via CAF	6111	73484	9144	77491
TESCO donation based on food collection		2984		3487
Gift Aid		291		291
GENERAL FUND TOTAL INCOME		76759		81269
EXPENDITURE				
Payments to Trussell Trust		0		0
Food Purchases		51465		45008
Health & Safety		0		0
Employee costs				
Salary & Pension	21460		21194	
Agency fees	0	21460	0	21194
Volunteer Support		991		187
Insurance		548		481
Contribution towards centre running costs		1800		1800
Telephone		140		136
Post & Stationary		647		484
Warehouse costs		760		3100
Legal Costs		35		35
Energy Support via Bestwood Advice Centre		0		0
Equipment purchased		0		0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL EXPENDITURE		77846		72425
Excess of expenditure over income		-1087		8844

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Computer Equipment/Debt Support

Income	29967	27873
Expenditure		
Debt Support via Bestwood Advice Centre	29967	27873
Equipment purchased	999	
Defecit of income over expenditure	-999	0

REPRESENTED BY

	As at 31 Mar 2025	As at 31 Mar 2024
Cash at bank	98123	100209
	98123	100209
General Fund as 1 April 2024	87209	78365
Loss, 2025/ Surplus 2024	-1087	8844
GENERAL FUND AT 31 Mar 2025	86122	87209
Restricted Funds as 1 April 2024	13000	13000
Deficit on Restricted fund	-999	0
RESTRICTED FUND AT 31 Mar 2025	12001	13000
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	98123	100209

Notes to Accounts

Not all of our activities are cash based, we had the following transaction in the period.

	Kilograms	£ Value
Food held in store at 1 April 2024	26315	44209
Food donated or purchased by Foodbank during the year	38480	64646
Food given out by Foodbank during the year	32237	54158
Food held in store at 31 March 2025	32558	54697

Food is valued at an average price of £1.68 per Kg.

Food purchased and food held in store includes food paid for but not physically delivered to the foodbank at 31 March 2025.

Policy on Reserves

It is the policy of Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank to hold in General Reserve a sum of not less than 50% of the general expenditure of the current financial year.

As at 31 March 2024 Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank held in General Reserve £87209 a figure in excess of the minimum requirement of this policy of £36212.

Independent Examiners report to the Trustees of the Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank

I report on the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and the Examiner *

As members of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements. You have requested that an independent examination is carried out. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those Financial Statements.

Basis of this report

I have examined the accounts kept by the Trustees and agreed those to the Financial Statements and the bank account statements. I have traced all items of expenditure back to supporting documentation. I have reconciled the bank account at the end of the accounting period. I have received your assurances that the grants received during the period are not restricted or have been used within the restrictions imposed.

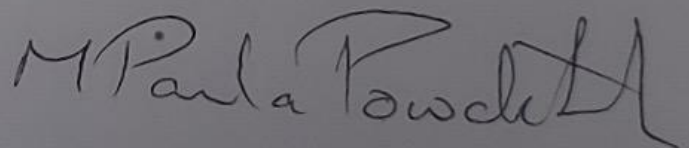
Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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22nd October 2025

BASFORD, BESTWOOD & BULWELL FOODBANK

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Accounts

Basford, Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank

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Trustees Report

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All trustees gave their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by The Charities Commission on public benefit and are satisfied that the charities operation continues to satisfy those criteria.

Report on Activities

This has been another challenging year as the cost of living crisis has really started to take hold.

Throughout the period we have retained a strong core of volunteers for which we remain thankful as without them it would not be possible to operate at the level needed to keep pace with the increased demand we have seen. However, the continued increase in demand does place a strain on our volunteers and despite this strong core, there have been occasions where we have needed to seek last minute assistance or operate with skeleton levels of staffing.

We have always attempted to help clients address the underlying issues which cause them to seek help from our charity and to that end, with grant funding we have been able to formalise our work with Bestwood Advice Centre to fund a part time Welfare Benefits & Debt Advisor and a part time Support Advice Worker who can work from our distribution centres. This facility has been used extensively and since this service has been in operation we have successfully assisted clients to secure additional benefits in excess of £650,000.

We have also received some funding from Nottingham City Council through the Household Support Fund which has allowed us to top up some of our food stocks.

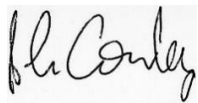
Demand for our services continue to grow and both our main distribution centre which operates from St. Phillip's Church in Bestwood and our secondary centre which operates one day a week out of St. Mary's Church in Bulwell have seen an increase in the number of visitors. In total this year we have provided food parcels of ten meals each to 6,067 people which is 905 more people than last year, an increase of 18%. This utilised an additional 6,104 kilograms of food.

With ever increasing demand for our services, the level of donations has struggled to keep pace with the demand meaning that we have had to use monies received via fundraising, donations and the household support fund to shore up a number of staples.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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John Gregory Cowley
Chair of Trustees
15th December 2024

Bestwood & Bulwell Food Bank

Accounts to 31 March 2024

	Year to 31 Mar 2024		Year to 31 Mar 2023	
GENERAL FUND INCOME				
Donations	68347		94117	
Donations via CAF	9144	77491	7132	101249
TESCO donation based on food collection		3487		3742
Gift Aid		291		622
GENERAL FUND TOTAL INCOME		81269		105613
EXPENDITURE				
Payments to Trussell Trust		0		0
Food Purchases		45008		54075
Health & Safety		0		0
Employee costs				
Salary & Pension	21194		20365	
Agency fees	0	21194	0	20365
Volunteer Support		187		76
Insurance		481		518
Contribution towards centre running costs		1800		2500
Telephone		136		510
Post & Stationary		484		560
Warehouse costs		3100		429
Legal Costs		35		35
Energy Support via Bestwood Advice Centre		0		0
Equipment purchased		0		0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL EXPENDITURE		72425		79068
Excess of income over expenditure		8844		26545

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Computer Equipment/Debt Support

Income	27873	17098
Expenditure	0	0
Debt Support via Bestwood Advice Centre	27873	17406
Deficit of income over expenditure	0	-308

REPRESENTED BY

	As at 31 Mar 2024	As at 31 Mar 2023
Cash at bank	100209	91365
	100209	91365
General Fund as 1 April 2023	78365	51820
Add surplus on General fund	8844	26545
GENERAL FUND AT 31 Mar 2024	87209	78365
Restricted Funds as 1 April 2023	13000	13308
Deficit on Restricted fund	0	-308
RESTRICTED FUND AT 31 Mar 2024	13000	13000
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	100209	91365

Notes to Accounts

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	Kilograms	£ Value
Food held in store at 1 April 2023	21218	35646
Food donated or purchased by Foodbank during the year	49825	83706
Food given out by Foodbank during the year	44728	75143
Food held in store at 31 March 2024	26315	44209

Food is valued at an average price of £1.68 per Kg.

Food purchased and food held in store includes food paid for but not physically delivered to the foodbank at 31 March 2024.

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Independent Examiners report to the Trustees of the Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank

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22nd October 2024

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The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by The Charities Commission on public benefit and are satisfied that the charities operation continues to satisfy those criteria.

Report on Activities

This has been another challenging year as the cost of living crisis has really started to take hold.

Throughout the period we have retained a strong core of volunteers without whom it would simply not be possible to operate at the level needed to keep pace with the demand we have seen.

We have always attempted to help clients address the underlying issues which cause them to seek help from our charity and to that end we were able to secure grant funding which has allowed us to formalise our work with Bestwood Advice Centre and base an Advice Worker at our Bestwood base two afternoons per week. This facility has been used extensively and in the first full year of operation has successfully assisted clients to secure additional benefits totalling £240,766.

We have also received some funding from Nottingham City Council through the Household Support Fund which has allowed us to top up some of our food stocks.

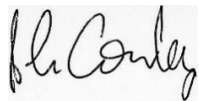
Regrettably, demand for our service continues to grow, to the extent that we have opened a second distribution centre which operates one day a week out of St. Mary's Church in Bulwell. In total this year we have provided food parcels of ten meals each to 5,162 people. This is 1,444 more than last year, an increase of 39% which required an additional 6,231 kilograms of food.

The cost of living crisis has not only increased the demand for our services, it has also impacted donations received. The level of donations has not returned to pre-pandemic levels and we have had to use monies received via the household support fund to shore up a number of staples.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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John Gregory Cowley
Chair of Trustees
18th November 2023

Bestwood & Bulwell Food Bank

Accounts to 31 March 2023

	Year to 31 Mar 2023		Year to 31 Mar 2022	
GENERAL FUND INCOME				
Donations	94117		22908	
Donations via Virgin Giving/CAF	7132	101249	9709	32617
TESCO donation based on food collection		3742		3403
Gift Aid		622		510
GENERAL FUND TOTAL INCOME		105613		36530
EXPENDITURE				
Payments to Trussell Trust		0		0
Food Purchases		54075		8743
Health & Safety		0		18
Employee costs				
Salary & Pension	20365		16121	
Agency fees	0	20365	0	16121
Volunteer Support		76		619
Insurance		518		343
Contribution towards centre running costs		2500		2500
Telephone		510		0
Post & Stationary		560		188
Warehouse costs		429		286
Legal Costs		35		35
Energy Support via Bestwood Advice Centre		0		2500
Equipment purchased		0		792
GENERAL FUND TOTAL EXPENDITURE		79068		32145
Excess of income over expenditure		26545		4385

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Computer Equipment/Debt Support

Income	17098	14834
Expenditure	0	0
Debt Support via Bestwood Advice Centre	17406	4159
Deficit of income over expenditure	-308	10675

REPRESENTED BY

	As at 31 Mar 2023	As at 31 Mar 2022
Cash at bank	91365	65128
	91365	65128
General Fund as 1 April 2022	51820	47435
Add surplus on General fund	26545	4385
GENERAL FUND AT 31 Mar 2023	78365	51820
Restricted Funds as 1 April 2022	13308	2633
Deficit on Restricted fund	-308	10675
RESTRICTED FUND AT 31 Mar 2023	13000	13308
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	91365	65128

Notes to Accounts

Not all of our activities are cash based, we had the following transaction in the period.

	Kilograms	£ Value
Food held in store at 1 April 2022	13717	23045
Food donated or purchased by Foodbank during the year	48125	80850
Food given out by Foodbank during the year	38624	64888
Food held in store at 31 March 2023	21218	35646

Food is valued at an average price of £1.68 per Kg.

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Policy on Reserves

It is the policy of Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank to hold in General Reserve a sum of not less than 50% of the general expenditure of the current financial year.

As at 31 March 2021 Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank held in General Reserve £51820 a figure in

excess of the minimum requirement of this policy of £16072

Independent Examiners report to the Trustees of the Bestwood and Bulwell Food Bank

I report on the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2023

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and the Examiner

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Basis of this report

I have examined the accounts kept by the Trustees and agreed those to the Financial Statements and the bank account statements. I have traced all items of expenditure back to supporting documentation. I have agreed the calculation of the value of food donations and other gifts. I have reconciled the bank account at the end of the accounting period. I have received your assurances that the grants received during the period are not restricted.

Independent Examiners Statement

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17th September 2023

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Trustees Report

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The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by The Charities Commission on public benefit and are satisfied that the charities operation continues to satisfy those criteria.

Report on Activities

This year's report is set against continuing challenging operating difficulties as we emerged from the Covid-19 pandemic and the cost of living crisis began to take hold.

We continued to work in a COVID safe manner, limiting the number of volunteers and also initially restricting clients access to the Foodbank Centre although these restrictions were gradually eased throughout the year and we moved away from home deliveries.

We have retained a strong core of volunteers although it is fair to say that a large number of those who volunteered before the pandemic have not yet returned.

We have always attempted to help clients address the underlying issues which cause them to seek help from our charity and before the pandemic were regularly hosting advisors from Nottingham City Homes and Bestwood Advice Centre who were able to discuss housing and benefit needs with our clients. This year, we were successful in securing grant funding which has allowed us to part fund an advisor from the Bestwood Advice Centre and this

has enabled us to ensure that an advisor is available to our clients one morning per week. This facility is being well used and we are confident that we will be able to secure funding for the post for a further two years.

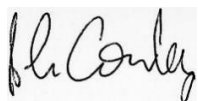
We have also received some funding from Nottingham City Council through the Household Support Fund which has allowed us to top up some of our food stocks and to provide energy support vouchers through our partnership with the Bestwood Advice Centre.

As all pandemic restrictions were removed we had expected to see demand for our services fall, particularly as the Universal Credit top up was retained until the end of September. This year we have provided food parcels of ten meals each to 3,718 people which is only 266 lower than last year. Donations of food also decreased significantly this year, down to 27,500 tonnes compared to nearly 45,000 tonnes in the previous year, meaning that we distributed almost 5,000 tonnes more food than we received. However, due to a surplus from the previous year, we still maintain a healthy stock balance. Early indications are that as the cost of living crisis really starts to bite, we will see demand exceed the level experienced during the pandemic.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



John Gregory Cowley
Chair of Trustees
9th December 2022

Bestwood & Bulwell Food Bank

Accounts to 31 March 2022

	Year to 31 Mar 2022		Year to 31 Mar 2021	
GENERAL FUND INCOME				
Donations	22908		32070	
Donations via Virgin Giving/CAF	9709	32617	17878	49948
TESCO donation based on food collection		3403		676
Gift Aid		510		216
GENERAL FUND TOTAL INCOME		36530		50840
EXPENDITURE				
Payments to Trussell Trust		0		0
Food Purchases		8743		
Health & Safety		18		381
Employee costs				
Salary & Pension	16121		14520	
Agency fees	0	16121	96	14616
Volunteer Support		619		
Insurance		343		343
Contribution towards centre running costs		2500		1000
Telephone		0		0
Post & Stationary		188		344
Warehouse costs		286		11
Legal Costs		35		35
Energy Support via Bestwood Advice Centre		2500		0
Equipment purchased		792		7145
GENERAL FUND TOTAL EXPENDITURE		32145		23875
Excess of income over expenditure		4385		26965
RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Computer Equipment/Debt Support				
Income		14834		0
Expenditure		0		642
Debt Support via Bestwood Advice Centre		4159		
Surplus of income over expenditure		10675		-642

REPRESENTED BY

	As at 31 Mar 2022	As at 31 Mar 2021
Cash at bank	65128	50068
	65128	50068
General Fund as 1 April 2021	47435	20470
Add surplus on General fund	4385	26965
GENERAL FUND AT 31 Mar 2022	51820	47435
Restricted Funds as 1 April 2021	2633	3275
Add surplus on Restricted fund	10675	-642
RESTRICTED FUND AT 31 Mar 2022	13308	2633
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	65128	50068

Notes to Accounts

Not all of our activities are cash based, we had the following transaction in the period.

	Kilograms	£ Value
Food held in store at 1 April 2021	18523	31119
Food donated to Foodbank during the year	27587	46346
Food given out by Foodbank during the year	32393	54420
Food held in store at 31 March 2022	13717	23045

Food is valued at an average price of £1.68 per Kg as recommended by Trussel Trust.

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7th November 2022

BASFORD, BESTWOOD & BULWELL FOODBANK

England & Wales - Charity number 1153963

Accounts

Basford, Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank

Registered Charity Number 1153963

Trustees Report

April 2020 to March 2021

Basford, Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank (working name Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank) is an unincorporated association governed by a constitution adopted on 19th March 2013.

Our charitable purpose is the prevention or relief of poverty which we do through the distribution of food and essential items to people in crisis within the City and County of Nottingham.

We are part of the Trussell Trust network of foodbanks and our principle place of operations is St. Philip's Church, Knights Close, Top Valley, Nottingham. NG5 9AJ.

In accordance with the constitution, Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting which is held in November.

The Trustees for the period covered by this report were Ms. Adele Brooksbank, Mr. John Gregory (Greg) Cowley BEM (Chair), Rev. Christine Little & Mr. Peter Newbold.

All trustees gave their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by The Charities Commission on public benefit and are satisfied that the charities operation continues to satisfy those criteria.

Report on Activities

This year's report is set against the challenging operating difficulties brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Panic buying at the beginning of lockdown led to some shortages in supermarkets which in turn led to an increase in the number of referrals.

As staff from our referring partners moved to working from home, the predominantly paper based referral system did stall a little at the outset of lockdown and it became necessary to move to a telephone and email referral system.

Our foodbank stayed open for collections for as long as we could and resisted moving to a delivery model for a lot longer than many other foodbanks but we did eventually have to move to delivery and were fortunate to be helped by a number of new volunteers whilst they were on furlough.

Demand dropped in June, possibly as other food projects came online and at the same time we were swamped with donations which meant it became necessary to take over the whole Church to house all the food and also to

maintain social distancing for the volunteers. We are very grateful to the congregation of St. Phillips for their understanding and support with this step.

During this year we saw an increase in the level of financial contributions to the foodbank. We were able to secure a number of grants from the Trussel Trust but we also saw a significant increase in donations from private individuals donating through the Virgin Giving service.

To keep volunteers safe, volunteer teams were put into bubbles and our risk assessment was being reviewed weekly.

Throughout the whole period, we only had to close for one session which is a testament to the dedication and resilience of our volunteers.

As the pandemic continued longer than initially anticipated, demand began to increase to the extent that by the end of November 2020 it became necessary for us to open an extra session each week. We operate this session out of St. Mary's Church in Bulwell.

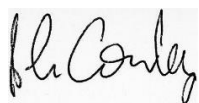
This year we have provided food parcels of ten meals each to 3984 people.

In previous years we have attempted to help clients address the underlying issues which cause them to seek help from our charity. To that end we have hosted advisors from Nottingham City Homes and Bestwood Advice Centre who have been able to discuss housing and benefit needs with our clients. This year, due to the pandemic restrictions, advice agency staff continuing to work from home, increased donations limiting the available space, and the need to maintain social distancing for the safety of our clients, staff and volunteers, we were unable to host these sessions but will resume these sessions once it is possible and safe to do so.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



John Gregory Cowley
Chair of Trustees
5th December 2021

Bestwood & Bulwell Food Bank

Accounts to 31 March 2021

	Year to 31 Mar 2021		Year to 31 Mar 2020	
GENERAL FUND INCOME				
Donations	32070		7630	
Donations via Virgin Giving	<u>17878</u>	49948	<u>2144</u>	9774
TESCO donation based on food collection		676		4737
Gift Aid		216		96
GENERAL FUND TOTAL INCOME		50840		14607
EXPENDITURE				
Payments to Trussell Trust		0		360
Health & Safety		381		0
Employee costs				
Salary & Pension	14520		15267	
Agency fees	<u>96</u>	14616	<u>288</u>	15555
Insurance		343		343
Heat & Light		1000		1000
Telephone				
Post & Stationary		344		101
Warehouse costs		11		
Legal Costs		35		35
Equipment purchased		<u>7145</u>		
GENERAL FUND TOTAL EXPENDITURE		23875		17394
Excess of income over expenditure		<u>26965</u>		<u>-2787</u>

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Computer Equipment

Income	0	0
Expenditure	<u>642</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of expenditure over income	<u>-642</u>	<u>0</u>

REPRESENTED BY

	As at 31 Mar 2021	As at 31 Mar 2020
Cash at bank	50068	23745
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General Fund as 1 April 2020	20470	23257
Add surplus on General fund	26965	-2787
GENERAL FUND AT 31 Mar 2020	47435	20470
Restricted Funds as 1 April 2020	3275	3275
Less deficiency on Restricted funds	-642	0
RESTRICTED FUND AT 31 Mar 2020	2633	3275
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	50068	23745

Notes to Accounts

Not all of our activities are cash based, we had the following transaction in the period.

	Kilograms	£ Value
Food held in store at 1 April 2020	11718	19686
Food donated to Foodbank during the year	44852	75351
Food given out by Foodbank during the year	38047	63919
Food held in store at 31 March 2021	18523	31119

Food is valued at an average price of £1.68 per Kg as recommended by Trussel Trust.

Warehouse space has been provided to the Foodbank for no charge by Tomlinson Construction and Nottingham City Homes. It is estimated that the open commercial rent for the space provided would be £2080 and £3340 respectively.

Policy on Reserves

It is the policy of Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank to hold in General Reserve a sum of not less than than 50% of the general expenditure of the current financial year. We believe this represents a prudent approach to the management of general expenditure and provides a sufficiently robust safeguard to cover likely liabilities should there be any indicators of a significant decline in income.

As at 31 March 2021 Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank held in General Reserve £47435 a figure in excess of the minimum requirement of this policy of £11938

Independent Examiners report to the Trustees of the Bestwood and Bulwell Food Bank

I report on the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021

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