

Basford, Bestwood & Bulwell Foodbank

Registered Charity Number 1153963

Trustees Report

April 2021 to March 2022

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 which was 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 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.

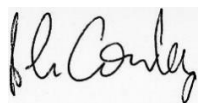
We have also received some funding from Nottingham City Council through the Household Support Fund which has allowed us to top up some of our food stocks and to provide energy support vouchers through our partnership with the Bestwood Advice Centre.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Gregory Cowley', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

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
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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.

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 2022

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 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

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records
 - To prepare Financial Statements

have not been met; or

- 2) which in my opinion. Attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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7th November 2022