

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.

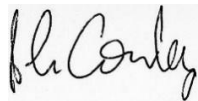
Demand for our services continues at both our main distribution centre which operates from St. Phillip's Church in Bestwood and our secondary centre which operates one day a week out of St. Mary's Church in Bulwell although, encouragingly we have seen a decrease in the number of visitors. In total this 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

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
2nd January 2026

Bestwood & Bulwell Food Bank

Accounts to 31 March 2025

**GENERAL FUND
INCOME**

Donations
 Donations via CAF
 TESCO donation based on food collection
 Gift Aid

Year to 31 Mar 2025	
67373	
6111	73484
	2984
	291
	76759

GENERAL FUND TOTAL INCOME**EXPENDITURE**

Payments to Trussell Trust
 Food Purchases
 Health & Safety
Employee costs
 Salary & Pension
 Agency fees
 Volunteer Support
 Insurance
 Contribution towards centre running costs
 Telephone
 Post & Stationary
 Warehouse costs
 Legal Costs
 Energy Support via Bestwood Advice Centre
 Equipment purchased

0	0
51465	45008
0	0
21460	
0	21460
	991
	548
	1800
	140
	647
	760
	35
	0
	0
	77846

GENERAL FUND TOTAL EXPENDITURE**Excess of expenditure over income**

-1087

Year to 31 Mar 2024	
68347	
9144	77491
	3487
	291
	81269

0	0
45008	
0	
21194	
0	21194
	187
	481
	1800
	136
	484
	3100
	35
	0
	0
	72425

8844

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Computer Equipment/Debt Support

Income
Expenditure
 Debt Support via Bestwood Advice Centre
Equipment purchased
Defecit of income over expenditure

29967
29967
999
-999

27873
27873
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.

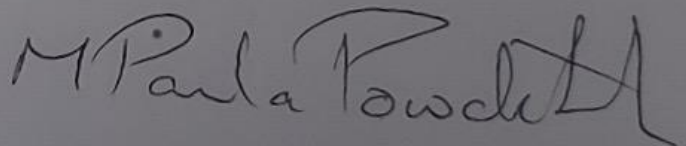
Independent Examiners Statement

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

- 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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22nd October 2025