

# **York Foodbank**

(Registered Charity Number: 1154149)

## **Trustees Annual Report & Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025**

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# Trustees' Annual Report

From: 01 April 2024

To: 31 March 2025

**Charity's full name** York Foodbank

**Registered Company number** N/A

**Registered Charity number** 1154149

## Objectives and activities

### Summary of the purposes of the charity set out in its governing document

To relieve poverty, hardship or distress through the provision of food to people in need of emergency supplies in York and the surrounding area and by such other means as the trustees may determine.

### Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit

The collecting of donated food by members of the public, the training of care professionals in giving out emergency food vouchers, the supporting of local churches (Gateway Church, Living Word Church, York Community Church, Vineyard Church, Clifton Parish Church, St Joseph's Church and St Michael Le Belfrey Church) who run Foodbank sessions where vouchers can be redeemed for three days' worth of food. We continued with an emergency delivery service to ensure food provision for those who could not access Foodbank sessions, and the ongoing Financial Inclusion and Community Advice Services which were run in partnership with Peasholme charity and Citizens Advice York to support Foodbank clients. York Foodbank continues to depend predominantly upon the work of a dedicated team of approximately 150 volunteers who give their time to help local people in need.

The trustees consider that they have complied with their duties to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Across the '24-'25 financial year York Foodbank received and distributed 71,449kg of donated food with an estimated total value of £197,913 (based on a standard Trussell conversion value of £2.77/kg). Almost all of this was distributed to local people through the fulfilment of 3,495 vouchers representing 5,268 adults and 3,426 children (8,694 individual 3-day food packages in total). This represented a slight increase of 4.1% in vouchers fulfilled in comparison with financial year '23-'24 and the highest number of vouchers fulfilled by York Foodbank in a financial year.

York Foodbank continued to offer openings at Distribution Points hosted by local churches covering Monday-Saturday across six locations each on a different day of the week: Gateway Church in Acomb, Vineyard Church in Fishergate, Living Word Church in Huntington, St Joseph's together with the Clifton

Parish churches in Clifton, York Community Church in Tang Hall, and The Belfrey in the City Centre. York Foodbank further continued to offer a Volunteer Collection ("Delivery") option to those unable to access these sessions for physical or mental health reasons, as recognised by our referral agency partners, delivering 88 packages in '24-'25.

Trussell's Financial Inclusion Grant provided funding for a third year to continue contracted advice services delivered within York Foodbank Distribution Points. This provided for 30 contracted hours per week provided by Citizens Advice York, including 8 hours of appointment time per week located within 4 Foodbank Distribution Point locations. CAY reported that a further 267 people benefitted from appointments, and their interventions achieved a further £130,387 'confirmed' and £195,365 'expected' financial gains. CAY interventions ensured that £195,134 of debt was written off for Foodbank clients.

York Foodbank took the decision to expand the generalist drop-in Community Advice Service delivered by Peasholme Charity from covering just four sessions to all six, including Saturday morning. Peasholme Charity's annual report documented supporting 403 people and with 236 estimated to no longer require foodbank support as a result of their interventions. The service identified 29 clients as having either secured accommodation or having been prevented from becoming homeless, and also achieved 'confirmed' financial gains for Foodbank clients of £37,600, and 'expected' financial gains amounting to £193,121.

Our Taste and See Gift Card scheme provided for 7107 £6 Gift Cards which afforded clients the dignity of purchasing £42,642 of food items of their choice from participating local shops (all Coop stores), giving them access to fresh and frozen food items which the Foodbank cannot provide directly. Suitable controls in place with the participating shops ensured that the provision was strictly for food items only. York Foodbank also contributed £17,880 to facilitate services provided by Christians Against Poverty, and operated a Grant Fund initiative which distributed £53,283 to local charities and funded projects aligned with our charitable aims to alleviate poverty, hardship and distress, develop long term resilience against the need for emergency food and provide access to relevant advice and support.

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#### **Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period**

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York Foodbank continues to benefit from generous public, corporate and church giving in 2024-25.

York Foodbank's income and expenditure resulted in a small £3,632 deficit, however, two previous years of gift aid claims were received during the reporting period.

In addition to our unrestricted closing balance, York Foodbank held 12,678kg of food stocks with an estimated value of £35,118 (based on a standard Trussell conversion value of £2.77/kg).

#### **Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held**

The trustees of York Foodbank had previously set an aim to have at least 3 months running costs in reserve. However, due to the present high level of referrals and the unknown nature of future demand, maintaining 12 months basic running costs is desirable. This total is currently estimated to be £210,000 making allowances for: advice services; inflation; increased energy costs and recent increases in Foodbank referrals. An additional £60,940, estimated to be sufficient to purchase 22000kg of emergency non-perishable food, may be retained and ring-fenced to safeguard core food stocks in the event of reduced food donations or a further unanticipated increase in need.

York Foodbank's unrestricted reserves continued to exceed this £270,940 total at the 2024-25 Financial Year End. This position still permits further ongoing consideration of initiatives which will provide long term benefit to local people experiencing poverty, hardship or distress in and around York, and/or emergency provisions which will offset the wider impact of the increased cost of living for Foodbank clients in 2025-26 and beyond.

**Amount of reserves held**

£433,243

**Reasons for holding zero reserves**

None

**Funds materially in deficit**

None

**Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern**

None

<b>Structure, governance and management</b>
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**Description of the charity's trusts**

**Type of governing document**  
(e.g. trust deed, royal charter)

Trust Deed

**How the charity is constituted**  
(e.g unincorporated association, CIO)

Charitable Trust

**Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions**

Current trustees vote on the election of trustees to the charity. We aim to have each of the six distributing churches represented on the board of trustees by at least one trustee.

<b>Reference and administration details</b>
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**Charity's full name**

York Foodbank

**Other names the charity is known by**

None

**Charity's principal address**

Unit 5, Bleriot Way  
Clifton Moor  
York

**Postcode**

YO30 4WU

**Names of the 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)
Caleb Ellwood	Chair		Gateway Church
Angela Moore			York Community
James Topliss			Living Word Church
Adrian Fuller	Treasurer		Clifton Parish Church
David Brown			Vineyard Church

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members**

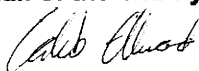
Adam Raffell (Foodbank Development Manager)

**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

Signature



Full Name

Caleb Ellwood

Position

Chair

Date

9th January 2026

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of York Foodbank

I report on the accounts of: **York Foodbank**  
for the year ended: **31 March 2025** which are set out on pages 6 to 15.

### 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').

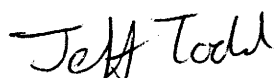
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### 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

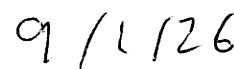
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



**Jeff Todd (FCA)**

Outsource independent examination  
services

24 First Avenue  
York YO31 7YQ



**Date:**

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## Statement of Financial Activities for the year 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Grants and donations	3.1	247,146	57,750	304,896	312,800
Interest	3.2	5,388	-	5,388	4,656
<b>Total income</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>252,534</b>	<b>57,750</b>	<b>310,284</b>	<b>317,456</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	4.1	253,450	60,466	313,916	354,216
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>253,450</b>	<b>60,466</b>	<b>313,916</b>	<b>354,216</b>
<b>Net income</b>		<b>(916)</b>	<b>(2,716 )</b>	<b>(3,632 )</b>	<b>(36,760 )</b>
<b>Gross transfers between funds</b>		-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(916 )</b>	<b>(2,716 )</b>	<b>(3,632 )</b>	<b>(36,760 )</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>433,953</b>	<b>2,922</b>	<b>436,875</b>	<b>473,635</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>433,037</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>433,243</b>	<b>436,875</b>



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**Balance Sheet as at: 31 March 2025**

	Note	2025	2024
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	7	<u>3,340</u>	<u>7,191</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors & prepayments	8	8,184	6,246
Cash at bank and in hand	9	436,309	430,819
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>444,493</u>	<u>437,065</u>
<b>Current Liabilities: Amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Creditors and accruals	10	(14,590 )	(7,381 )
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>429,903</u>	<u>429,684</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>433,243</u>	<u>436,875</u>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>			
Unrestricted Funds (General)	11	433,037	433,953
Restricted Funds	11	206	2,922
<b>Total Funds 11 &amp; 12</b>		<u>433,243</u>	<u>436,875</u>

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The financial statements were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee



Date 9th January 2026

# York Foodbank

Notes to the accounts for the year ended:

31 March 2025

## 1 Basis of preparation

### 1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and the 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 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and with the Charities Act 2011.

### 1.2 Change to previous accounts

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year and no changes made to the accounts of the previous year.

## 2 Accounting policies

### Income and endowments

#### Recognition of income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- receipt is probable; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

#### Income with related expenditure

Where income has related expenditure, the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

#### Grants and donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has evidence of entitlement to the resources and receipt is probable.

#### Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

### Expenditure and Liabilities

#### Expenditure

##### Charitable activities

Charitable activities expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

##### Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

## **Assets**

### **Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity**

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £100. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt, less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates to write off the costs less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Vehicles	5 years	Straight line basis
IT & office equipment	5 years	Straight line basis

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

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

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended: 31 March 2025

3 Income	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>3.1 Grants and donations</b>						
Grants	-	51,750	51,750	-	51,750	51,750
Individual donations	166,462	-	166,462	200,799	-	200,799
Supermarket top up	7,761	-	7,761	7,577	-	7,577
Church donations	5,280	-	5,280	6,523	-	6,523
Organisation donations	34,725	6,000	40,725	29,325	6,000	35,325
Gift Aid	32,918	-	32,918	10,826	-	10,826
	<b>247,146</b>	<b>57,750</b>	<b>304,896</b>	<b>255,050</b>	<b>57,750</b>	<b>312,800</b>
<b>3.2 Investment income</b>						
Bank interest	5,388	-	5,388	4,656	-	4,656
	<b>5,388</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,388</b>	<b>4,656</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,656</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>252,534</b>	<b>57,750</b>	<b>310,284</b>	<b>259,706</b>	<b>57,750</b>	<b>317,456</b>

## York Foodbank

Notes to the accounts for the year ended: 31 March 2025

4 Expenditure	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
<b>4.1 Charitable activities</b>						
Staff salaries & pension costs	57,013	-	57,013	46,064	-	46,064
Staff training & other costs	1,219	-	1,219	1,241	-	1,241
Grant scheme	53,284	-	53,284	151,780	-	151,780
Financial Inclusion scheme	27,599	54,466	82,065	-	57,579	57,579
Taste & See	39,645	6,000	45,645	34,763	6,000	40,763
Warehouse costs	32,898	-	32,898	26,219	-	26,219
CAP Services	17,880	-	17,880	10,200	-	10,200
Van maintenance & other costs	2,522	-	2,522	3,052	-	3,052
Office costs	6,514	-	6,514	5,931	-	5,931
Client expenses	526	-	526	635	-	635
Client hospitality	3,759	-	3,759	2,388	-	2,388
Insurance	588	-	588	-	-	-
Volunteer expenses	398	-	398	1,113	-	1,113
Independent examination	600	-	600	600	-	600
Food supplies	4,973	-	4,973	369	-	369
Distribution point costs	181	-	181	2,431	-	2,431
Depreciation	3,851	-	3,851	3,851	-	3,851
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>253,450</b>	<b>60,466</b>	<b>313,916</b>	<b>290,637</b>	<b>63,579</b>	<b>354,216</b>

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended: 31 March 2025

## 5 Trustee expenses & examination fees

### 5.1 Trustee expenses

No expenses were paid to trustees in the year.

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>5.2 Fees for examination of the accounts</b>		
Independent Examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	600	600
Other fees paid to the Independent Examiner	-	-

## 6 Staff costs and emoluments

	2025 £	2024 £
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	55,556	38,579
Employers National Insurance	-	389
Employers pension	1,457	1,196
	<b>57,013</b>	<b>46,064</b>
Average number of employees	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.4</b>

## 7 Tangible fixed assets

	Vehicles £	IT & Office Equipment £	Total 2025	Total 2024
<b>7.1 Cost or valuation</b>				
Balance b/fwd	15,865	3,388	19,253	18,414
Additions	-	-	-	839
<b>Balance c/fwd</b>	<b>15,865</b>	<b>3,388</b>	<b>19,253</b>	<b>19,253</b>
<b>7.2 Depreciation</b>				
Balance b/fwd	10,312	1,750	12,062	8,211
Charge for year	3,173	678	3,851	3,851
<b>Balance c/fwd</b>	<b>13,485</b>	<b>2,428</b>	<b>15,913</b>	<b>12,062</b>
<b>7.3 Net book value</b>				
Brought forward	5,553	1,638	7,191	10,203
<b>Carried forward</b>	<b>2,380</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>3,340</b>	<b>7,191</b>

## 8 Debtors and prepayments

	2025	2024
Amounts falling due within one year	£	£
Accounts receivable	1,650	-
Prepayments and accrued income	6,534	6,246
	<u>8,184</u>	<u>6,246</u>

## 9 Cash at bank and in hand

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Current bank account	260,501	206	260,707	258,337
Savings accounts	175,310	-	175,310	172,397
Cash	292	-	292	85
	<u>436,103</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>436,309</u>	<u>430,819</u>

## 10 Creditors and accruals

	2025	2024
Amounts falling due within one year	£	£
Financial inclusion	13,542	6,397
Accruals and deferred income	1,048	984
	<u>14,590</u>	<u>7,381</u>

## 11 Movement of funds

### 11.1 Details of Funds Held

#### Unrestricted Funds (General)

The General fund is unrestricted and available for general purposes.

#### Restricted Funds

The restricted funds are only available for the purposes specified for each fund, which are:

##### Trussell Trust Financial Inclusion

To provide advice services delivered within York Foodbank Distribution Points

##### Rothwell Group

Donations to be used for Taste and See fully utilised in the year

##### Eat Well Spend Less

To run a cookery and budgeting course

## 11.2 Movement of major funds

### 2025

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Balance b/fwd</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance c/fwd</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds (General)</b>					
General funds	433,953	252,534	253,450	-	433,037
	<u>433,953</u>	<u>252,534</u>	<u>253,450</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>433,037</u>
<b>Restricted</b>					
TT Financial					
Inclusion	2,716	51,750	54,466	-	-
Rothwell	-	6,000	6,000	-	-
Eat Well					
Spend Less	206	-	-	-	206
	<u>2,922</u>	<u>57,750</u>	<u>60,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>206</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b><u>436,875</u></b>	<b><u>310,284</u></b>	<b><u>313,916</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>433,243</u></b>

### 2024

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Balance b/fwd</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance c/fwd</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds (General)</b>					
General funds	464,884	252,534	253,450	-	463,968
	<u>464,884</u>	<u>252,534</u>	<u>253,450</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>463,968</u>
<b>Restricted</b>					
TT Financial					
Inclusion	8,545	51,750	57,579	-	2,716
Rothwell	-	6,000	6,000	-	-
Eat Well					
Spend Less	206	-	-	-	206
	<u>8,751</u>	<u>57,750</u>	<u>63,579</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,922</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b><u>473,635</u></b>	<b><u>310,284</u></b>	<b><u>317,029</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>466,890</u></b>



## 12 Net assets between funds

2025	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025
At 31st March 2025	£	£	£
Fixed assets	3,340	-	3,340
Current assets	444,287	206	444,493
Current liabilities	(14,590 )	-	(14,590 )
	<u>433,037</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>433,243</u>
2024	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024
At 31st March 2024	£	£	£
Fixed assets	7,191	-	7,191
Current assets	434,143	2,922	437,065
Current liabilities	(7,381 )	-	(7,381 )
	<u>433,953</u>	<u>2,922</u>	<u>436,875</u>

## 13 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions which require disclosure during this or the previous financial year.