



Annual Report and Accounts

Period ended 31st March 2022

Company Number: 08688131

Registered Charity Number: 1154277

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Chair of Trustees Report

Executive Summary

We are thankful that we have been able to feed those who have come to us in need. This is due to a concerted effort by over 40 volunteers; countless donors; a large network of referrers; support from other organisations like the Trussell Trust; and help from Tesco and ASDA.

During the year we have provided 61% more food parcels than 5 years ago and an increasing number of clients have come to us because of low income. In the past there has been an underlying assumption at foodbanks that people who receive full benefits should be able to manage if they have not had a crisis like a lost purse, washing machine breakdown or debt. In 2021-22, and increasingly in 2022-23, this is no longer true. They come because they are unable to make ends meet on benefits or low wages.

At the same time foodbanks have become part of our national life, a recognised brand, with the Trussell Trust supporting over 1,300 foodbank centres. Many public organisations such as nhs and local government refer clients to us for food. But we are a mainly voluntary organisation, supported by donations. Our resources are pushed to the limits.

Therefore we support the Trussell Trust vision for a UK without the need for foodbanks because people have enough money to live.

In the year 2021-22 we provided:

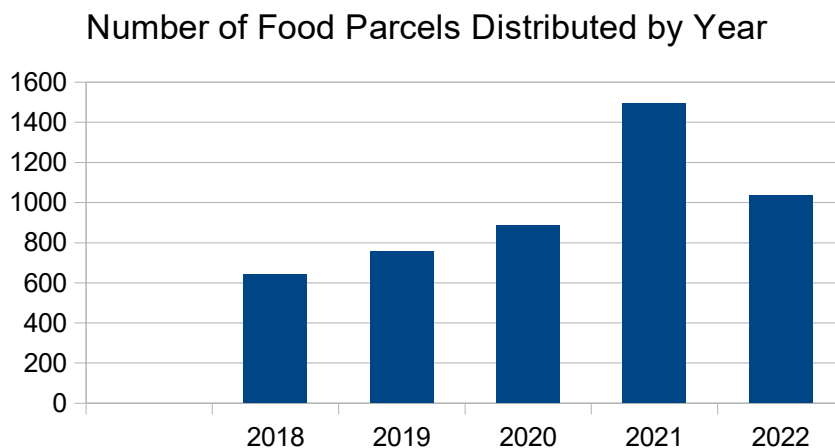
- 2,056 meals on average each month
- food to people because of low income 36%, benefit changes 14%, various reasons associated with sickness 9%, benefit delays 9% and debt 9%
- 630 supermarket vouchers worth £21,500 to families struggling without free school meals.

We received:

- Over 18.5 tonnes of food donated by individuals, supermarkets and local churches
- £14,488 in grants and £44,275 in donations of food and money
- Help from over 40 volunteers
- Help from companies including Onward, Tesco and ASDA

Overview

As the chart below shows, the previous year 2020-21 was exceptional, as a result of the economic impact of COVID. However it also shows the very worrying trend that foodbank use continues to increase and we provided 61% more parcels in 2022 than we did in 2018.



41% of the people fed were children.

Distribution Centres - Our distribution centres at St Mary's in Hollingworth and Hyde Central Methodist Church remained open. We moved our original distribution centre from Hattersley Baptist Church to St Barnabas Meeting Point, round the corner. This enabled us to open before The Bread and Butter Thing food pantry, at the same venue. We hope that the increased footfall will enable us to offer more services such as professional benefits advice. The foodbank warehouse remained at the purpose built facility at Hattersley Baptist Church.

Volunteers – During the year volunteers on furlough returned to work and our regular volunteers rejoined us as their health and regulations allowed. The ever increasing workload meant that we took on our first paid worker, financed by a grant from the Trussell Trust. Moira Wallis, previously a volunteer, does administration for us for us 7 hours a week.

Relationships – Our relationships with organisations gave us enormous support throughout the year.

Tameside Welfare Rights helped many of our clients with benefits advice – enabling them to no longer need to use the foodbank.

Tesco, ASDA and their customers provided us with 41% of our food during the year. Both supermarkets also gave us cashback on donations bought in store. We are not viable without this support.

Trustees - We had a new trustee join us during the year. Elizabeth Shingler, who has extensive professional and consultancy experience in children's social work, joined us as our safeguarding officer. She volunteers weekly at our Hyde distribution centre.

Three trustees stood down during the year. Rev Denise Hayes, vicar of St Barnabas, Hattersley, who volunteered every week in Hattersley at the warehouse and at the foodbank session. She left to take up a post as chaplain in Doncaster Prison. She has been sorely missed for her enthusiasm, energy, wisdom and compassion. Amy Hermiston who works for Onward Housing represented our referrers. She set-up and staffed the telephone helpline that referred 532 people to foodbank during COVID – without it many people would have gone hungry. Gwenda Ogden, who represented Hattersley Baptist Church on the Trustees had to stand down because of continuing ill health. She volunteered at foodbank for many years, as her health allowed, and gave excellent signposting advice.

The other trustees continued to be active and give strong leadership to the foodbank.

Food Donations

Over 18 tonnes of food and toiletries were donated in 2021-22 and we were able to hold our first "Buy a Tin for the Foodbank" collection at Tesco Extra Hattersley since 2020. However we have started to buy substantial amounts of food for the first time. Previously we have topped up certain items where we were short, but this year we purchased 4.5 tonnes of food. This reflects donations moving away from food to money – particularly during lockdown.

Warehouse Storage

Food stocks are stored in our warehouse at Hattersley Baptist Church and a rented self-storage unit at Dukinfield.

COVID has meant that no stock take was taken this year.

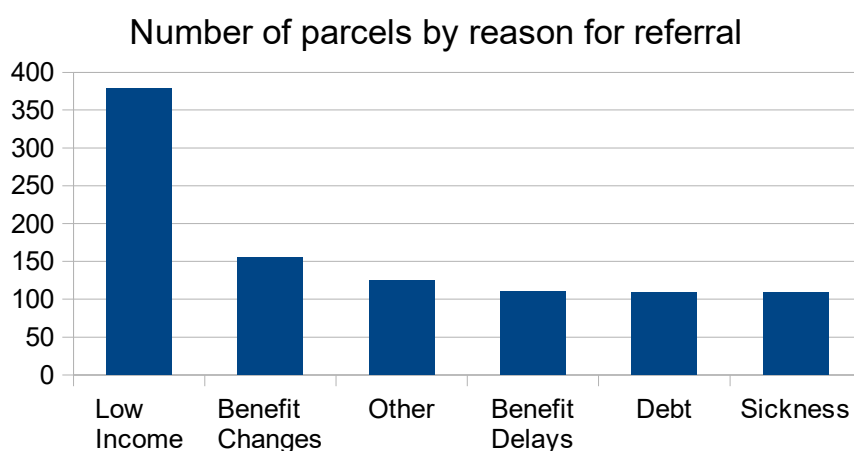
Volunteers

During the year the volunteers who stepped in during furlough returned to work and many of our regular volunteers returned. The volunteers continue to be the engine of the foodbank. They volunteer regularly. They work hard lifting, shifting and listening to difficult stories. Thank-you to all of you.

Reasons for Referral

24,678 meals were provided during the year - 59% for adults and 41% for children.

The main reason for referral was low income – either for those working or those receiving benefits.



During 2020-21 29% of referrals were for low income. This year it rose to 36%. We think that this is because a growing number of people are struggling to cope on benefits and wages that have not risen in line with inflation.

Referrers

There are over 100 organisations that can refer clients to the foodbank including housing associations, schools, nhs and churches. However of 75% of referrals come from 10 referrers – mainly housing associations (Onward), nhs (GPs, community nurses) and local schools. Referrers enable us to keep the foodbank sustainable. They are within the community and so can encourage people in crisis to come to us. They know the clients, can verify their situation and allow us to confirm to donors that their generosity is targeted to those most in need.

Other Services

We continued to try to signpost clients, as COVID rules and our volunteer resources allow. A food parcel helps a family for 3 days, but it is help with benefits and debt that enables clients to live without the need to use the foodbank. Therefore we are investigating working with the Trussell Trust and a professional organisation to provide a financial inclusion service for our clients.

A grant from Tameside MBC enabled us to provide £1,854 of fuel vouchers to clients who had no heating or were unable to cook the food we provided.

Foodbank funds and a grant from Tameside MBC enabled us to work with local primary schools to provide supermarket vouchers to the families during school holidays. The Marcus Rashford campaign drew attention to the plight of children who do not receive a school meal in the holidays. Tameside MBC have provided vouchers for children on free school meals but local schools told us that other families were also struggling. We provided 630 vouchers for Tesco or Morrisons worth a total of £21,500 to these families.

Traditionally the foodbank has provided a food parcel of store cupboard items. We have started to buy extra fresh items such as bread, eggs, fresh fruit and vegetables to supplement our parcels.

The Foodbank is a member of Advice UK through the Trussell Trust Group Membership scheme.

Tameside South and Longdendale Foodbank Office

The Foodbank Office is located at:

Hattersley Baptist Church, Melandra Crescent, Hattersley SK14 3RB.

Matthew 25v35; I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.

Susan Ayers

For Trustees of Tameside South & Longdendale Foodbank Limited

Tameside South & Longdendale Foodbank Limited (TSLF) is a company registered by guarantee (No. 08688131) and a registered charity (No. 1154277).

TSLF is a member of the Trussell Trust's network of foodbanks but is independently registered and managed.

At 31st March 2021 the Trustees were:

Ms Susan Ayers: Chair

Ms Janet Malpas: Supervisor Hollingworth Distribution Centre

Mr Simon Watts: Treasurer

Dr Hugh Roderick: Supervisor Hyde Distribution Centre

Ms Elizabeth Shingler: Safeguarding

Trustee Meetings were held frequently during 2021-22 by Zoom.

Membership is open to all the regular foodbank volunteers. No members meeting was held in 2020-21 because of COVID restrictions.

Public Benefit Report

Purpose

TSLF's Charity Objectives are: 'to relieve persons in England and Wales and primarily in Tameside and Longdendale and their surrounding areas who are in conditions of need or distress in such ways as the Trustees from time to time think fit'.

Key Activities in the 12 months to 31st March 2022

In the year 2021 - 22 Tameside South and Longdendale Foodbank has:

- Met 1,036 requests for food parcels from its network of over 100 referring agencies
- Provided 24,678 meals to people in need
- Received 18,655 tonnes of food from donors
- Provided food through 3 distribution centres – St Barnabas Meeting Point Hattersley, Hyde Central Methodist Church and St Mary's Hollingworth

Public Benefit

The Trustees have taken account of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in planning future the foodbank activities. The Trustees consider that activities undertaken match with our aims and objectives. Foodbank feeds clients referred by professionals within the community who are in a position to assess the clients' position. Low income, benefit delays, benefit changes, sickness and debt account for 83% of food parcels provided and so we are confident that we are providing relief to persons in need or distress.

Financial Review

The main sources of revenue cash funds were grants (£14,488), and donations from various sources, including individuals, churches and other local organisations (£44,275).

The value of food distributed to clients was £27,571. The value of food distributed is shown as income (food donated) and expenditure (food distributed to clients through our distribution centres) in accordance with the Statement Recommended Practice (SORP) for charities.

Administration Costs including rent, insurance and warehouse costs were £13,708.

Governance Costs were £2,688.

We purchased £10,778 worth of food for the warehouse – many donors were unable to give food directly and gave money instead. We bought items needed to provide a balanced food parcel.

£4,780 was spent on renting a self-storage unit in Dukinfield. Our own warehouse was not large enough for extra donations during lockdown and the new distribution centre in Hyde means that we need more storage. We have large supplies of some items – pasta, beans and tinned veg while still needing to buy other items - long life puddings, UHT milk and fruit juice.

Our increased income has enabled us to extend our programmes. Six local primary schools nominated struggling families for help with school holiday meals and we have provided 630 supermarket vouchers worth £21,500.

A further £2,097 was spent on gas and electricity for clients.

The foodbank has assets of £387 relating to furniture and equipment at 31st March 2022, after charging depreciation of £439 for the year.

The foodbank has one paid employee who works 7 hours per weeks – the vast majority of our activities are undertaken by dedicated teams of volunteers.

Tameside South Longdendale Foodbank Ltd
A company limited by Guarantee
Statement of Financial Activities

		----- 2021 to 2022 -----			2020 to 2021
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from generated funds					
Voluntary Income: Revenue		44,275	14,488	58,763	125,290
Specific Grants for capital items		0	0	0	0
Total Incoming Resources	2	44,275	14,488	58,763	125,290
Resources Expended					
Cost of generating voluntary income					
Resources expended on charitable activities	3	77,972	2,097	80,069	69,853
Total Resources Expended		77,972	2,097	80,069	69,853
Net Movement in Funds for the year		-33,696	12,391	-21,305	55,437
Total Funds at 31st March 2021		67,487	12,938	80,425	24,988
Total Funds at 31st March 2022		33,791	25,329	59,120	80,425

Tameside South Longdendale Foodbank Ltd
Balance Sheet
31st March 2022

		----- 2021 to 2022 -----			2020 to 2021
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	4	387		387	826
Current Assets					
Debtors	5	988		988	988
Cash at bank and in hand		32,416	25,329	57,745	78,611
		33,404	25,329	58,733	79,599
Total Current Assets		33,404	25,329	58,733	79,599
Creditors					
Amounts due within one year		0	0	0	0
Total Current Assets less Current Liabilities		33,404	25,329	58,733	79,599
Total Funds		33,791	25,329	59,120	80,425

The charitable company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the period ended 31st March 2022.

Members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period ended 31st March 2022.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP FRS 102) effective from 1st January 2015 and as amended from 1st January 2016 with compliance with the Charities Act 2011 and The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. A summary of the more important accounting policies of the Trust and the group, which have been applied consistently, are set out below:-

- Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised once entitlement to the resources has been established, it is certain that the resources will be received and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability. Donations of food are recognised in the accounts only when they are distributed to clients. They are valued by weight at a calculated average retail cost per kg.

- Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trust to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Any irrecoverable VAT is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities, or capitalised as part of the cost of the related asset, where appropriate.

- Funds

Unrestricted charitable funds comprise those funds, which the Trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Restricted Income funds consist of grants made for specific costs due to be incurred within a defined period. The charity has not received and does not hold any Endowment Funds.

- Tangible Fixed Assets

Expenditure is capitalised where the Trustees expect to derive future economic benefits over a period exceeding one year. Tangible Fixed assets are stated at cost, are all items of furniture and equipment, and are depreciated at a rate of 25% per annum.

- Stocks

In accordance with the SORP, donated items for distribution are recognised in the accounts only when distributed to clients. Thus when the value of stock distributed is calculated as expenditure, an equal amount is stated as income from donations.

The foodbank stores stocks of food in its warehouse. This warehouse stock at 31st March 2022 is not required to be recorded in the balance sheet. Stock received, stock distributed and warehouse stock is recorded using a stock control system and a warehouse stocktake was last done at the start of March 2020. The weight of warehouse stock shown on the stock control system at 31st March 2022 was 16,049kg and the value is estimated as £25,678.40 .

- Acts 435

The Acts 435 scheme provides one off grants of up to £100 for clients. The money is held in a separate bank account . The funds received and distributed to clients are not part of the Foodbank income or costs.

- Reserves

Need for reserves

The Foodbank needs reserves for a number of reasons:

- Potential changes to existing income streams
- Sustainability of services – we need to keep adequate food stocks and cash reserves to sustain supply in the event of unforeseen events. This is currently set at £15,000.
- New services – the foodbank is seeking to develop new services and there will be additional costs involved in providing these services.

Current Position – Based on the Accounts to 31st March 2022 the unrestricted current assets are £59,120. Overall food stocks are high, but the stocks are mainly pasta, tinned beans and tinned vegetables. Obtaining the right mix of items continues to involve encouraging appropriate donations and selective stock purchases.

As a result of the generous funding received during COVID reserves are still high. However the need for our services is still rising and so the Trustees will continue distribute the funds through school holiday meal vouchers and fuel vouchers in addition to food.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME	----- 2021 to 2022 -----			2020 to 2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Grants				
Tameside MBC		550	550	8,850
Forever Manchester			0	11,000
Trussell Trust		3,438	3,438	5,500
Action Together		10,500	10,500	1,880
Martin Lewis Corona Charity Fund			0	14,400
Community lottery fund			0	9,000
school food parcels			0	1,550
Trussel Trust			0	
Total Grants	0	14,488	14,488	52,180
Donations				
Organisations	3,848		3,848	5,651
Individuals	11,560		11,560	22,218
Donated Stock Items distributed to clients	28,867		28,867	44,127
Gift Aid	0		0	810
Total Donations	44,275	0	44,275	72,805
Total Voluntary Income	44,275	14,488	58,763	124,985

3. RESOURCES EXPENDED - CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	----- 2021 to 2022 -----			2020 to 2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Donated Stock Items distributed to clients	27,571		27,571	42,529
Purchases of stock, School holiday supermarket vouchers	10,778		32,278	12,676
Meter Cards	21,500			
Warehouse Costs		2,097	2,097	1,140
Governance	4,780		4,780	6,209
Insurance	2,669		2,669	255
Depreciation of Tangible Assets	419		419	254
Administration Costs	439		439	1,466
Stock Written Off	8,519		8,519	3,726
	1,296		1,296	1,598
	77,972	2,097	80,069	69,853

4. Tangible Assets

	----- 2021 to 2022 -----			2020 to 2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Brought Forward	826		826	1521
Assets purchased during period	0		0	771
Depreciation for the period	-439		-439	-1466
Net Book Value at 31st March	387		387	826

5. Debtors

	----- 2021 to 2022 -----			2020 to 2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Amounts falling due within one year				
Gift Aid and GASDS due	988		988	988
	988	0	988	988

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Tameside South & Longdendale Foodbank Charitable Company

I report on the accounts of the company for the period ended 31st March 2022, which are set out on the accompanying pages

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income was below £250,000, and therefore there is no requirement for the examination to be carried out by a qualified accountant.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

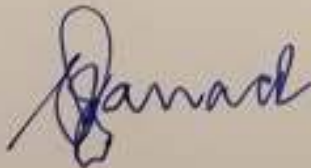
Independent examiner's statement

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 and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of Companies Limited by Guarantees that are Registered Charities have not been met; or
- (2) to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Christopher Parrack, 16 Albion Mill, Wednesough Green, Hollingworth, Hyde, Cheshire SK14 8LS

Signed



Date

22/12/2022