



Annual Report and Accounts

Period ended 31st March 2023

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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 73% more food parcels than 5 years ago. 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 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 2022-23 we provided:

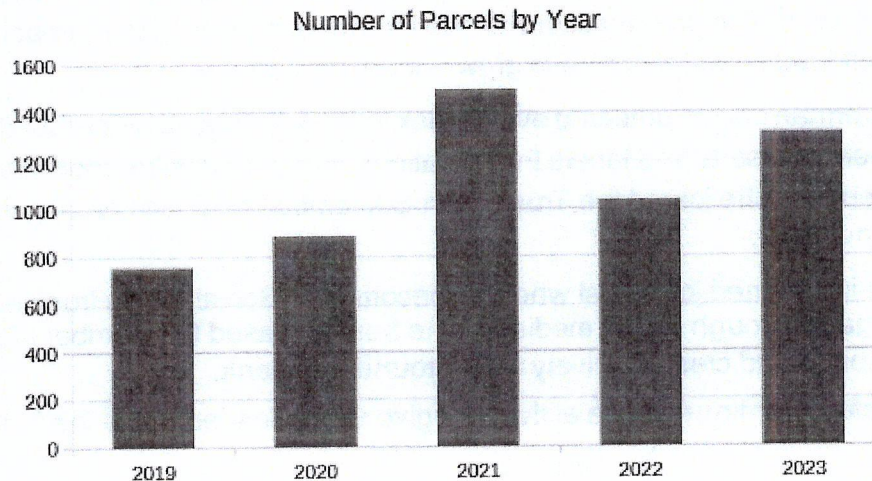
- 2,234 meals on average each month
- food to people because of low income 57%, benefit changes 8%, various reasons associated with sickness 8%, benefit delays 5% and debt 6%
- 429 supermarket vouchers worth £12,870 to families struggling without free school meals

We received:

- 17.8 tonnes of food donated by individuals, supermarkets and local churches
- Help from over 40 volunteers
- Help from companies including Onward, Tesco and ASDA

Overview

As the chart below shows, 2021 was an exceptional year, 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 73% more parcels in 2023 than we did in 2019.



36% of the people fed were children.

Distribution Centres - Our distribution centres at St Mary's in Hollingworth, St Barnabas in Hattersley and Hyde Central Methodist Church remained open. The support of these churches is essential to foodbank. They enable us to provide local community support to clients for whom a £2 bus fare is too expensive.

Volunteers – We continue to have a committed team of around 40 volunteers who work faithfully in the warehouse and at distribution centres. We have two paid workers – Dez Clare who does 21 hours a week supported by a grant from the Trussell Trust and Moira Wallis who does 7 hours a week administration.

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 – Jan Malpas, a trustee for over 10 years stood down this year. She was the driving force behind our Hollingworth Distribution Centre provided over 19,000 meals from St Mary's Church. She had a good relationship with the ex-serviceman's hostel in Hollingworth, supporting many veterans with food as they re-established themselves in civilian life.

Simon Watts stood down as Treasurer and Trustee after three years. He helped steer us through the financial upheaval around COVID, even though he was working in public health and he stayed on to produce our 2021-22 Annual Report.

We have welcomed Stuart Hargreaves as Treasurer and Trustee. Stuart started with us during COVID collecting food from the drop-boxes in ASDA and Tesco. He is a professional bookkeeper and has kindly offered to do our accounts. We cannot operate without a treasurer and there is a significant workload as we continue to grow – thank-you Stuart.

Jacqueline Brennan has volunteered every week in the warehouse since COVID. Along with the other volunteers she sorts and labels the donations and prepares the food ready to send out to distribution centres. She joined the Trustees in September 2022 with responsibility for the warehouse and stock.

Ewan Quayle is a trained journalist who has become our Social Media trustee. We were struggling engage through digital media and he has increased the number of people accessing our facebook page and creates a lively story around foodbank.

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

Food Donations

18 tonnes of food and toiletries were donated in 2022-23. However we bought 4.5 tonnes of food to top up areas where we were short. This reflects donations moving away from food to money and also applying for grants to buy food.

Warehouse Storage

Food was stored in our purpose-built warehouse at Hattersley Baptist Church, but we will moving in 2023 as we have been asked to leave and the lease has been terminated.

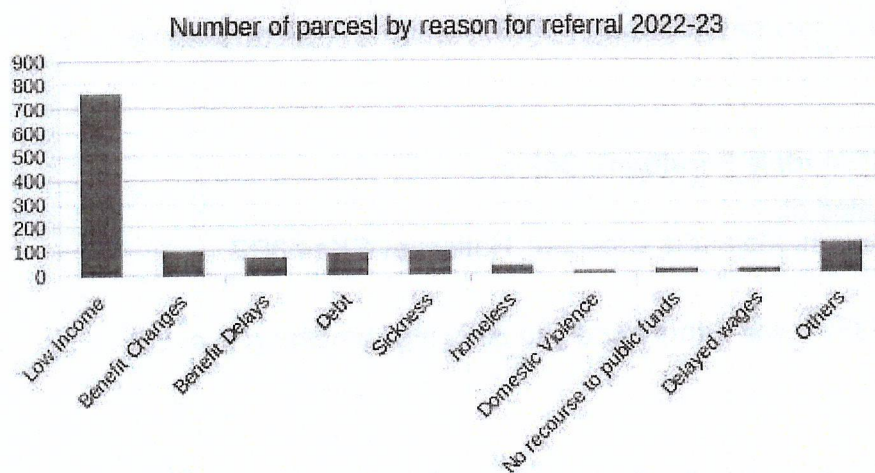
Volunteers

The volunteers continue be the engine of the foodbank. Around 40 people volunteer regularly in the distribution centres and the warehouse. They work hard lifting, shifting and listening to difficult stories. Thank-you to all of you.

Reasons for Referral

26,811 meals were provided during the year - 64% for adults and 36% for children.

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



Referrers

There are over 100 organisations that can refer clients to the foodbank including housing associations, schools, nhs and churches. However of 74% of referrals come from 10 referrers – mainly nhs (Healthy Hyde, GPs), Citizens' Advice and Help Through Hardship.

Healthy Hyde is an initiative by local GPs to provide health care to the poorest 10% in the area. Their health professionals, including nurses and GPs, attend all our foodbank centres and offer support for clients with mental and physical illness. They build relationships with clients; signpost people to support groups e.g. babies, well being; and they assist clients to complete complex PIP forms. They are a significant help at foodbank where so many clients have health problems or disability. They provide 13% of our referrals.

Help Through Hardship is a referral line financed by Trussell Trust and provided by Citizens' Advice. It's a freephone number where clients can receive benefits and debt advice as well as getting a referral to foodbank. They provide 11% of our referrals.

The referrers 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 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. During 2022-23 we investigated working with the Trussell Trust and a professional organisation to provide a financial inclusion service for our clients and this service started in July 2023.

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. Tameside MBC have provided vouchers for children on free school meals but local schools told us that other families were also struggling. We provided 370 vouchers for Tesco or Morrisons worth a total of £12,870 to these families.

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 2023 the Trustees were:

Ms Susan Ayers: Chair

Mr Stuart Hargreaves: Treasurer

Dr Hugh Roderick: Supervisor Hyde Distribution Centre

Ms Elizabeth Shingler: Safeguarding

Mrs Jacqueline Brennan: Warehouse

Mr Ewan Quayle: Social Media

Membership is open to all the regular foodbank volunteers.

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 2023

In the year 2022 - 23 Tameside South and Longdendale Foodbank has:

- Met 1,310 requests for food parcels from its network of over 100 referring agencies
- Provided 26,811 meals to people in need
- Received 17,875 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 84% 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 (£42,109), and donations from various sources, including individuals, churches and other local organisations (£81,847).

The value of food distributed to clients was £58,610. 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 £21,756.

Governance and Operation Employees Costs were £9,466.

We purchased £12,451 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.

We have continued our school meals programme. 10 local primary schools nominated struggling families for help with school holiday meals. We provided 429 vouchers for Tesco or Morrisons worth a total of £12,870 to these families.

A further £2,669 was spent on gas and electricity for clients.

The foodbank has assets of £777 relating to furniture and equipment at 31st March 2023, after charging depreciation of £259 for the year.

The foodbank has two paid employees. An administrator works 7 hours per week and an operations manager who works 21 hours per week. The vast majority of our activities are undertaken by dedicated teams of volunteers.

Sum ayes
TRUSTEE

29th January 2024

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

	----2022 to 2023 ----				
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2021 to 2022 Total £
Incoming Resources					
Incoming Resources from generated funds					
Voluntary Income: Revenue	2	81,847	42,109	123,956	58,763
Specific Grants for Capital Items		0	0	0	0
Total Incoming Resources		<u>81,847</u>	<u>42,109</u>	<u>123,956</u>	<u>58,763</u>
Resources Expended					
Cost of Generating voluntary income	3	96,407	22,475	118,882	80,069
Resources Expended on Charitable Activities					
Total Resources Expended		<u>96,407</u>	<u>22,475</u>	<u>118,882</u>	<u>80,069</u>
Net Movement of Funds for Year		-14,560	19,634	5,074	-21,306
Total Funds at 31 st March 2022		33,791	25,329	59,120	80,426
Movement Between Funds		25,329	-25,329	0	0
Total Funds at 31 st March 2023		44,560	19,634	64,194	59,120

Tameside South and Longdendale Foodbank Ltd

Balance Sheet

31st March 2023

	----2022 to 2023 ----				2021 to 2022	
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £		Total £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible Assets	4	777		777		387
Current Assets						
Debtors	5	988	2,994	3,982		988
Cash at Bank and in Hand		43,395	16,640	60,035	0	57,745
Total Current Assets		<u>44,383</u>	<u>19,634</u>	<u>64,017</u>		<u>58,733</u>
Creditors		600		600		0
Amounts due within one year						
Total current Assets Less Current Liabilities		43,783	19,634	63,417	0	58,733
Total Funds		<u>44,560</u>	<u>19,634</u>	<u>64,194</u>		<u>59,120</u>

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 2023.

Members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period ended 31st March 2023.

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 *Susan* *yes.* *29th Jan 2024*

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

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

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. There has been a movement between restricted and unrestricted funds in the year. The opening restricted funds of £25,329 has been transferred to unrestricted 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 2023 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 on 26th March 2022 with 5,674kg and the weight of warehouse stock shown on the stock control system at 31st March 2022 was 16,049kg. Trustees launched an internal enquiry into the discrepancy. The report is available on request and concluded:

- No stock take was done in 2020-21 because of COVID restrictions
- During 2020 during lockdown stock doubled with food being stored in St Barnabas Church, Hope Church Mottram and then all excess moved to a self storage at Dukinfield.
- During lockdown foodbank struggled to keep going. Or priority was to feed hungry people. Most of our experienced volunteers shielded and were

replaced with new volunteers. Volunteers were divided into bubbles and communication between teams was difficult. Warehouse volunteers who could turn-out were working flat out and totally exhausted at the end of the day.

- New processes were put in place for delivery of parcels and new services were started – a distribution centre at Hyde and packs for school breakfasts.
- The discrepancy was due to an administrative error and not due to theft.

Trustees decided that no further action was needed.

Acts 435

The Acts 435 scheme provides grants of up to £120 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 2023 the unrestricted current assets are £44,383. 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.

Related Party Disclosures

There are no transactions with related parties that require disclosure.

Employees

There were two employees employed by the Foodbank in the Year to 31 March 2023. None of these employees earned over £60,000.

Expenses

No trustees incurred any expenses in the year to 31 March 2023.

Independent Examination

A fee of £600 has been included in the Accounts to 31 March 2023 for the Independent Examination of the Accounts

The Company is limited By Guarantee.

Tameside South and Longdendale Foodbank Ltd

Accounts to 31.03.2023

	12 months to 31.03.23				31.03.22	
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £		Total £
2 Voluntary Income						
Grants						
Tameside MBC			2,320	2,320		550
Be Fibre			300	300		0
May We Help			4,000	4,000		0
Forever MAnchester			3,500	3,500		0
Action Together			375	375		10,500
Trussell Trust			19,614	19,614		3,438
Onward Housing			4,000	4,000		0
JH Rausing Trust			8,000	8,000		0
Total			42,109	42,109		14,488
Donations						
Organisations		7,040		7,040		3,848
Individuals		15,396		15,396		11,560
Donated Stock Items Delivered to Clients		59,411		59,411		28,867
Total		<u>81,847</u>		<u>81,847</u>		<u>44,275</u>
Total Voluntary Income		<u>81,847</u>	<u>42,109</u>	<u>123,956</u>		<u>58,763</u>

in England and Wales

TAMESIDE SOUTH & LONGENDALE FOODBANK

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF TAMESIDE SOUTH & LONGENDALE FOODBANK

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Tameside South & Longendale Foodbank (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than the requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4 the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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 financial statements to be reached.

Mrs S Wilcock FCCA

S Wilcock

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Dated *29 January 2024*