



# Annual Report and Accounts

Period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

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## Chair of Trustees Report

### *Executive Summary*

In the year under review, 2024/2025, there was a fall in the number of people who were issued vouchers and we were able to comfortably meet the challenge of providing food for all those who came to us in need. This was due to a concerted effort of 28 volunteers, who volunteered regularly; the generosity of countless individual donors, grant-giving organisations including Tameside MBC and the Trussell Trust (recently rebranded "Trussell"); support from Tesco and Asda Supermarkets and a large number of local firms who donated and offered practical support - an example of which was our move to a new warehouse in the centre of Hyde.

We continued to partner with the Fuel Bank in an attempt to alleviate some of the immediate effects of fuel poverty. Whilst the impact seemed not as severe as in the previous winter the provision of food and energy provided significant relief to those individuals and families who were in crisis.

It was noted in previous reports that whilst people who come to foodbank were in receipt of their full benefit entitlement or in low paid, insecure employment they often found themselves unable to meet their financial commitments and had no financial resilience, meaning that unexpected costs pushed them into crisis. This remains true.

We continue to support Trussell's vision for a UK without the need for foodbanks because people have enough money to live.

In the year 2024/25

we provided

- Each month an average of 191 food parcels were issued providing 1,714 meals (based on 3 meals for 3 days)
- 130 supermarket vouchers worth £2,600 to families struggling without free school meals
- A regular Welfare Rights Service commissioned from Tameside Citizens Service

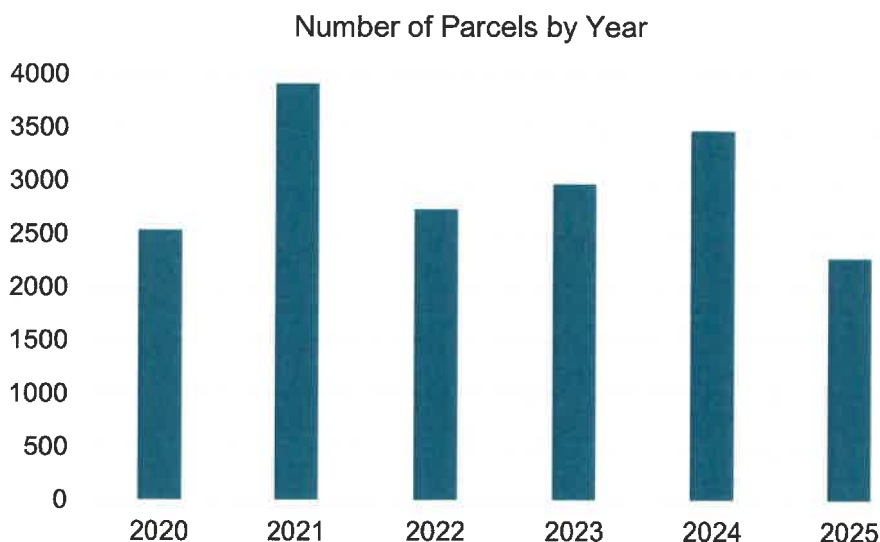
We received:

- 10,717 kgs (41% of stock) of food donated by individuals, supermarkets, local churches and schools
- Help from 28 volunteers
- Help from companies including Tesco and ASDA

## Overview

As the chart below shows, the rise in demand in the two previous years was not continued and the level had fallen back to a pre-Covid level. The concern that it would be difficult to meet demand if the upward trend continued was not realised.

It is also of note that the percentage of parcels provided to children (u/16) has remained fairly consistent at 34% (32% in 23/24)



**Distribution Centres** - Our distribution centre at St Mary's in Hollingworth closed in August 2024 but those at St Barnabas Church in Hattersley and Hyde Central Methodist Church remained open throughout the period. 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.

A sustained decline in the use of the Hollingworth food bank had been noted by the Trustees in the previous year and despite efforts to widen the reach by creating a hub of services in the delivery centre, including input from Welfare Rights, and Healthy Hyde, engagement continued to be poor. Trustees, therefore, took the decision to close the Hollingworth centre but continued to provide food parcels to the church for emergencies. The Trustees also indicated their intention to make contact with the schools and GP practices in Hollingworth to establish similar arrangements.

**Volunteers** – We continued to have a committed team of 28 volunteers who worked faithfully in the warehouse and at distribution centres.

**Staff** - We had two paid workers for half of the year but Dez Clare's 2-year contract of 21 hours a week supported by a grant from the Trussell Trust came to an end in September. Moira Wallis who works for 7 hours a week providing administrative support is now the Foodbank's only employee. She is a most valued member of the team.

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

Tameside Welfare Rights helped many of our clients with benefits advice and debt counselling – enabling them to no longer need to use the foodbank. Feedback from clients has been very positive. Over the year 62% of clients made only one visit with a further 19% making two. Strong evidence that most people use Foodbank only in crisis.

The organisations relationship with Healthy Hyde remained strong despite nurses not regularly attending sessions. Their new clinical hub in the middle of Hyde is less than a 5-minute walk from the foodbank. It provides health care, in the community, to a significant number of foodbank users who have on-going physical and mental health conditions but who do not seek treatment through GP services. We signpost people to the service to self-refer and the nurses and support workers regularly issue vouchers for patients to receive food support and welfare rights advice at our centres. They are also a resource for volunteers to consult (with consent) regarding individuals disclosing untreated physical and mental health conditions.

Tesco, ASDA and their customers provided us with 33% 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**

Sue Ayres stood down as a Trustee in April 2024 thus leaving the position of Chair of Trustees vacant.

Ewan Quale stood down as a Trustee in February 2025

The other Trustees continued to provide active leadership to the foodbank through a period of transition.

Jim Fitzpartick joined as a Trustee in November 2024.

## **Food Donations**

10,717 Kg of food and toiletries were donated in 2024/25 and 12,310 Kg of food were bought to top up areas where we were short. Donated cash and grants were used to purchase food. Food from supermarket collections amounted to 48% of all donated food. This demonstrates the

importance of our relationship with Asda and Tesco supermarkets and the generosity of their customers

## Warehouse Storage

We were pleased to move to our new warehouse in January 2025. The Trustees were grateful to the Tameside East Food Bank for providing space in their warehouse to facilitate the provision of food to our distribution centres, whilst we continued to search for suitable premises.

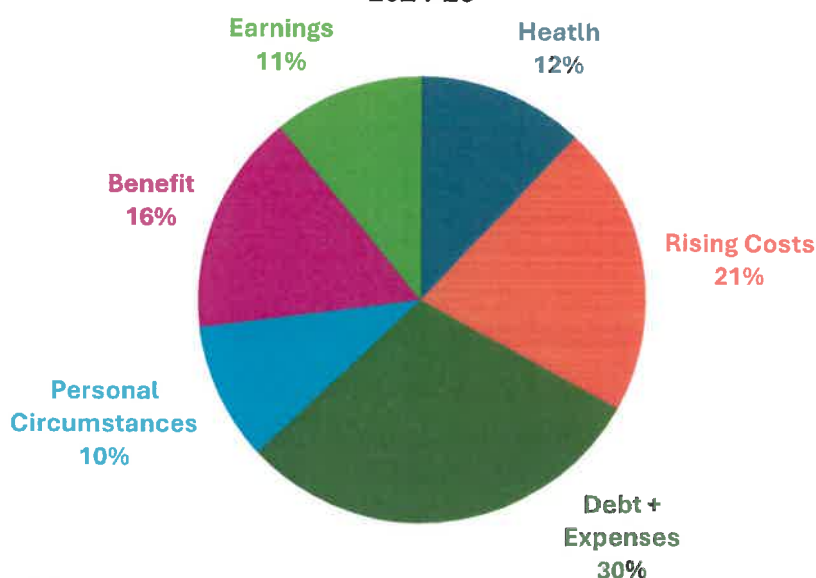
## Volunteers

The volunteers continue be the engine of the foodbank. Twenty-eight people volunteer regularly in the distribution centres and the warehouse. They work hard lifting, shifting and listening to difficult stories. We are also joined from time to time from volunteers from local firms and from national companies working in the area – notably Balfour Beatty and BT whose staff assisted with the move to and refitting of our new warehouse. Thank-you to all who so graciously gave their time.

## Reasons for Referral

The main underlying reason for referral was low income – either for those working or those receiving benefits, however, in order to better understand the circumstances in which people find themselves to be in need of crisis food support multiple reasons can be recorded on the referral,

**PERCENTAGE OF PARCELS BY REASON FOR REFERRAL  
2024-25**



## Referrers

There were over 100 organisations that could refer clients to the foodbank including housing associations, schools, NHS and churches. 75 % of referrals, however, come from NHS Services – Healthy Hyde, GP practices, Mental Health Service, with the rest of the referrals being received from schools and Adult and Children's Social Care. In the period under review, they issued 1,040 vouchers for 2,286 individuals.

The referrers keep the foodbank sustainable because they are within the community and can identify people in crisis and encourage them 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.

Foodbank funds enabled us to work with local primary schools to provide supermarket vouchers to the families during school holidays. Tameside MBC provided vouchers for children on free school meals but local schools told us that other families were also struggling. We provided 130 vouchers for Tesco or Morrisons to these families during Easter, summer and Christmas holidays at a cost of £2,600

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

## Tameside South and Longdendale Foodbank Office

The Foodbank Office relocated to  
Hyde Central Methodist Church,  
Crook Street,  
Hyde,  
SK14 1 NQ

*Elizabeth Shingler*

Elizabeth Shingler  
For Trustees of Tameside South & Longdendale Foodbank Limited  
18 January 2026

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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 the Trustees were:

Dr Hugh Roderick: Acting Chair

Ms Elizabeth Shingler: Safeguarding & Supervisor, Hyde Distribution Centre

Mr Gary Ferguson: Supervisor, Longdendale Distribution Centre

Mr Jim Fitzpatrick

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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

In the year 2024 - 25 Tameside South and Longdendale Foodbank has:

- Met 1,040 requests for food parcels from its network of over 100 referring agencies
- Provided 26,811 meals to people in need
- Received 10.72 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 (£81,012), and donations from various sources, including individuals, churches and other local organisations (£43,260).

The value of food distributed to clients was £59,870. 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 £19,250.

Governance and Operation Employees Costs were £13,694.

We purchased £30,185 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 130 vouchers for Tesco or Morrisons worth a total of £2,600 to these families.

The foodbank has assets of £437 relating to furniture and equipment at 31st March 2025, after charging depreciation of £146 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.

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

	----2024 to 2025 ----				
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	2023 to 2024 Total £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Incoming Resources from generated funds					
Voluntary Income: Revenue	2	43,260	81,011	124,271	161,421
Specific Grants for Capital Items		0	0	0	0
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u>43,260</u>	<u>81,011</u>	<u>124,271</u>	<u>161,421</u>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Cost of Generating voluntary income	3	59,128	60,253	119,381	164,194
Resources Expended on Charitable Activities					
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<u>59,128</u>	<u>60,253</u>	<u>119,381</u>	<u>164,194</u>
<b>Net Movement of Funds for Year</b>		<b>-15,868</b>	<b>20,758</b>	<b>4,890</b>	<b>-2,773</b>
Total Funds at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024		32,076	29,345	61,421	64,194
Movement Between Funds					
Total Funds at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025		16,208	50,103	66,311	0
					61,421

**Tameside South and Longdendale Foodbank Ltd**

**Balance Sheet**

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

		---2024 to 2025 ---			2023 to 2024	
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £		Total £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>						
Tangible Assets	4	437	0	437		583
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Debtors	5	0	22,682	22,682		2,994
Cash at Bank and in Hand		16,794	27,421	44,215		59,181
Total Current Assets		<u>16,794</u>	<u>50,103</u>	<u>66,897</u>		<u>62,175</u>
Creditors		1,022	0	1,022		1,337
Amounts due within one year						
Total current Assets Less Current Liabilities		15,772	50,103	65,875		60,838
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u>16,208</u>	<u>50,103</u>	<u>66,311</u>		<u>61,421</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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

Members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

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

Elizabeth Shingler

28 January 2026

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2025

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 and as amended from 1<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 is not required to be recorded in the balance sheet. Stock received, stock distributed and warehouse stock is recorded using a stock control system.

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 the unrestricted current assets are £16,208. Overall food stocks are reasonable, 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 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 2025. None of the Employees earned over £60,000. Total Employee costs for the year amounted to £13,694.

### **Expenses**

No Trustees incurred any expenses in the year to 31 March 2025.

### **Independent Examination**

A fee of £720 has been included in the accounts to 31 March 2025 for the Independent Examination of the Accounts.

The Company is Limited by Guarantee.



**Tameside South and Longdendale Foodbank Ltd**  
**Accounts to 31.03.2025**

	12 months to 31.03.25				31.03.24
	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Total £
2 Voluntary Income					
Grants					
Tameside MBC			46,000	46,000	3,960
Be Fibre			0	0	0
May We Help			0	0	0
Forever Manchester			0	0	0
Action Together			0	0	0
Trussell Trust			29,016	29,016	35,484
Onward Housing			0	0	0
JH Rausing Trust			0	0	0
United Utilities			5,995	5,995	4,497
National Lottery			0	0	17,500
Community Foundation			0	0	1,400
Total			81,011	81,011	62,841
Donations					
Organisations		3,383		3,383	7,293
Individuals		10,192		10,192	11,424
Donated Stock Items Delivered to Clients		29,685		29,685	79,863
Total		43,260		43,260	98,580
Total Voluntary Income		43,260	81,012	124,272	161,421



## TAMESIDE SOUTH AND LONGENDALE FOODBANK

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TAMESIDE SOUTH AND LONGENDALE FOODBANK

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I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Tameside South and Longendale Foodbank (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, 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 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any 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.

*S Wilcock*

Mrs S Wilcock FCCA

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Dated: 28 January 2026