

GLEADLESS VALLEY FOODBANK

England & Wales · Charity number 1154619

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2013-11-18

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: ESTABLISHING AND RUNNING A FOODBANK TO PROVIDE FOOD AND RELATED SUPPORT TO PEOPLE IN NEED, HARDSHIP, DISTRESS OR POVERTY IN GLEADLESS VALLEY AND THE SURROUNDING AREA IN SUCH WAYS AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME SEE FIT

Activities: Operating as a Food bank in the Gleadless Valley area of Sheffield

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Sheffield City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£47,557	£105,511	-	-
2023-09-30	£94,822	£101,314	-	-
2022-09-30	£80,232	£57,798	-	-
2021-09-30	£72,971	£52,817	-	-
2020-09-30	£100,170	£59,174	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Barry Evans		2024-09-25
Catrina-May Connolly		2024-04-29
Colin James Havard		2024-04-29
Joshua David Bearn		2025-07-09

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ANNUAL TRUSTEES REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023 FOR THE GLEADLESS VALLEY FOOD BANK

Trustees: Carole Baker
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Annabel Terry
Richard Griffin

Management Group: John Stevenson
Sue Law
Dave Roberts
Janet Wild
Debbie Ellis

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Annual Trustees Report September 2023

Telephone No.: 0114 253 0315

Reference and Administrative information

This is the eleventh annual Trustees report for the Gleadless Valley Food bank, based at the Gleadless Valley Methodist Church, Blackstock Road, Sheffield.

The area is recognised as one with a high proportion of families and individuals, who for various reasons are in need of food to help with feeding themselves and their families.

The doors were opened in October 2012. Since that time the Food Bank has regularly distributed bags of food every single week throughout the year. Food is distributed based upon a distributor referral model voucher system. This ensures that qualified social care professionals can target the food to those with needs.time

The foodbank continues to see an increased and sustained need as a result of the continuing poor economic situation and Government cutbacks in benefits, causing added pressure on families. During this year we have seen an increase in the number of clients and the number of times they come for help.

Some of our volunteers are people who have previously come to the foodbank for help and now find themselves in a better situation and want to help others.

The foodbank has a solid admin team composed of volunteers and staff to cope with the level of enquiry demand and admin workload.

We endeavour to encourage our volunteers to seek further training to either improve their confidence and or well being

The presence of the Citizens Advise Bureau due to a 3 year grant from Trussell Trust has been well used by our clients with the advisor been able to help with benefits and sorting out bills in general.

The sessions on Friday are effectively supervised by a person within the management group, supported by 8-10 volunteers

The volunteers split between front and back office. Visibly there are volunteers who help with client food assignment, guidance and support and behind the scenes duties include packing of clients food, the weighing and stocking of new donations and the admin. team as mentioned above. Clients' needs are not only met from a food distribution point of view but also the input of CAB and if requested spiritual help and guidance is also available.

Structure Governance and management

The governing document is the Trust Deed, duly signed on the 26th March 2012 and the application for charity status was made in November 2013. The Trustees are chosen from members of the church

communities who were initially involved in the formation of the Food bank. The same principal for recruitment has been adopted when positions have become available.

Objectives and Activities

The purpose stated from the object in the Trust Deed document is as follows:

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We subscribe to the Trussell Trust and they were helpful when we set up the Food bank; revising operational policies and providing information and training. Due to this tie we have had dedicated organized food collection days at the local Tesco and other local supermarkets. These collections have greatly helped to restock the shelves and on occasions allowed us to re-distribute surplus items to other Food banks in need of stocks. Trussell Trust continues to guide and give training and support when needed.

The people using the Food bank are referred by care professionals such as doctors and social workers, the Citizens Advice Bureau, care centres, local forums and Council Housing Service. They are given vouchers and visit the Food bank to receive a minimum of a 3 day pack of food, The Food bank is open each Friday from 12:30 for a two hour period.

The Food bank is made up of volunteers, a management group and Trustees drawn from the 17 churches in the surrounding community who are involved with the Food bank. This helps with understanding the needs of all the people we serve in the area. Since opening as a Food bank in October 2012, there has been a steady increase in users. When we opened it was thought the need would only last for five years but we are still here and needed with no end in sight

Achievements and Performance

This years continued success of the foodbank has allowed food to be donated to other food banks, we have also been able to have a ‘Help yourself’ section of foods with short dates and fresh bread fruit and veg that is placed outside the church for anyone to take which means we are helping to feed extra people on a daily basis this was found to be much appreciated in the area.

The donations of food from organizations such as Tesco, Waitrose, Aldi, Greggs, M & S, Sainsbury’s, Morrison’s, local schools and churches and private donations show recognition of the work we are doing in the area. This close working relationship that continues to grow with local groups has established the Food bank as a great source of relief to many people in the area. Our aim is to make sure no one goes without food and we have to thank the small team for their dedication.

Low income, benefit changes or benefit delays make up most of the reasons why the vouchers are distributed The majority of vouchers are distributed in the Gleadless Valley ward, with the rest of the vouchers shared across approximately 20 other wards.

Financial Review

The latest Income and expenditure statement to 30th September 2023 shows income of £94822.14 for the year, expenditure of 101314.54 and a closing balance of £92001.94 as shown below.

Income			
		Restricted	
Grant S2 Poverty	1463.77		
Churches	1273.07		
Private Donations	16896.00		
Other Donations & Fundraising	8091.51		
Tesco Top Up	4408.59		
Sainsbury			
Just Giving	10472.50		
Trussell Trust Grant CAB	47216.70	42289	
Trussell Trust Cost of Living Grant	5000.00		
TUUT Charity			
Gift Aid			
Waitrose			
	94822.14		
Expenditure			
Office, Warehouse, Dist. Centre	7200.00		
Admin/Telephone	1012.00		
Trussell Trust	360.00		
Insurance	350.85		
Stationery & Postage	87.93		
Sundry	1056.09		
Transport & Motor Costs	3250.91		
Equipment Warehouse	984.95		
Equipment Office	111.31		
Training			
Building Incl Light & Heat	5582.38		
Wages	38982.97		
Food etc	2214.15		
Skips Waste Disposal	258		
CAB	39863.00	39863	
	101314.54		
Balance Brought Forward	98494.34		
Net Defecit	6492.40		
	92001.94		

Represented by			
Balance at Bank	91991.94		
Cash in Hand	10.00		
	92001.94		

Note to accounts the restricted funds where paid into the account just before the year end and are to be spent in the following year

Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the trustees concerning any such matters.

I believe the accounts give a true and fair report of the activities of the charity, and no matter has come to my attention to cause concern in either the keeping of records or the preparation of the accounts

J. Howard & Co

This report for the Gleadless Valley Foodbank as been prepared by the Trustees

Carole Baker
 Lisa Quarmby
 Annabel Terry

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Reference and Administrative information

This is the Tenth annual Trustees report for the Gleadless Valley Food bank, based at the Gleadless Valley Methodist Church, Blackstock Road, Sheffield.

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The doors were opened in October 2012. Since then the Food Bank has regularly distributed bags of food every single week throughout the year. Food is distributed based upon a distributor referral model voucher system. This ensures that qualified social care professionals can target the food to those with needs.

The foodbank continues to see an increased and sustained need as a result of the continuing poor economic situation and Government cutbacks in benefits, causing added pressure on families. During this year we have been able to operate as we did prior to covid which has been very much appreciated by both volunteers and clients.

Some of our older previous volunteers have returned to the family, but we have lost some because of age and illness fortunately our younger volunteers are stepping up to the mark.

The foodbank has a solid admin team composed of volunteers and staff to cope with the level of enquiry demand and admin workload.

We were able this year to reinstate a meal at Christmas for the volunteers which was much appreciated. .

We have been able to reinstate the presence of the Citizens Advise Bureau due to a 3 year grant from Trussell Trust This has been well used by our clients with the advisor been able to help with benefits and sorting out debts and bills. During this year we have completed the building project which has given a much better working environment for our volunteers. We have also upgraded the kitchen facilities which will enable us to provide cooking tuition, with this in mind we have trained some of our volunteers in food hygiene.

The sessions on Friday are effectively supervised by a person within the management group, supported by 8-10 volunteers

The volunteers split between front and back office. Visibly there are volunteers who would help with client food assignment, guidance and support and behind the scenes duties include packing of clients food, the weighing and stocking of new donations and the admin team as mentioned above. Clients' needs are not only met from a food distribution point of view but also the input of CAB and if requested spiritual help and guidance is also available.

Structure Governance and management

The governing document is the Trust Deed, duly signed on the 26th March 2012 and the application for charity status was made in November 2013. The Trustees are chosen from members of the church communities who were initially involved in the formation of the Food bank. The same principal for recruitment has been adopted when positions have become available.

Objectives and Activities

The purpose stated from the object in the Trust Deed document is as follows:

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The people using the Food bank are referred by care professionals such as doctors and social workers, the Citizens Advice Bureau, care centers, local forums and Council Housing Service. They are given vouchers and visit the Food bank to receive a minimum of a 3 day pack of food, The Food bank is open each Friday from 12:30 for a two hour period.

The Food bank is made up of volunteers, a management group and Trustees drawn from the 17 churches in the surrounding community who are involved with the Food bank. This helps with understanding the needs of all the people we serve in the area. Since opening as a Food bank in October 2012, there has been a steady increase in users. When we opened it was thought the need would only last for five years but we are still here and needed with no end in sight

Achievements and Performance

The benefits we bring to the local community can be seen from the records that we keep in a database.

Summary of information at 30th September 2021 for 20/21:

- Children fed: 1633
- Adults fed: 2671
- Total fed: 4304

This years continued success of the foodbank has allowed food to be donated to other food banks, we have also been able to have a 'Help yourself' section of foods with short dates and fresh bread fruit and veg that is placed outside the church for anyone to take which means we are helping to feed extra people on a daily basis this was found to be much appreciated in the area.

The donations of food from organizations such as Tesco, Waitrose, Aldi, Greggs, M & S, Sainsbury's, Morrison's, local schools and churches and private donations show recognition of the work we are doing in the area. This close working relationship that continues to grow with local groups has established the Food bank as a great source of relief to many people in the area. During lockdown we received many more monetary donations from individuals unable to buy food for us this as continued giving us the money to purchase any foods we are short of and we thank them all for supporting the ongoing work. This has been a very difficult and challenging time as the workload increases. Our aim is to make sure no one goes without food and we have to thank the small team for their dedication.

Low income, benefit changes or benefit delays make up most of the reasons why the vouchers are distributed a total of 1750 vouchers. Majority of vouchers are distributed in the Gleadless Valley ward, with the rest of the vouchers shared across approximately 20 other wards.

Financial Review

The latest Income and expenditure statement to 30th September 2022 shows income of £80231.75 for the year, expenditure of £57797.65 and a closing balance of £98494.34 as shown below.

Income		Restricted	
Grant S2 Covid	2143.23		
Churches	1074.80		
Private Donations	9539.43		
Other Donations & Fundraising	7656.56		
Tesco Top Up	4747.96		
Sainsbury	1000.00		
Virgin Money	2232.53		
Trussell Trust Grant CAB	46187.45	40163	
Co-op	1808.15		
TUUT Charity	1000.00		
Gift Aid	2417.43		
Waitrose	424.21		
	80231.75		
Expenditure			

Office, Warehouse, Dist. Centre	5200.00		
Admin/Telephone	1035.00		
Trussell Trust	360.00		
Insurance	285.88		
Stationery & Postage	79.28		
Sundry	662.26		
Transport & Motor Costs	5084.10		
Equipment Warehouse	155.00		
Equipment Office	876.52		
Training	30.00		
Building (incl. kitchen)	8746.91		
Wages	33677.68		
Food etc	597.02		
Skips Waste Disposal	1008.00		
	57797.65		
Balance Brought Forward	55906.32		
Net Surplus	20153.92		
	76060.24		
Represented by			
Balance at Bank	75910.24		
Cash in Hand	150.00		
	76060.24		

Note to accounts the restricted funds were paid into the account just before the year end and are to be spent in the following year

Independent Examiner's Report

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Reference and Administrative information

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The foodbank continues to see an increased and sustained need as a result of the continuing poor economic situation and Government cutbacks in benefits, causing added pressure on families, added to this we have had the shutdown due to covid. During this year because of lockdowns we changed to a doorstep delivery system in an attempt to protect our volunteers and to save our clients having to queue outside making it obvious to everyone around that they were having to collect food parcels.

The foodbank volunteers have continued to be a younger inexperienced group as the older volunteers are still self isolating as they belong to a very vulnerable group through age or illness

The foodbank has a solid admin team composed of volunteers and staff to cope with the level of enquiry demand and admin workload.

The volunteers have missed the social side of meeting during lockdown and usually we have prepared food around Christmas for them which this year we were unable to do.

We have been unable to reinstate the presence of the Citizens Advise Bureau which is sadly missed, This and been able to get people back into the church and offer hospitality is something we are looking forward to once we are clear of the need to lockdown. During this year we have continued with the building project between lockdowns to give a better working environment for our volunteers when they can all return to the building. We have also received a donation to allow us to upgrade the kitchen facilities which will enable us to provide cooking tuition once we can operate without restrictions.¹

The sessions on Friday are effectively supervised by a person within the management group. Prior to lockdown they would be supported by 10-12 volunteers but after we operated with a much smaller group of volunteers attempting to keep everyone safe

The volunteers split between front and back office. Visibly there are volunteers who normally would help with client food assignment, guidance and support and behind

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the scenes duties include packing of clients food, the weighing and stocking of new donations and the admin team as mentioned above. Clients' needs are not only met from a food distribution point of view but if requested spiritual help and guidance is also available. During the pandemic we could only meet the need for food.

Structure Governance and management

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The Food bank is made up of volunteers, a management group and Trustees drawn from the 17 churches in the surrounding community who are involved with the Food bank. This helps with understanding the needs of all the people we serve in the area. Since opening as a Food bank in October 2012, there has been a steady increase in users. When we opened it was thought the need would only last for five years but we are still here and needed with no end in sight

Achievements and Performance

The benefits we bring to the local community can be seen from the records that we keep in a database.

Summary of information at 30th September 2021 for 20/21:

- Children fed: 1357
- Adults fed: 2318
- Total fed: 3675

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The donations of food from organizations such as Tesco, Waitrose, Aldi, Greggs, M & S, Sainsbury's, local schools and churches and private donations show recognition of the work we are doing in the area. This close working relationship that continues to grow with local groups has established the Food bank as a great source of relief to many people in the area. During lockdown we have also received many more monetary donations from individuals supporting the ongoing work. This has been a very difficult and challenging year in which we have lost some key volunteers and others have had to self isolate our main priority through this period has been to make sure no one went without food and we have to thank the small team that kept us operating through the lockdown and continue to do so through the pandemic.

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Financial Review

The latest Income and expenditure statement to 30th September 2021 shows income of £72970.96 for the year, expenditure of £52817.04 and a closing balance of £76060.24 as shown below.

Income			
Grant S2 Covid	4069.45		
Churches	3490.30		
Private Donations	8487.85		
Other Donations & Fundraising	6365.18		
Tesco Top Up	3271.20		
Donation (kitchen)	6000.00		
Virgin Money	24339.41		
Philidelphia Legacy	9091.00		
Co-op	1087.05		
Making a Difference Locally	1783.45		
Gift Aid	4706.07		
Paypal Giving	280.00		

	72970.96		
Expenditure			
Office, Warehouse, Dist. Centre	5200.00		
Admin/Telephone	863.87		
Trussell Trust	360.00		
Insurance	285.88		
Stationery & Postage	73.80		
Sundry	846.50		
Transport & Motor Costs	3478.29		
Equipment Warehouse	752.65		
Danny's Place	30.00		
Training	510.80		
Building (incl. kitchen)	15818.78		
Wages	20373.97		
Container	1820.00		
Skips Waste Disposal	2402.50		
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The foodbank continues to see an increased and sustained need as a result of the continuing poor economic situation and Government cutbacks in benefits, causing added pressure on families, added to this we have had the shutdown due to covid. This meant we had to change the way we worked, between March and September we handed food parcels out at the door where as previously we have given clients refreshments and attempted to signpost them to get help enabling them to lift themselves out of poverty and the need for foodbanks.

The foodbank volunteers have also found covid very restrictive as many are of the age where they needed to self isolate, we have continued on a reduced number of inexperienced younger volunteers.

The foodbank has a solid admin team composed of volunteers to cope with the level of enquiry demand and admin workload.

The volunteers have missed the social side of meeting during lockdown and usually we have prepared food around Christmas for them which this year we were unable to do.

The grant funding from Sheffield City Council for an onsite Citizen Advice Bureau (CAB) is in its sixth year, but again this could only operate prior to lockdown which was a great loss to a large number of clients.

The sessions on Friday are effectively supervised by a person within the management group. Prior to lockdown they would be supported by 10-12 volunteers but after we operated with a much smaller group of volunteers attempting to keep everyone safe

The volunteers split between front and back office. Visibly there are volunteers who help with client food assignment, guidance and support and behind the scenes duties include packing of clients food, the weighing and stocking of new donations and the admin team as mentioned above. Clients' needs are not only met from a food distribution point of view but if requested spiritual help and guidance is also available. During the pandemic we could only meet the need for food.

Structure Governance and management

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The Food bank is made up of volunteers, a management group and Trustees drawn from the 17 churches in the surrounding community who are involved with the Food bank. This helps with understanding the needs of all the people we serve in the area. Since opening as a Food bank in October 2012, there has been a steady increase in users. When we opened it was thought the need would only last for five years but here we are in year eight with no end in site because of this we embarked on a building project to improve storage and working conditions this took much longer than anticipated because we had to stop for a time due to the pandemic.

Achievements and Performance

The benefits we bring to the local community can be seen from the records that we keep in a database.

Summary of information at 30th September 2020 for 2019/20:

- Children fed: 1985
- Adults fed: 1745
- Total fed: 3730
- Donations out other: 2,839.09 kg

This years continued success of the foodbank has allowed food to be donated to other food banks, and others such as Foodcycle and in house breakfast/lunch clubs .We have also been able to have a 'Help yourself ' section of foods with short dates and fresh bread fruit and veg that was a success in this period.

The donations of food from organizations such as Tesco, Waitrose, Aldi, Greggs, M & S, Sainsbury's, local schools and churches and private donations show recognition of the work we are doing in the area. This close working relationship that continues to grow with local groups has established the Food bank as a great source of relief to many people in the area. During lockdown we have also received many more monetary donations from individuals supporting the ongoing work. This has been a very difficult and challenging year in which we have lost some key volunteers and others have had to self isolate our main priority through this period has been to make sure no one went without food and we have to thank the small team that kept us operating through the lockdown and continue to do so through the pandemic.

Low income, benefit changes or benefit delays and make up most of the reasons why the vouchers are distributed a total of 1319 vouchers. Majority of vouchers are distributed in the Gleadless Valley ward, with the rest of the vouchers shared across approximately 20 other wards.

Financial Review

The latest Income and expenditure statement to 30th September 2020 shows income of £100169.56 for the year, expenditure of £59174.06 and a closing balance of £55906.32 as shown below.

Income and Expenditure to 30th September 2020			Budget
Income			
Balance Brought Forward	14910.82		
Grants	23196.00		
Churches	1409.02		
Private Donations	8936.96		
Tesco Top up	6198.05		
Other Donations & Fundraising	19657.66		
Donation for Kitchen	16000.00		
Virgin Money	23271.87		
Donation Danny's Place	1500.00		
	115080.38		
Expenditure			
Office, Warehouse/Distribution Centre	5200.00		6500
Admin/Telephone	841.49		1500
Trussell	360.00		360
Insurance	285.88		350
Stationery and Postage	64.76		200

Sundry	705.22		
Transport costs	1543.27		2000
Equipment Warehouse	579.70		250
Equipment Office			1000
Building	34077.2 2		
Van Purchase	4800.00		
Wages	10166.5 2		15000. 00
Danny's Place	550.00		
Contingency			1700
Total	59174.0 6		28860
Balance at Bank	55756.3 2		
Cash in Hand	150.00		
	115080. 38		

Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the trustees concerning any such matters.

I believe the accounts give a true and fair report of the activities of the charity, and no matter has come to my attention to cause concern in either the keeping of records or the preparation of the accounts

J. Howard & Co

Trustee Report Prepared by the Gleadless Valley Food
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