

GRACE FOODBANK

working across S8 and surrounding areas

Annual Report



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Prequel

This year's annual report is the story of a year of unprecedented challenges for the foodbank. Demand for our services remained at the same level as the previous year but food donations dropped by about 20% and grant funding proved elusive, so our income dropped as well. We also face significant challenges with our premises (at some point we will be moving offices but that's been "imminent" for over a year now). And our long term use of the building that is currently our home is uncertain (and beyond our control).

1 Introduction

Grace Food Bank was set up in 2012. The constitution was adopted on 6th July 2013 and amended on 11th November 2021 and 9th July 2022. The charitable aims are: *'The prevention or relief of poverty, amongst people residing primarily, but not exclusively, in the S8 postcode area of Sheffield by the provision of emergency food parcels, items, services and facilities to help individuals in financial need.'*

2 Organisation

We are an unincorporated charitable association with 35 individual members and 10 churches registered as corporate members. Historically, six churches appointed trustees. As a result of amendments to the constitution made at the 2022 AGM, all corporate members are invited to nominate a trustee, then all trustees are elected at the annual general meeting, together with the chair, treasurer, secretary and others nominated. The trustees have the power to co-opt additional trustees.

3 Governance and Management

The charity trustees for the year were:

Rebecca Marshall (Chair), Sylvia Spooner (Treasurer), Joan Giles, Simon Hayes, Raymond Kinsella, Ann Lomax, Beverley Ashmore (Secretary), Jane Pettinger and Prince Taylor. The trustees met in person five times and corresponded by email between meetings. The annual meeting was held in September.

Trustees received regular reports on activities and regular financial updates. The trustees reviewed the Safeguarding Policy. The annual report and accounts were submitted to the Charity Commission and an annual return was completed. No payments were made to any trustees.

4 Public Benefit

The trustees take their responsibilities seriously and are confident that the organisation's activities meet the public benefit guidance of the Charity Commission. We seek to ensure that all members of the community are able to access our services and activities. We will provide food parcels suitable for specific dietary requirements (Halal, gluten-free, lactose-free, vegetarian) when we know that they are needed and have always done our best to deliver food to people when disability means that they can't collect it.

5 Staff and Volunteers

Jackie Butcher is the Manager and she works from an office in the Upper Rooms at the Terminus Initiative. Michelle Loveley worked as the Assistant Manager until October 2024. Mike Healey works as the Foodbank Assistant. Staff costs were partly supported by grants from the South Yorkshire Community Foundation Cost of Living Fund, the National Lottery Community Foundation, the Postcode Neighbourhood Trust and grants from Sheffield City Council to cover the cost of delivering HAF.

The work of the food bank is only made possible by our committed teams of volunteers. Over 70 volunteers helped during the year, in a variety of ways. About 40 volunteers are involved in food bank activities at least once a month, many of them more frequently. Other volunteers helped out at Christmas or at one off events.



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6 Incoming Food

We are able to help our clients because, and only because, of the support and involvement of the community. Local churches have always acted as collection points for us, although we know that some people who used to take their food donations to a church or other collection point now prefer to leave the food in the collection boxes at Sainsbury's because it is more convenient. Many church members and other supporters find it easier to give us a donation of money each month rather than to buy food for us. Local street WhatsApp groups, (that sprung up during lockdown) continued to collect food for us. Schools collected food for us, particularly at Christmas and Harvest. A wide range of community groups, sports clubs and workplaces also collected food and/or raised money for us (either regularly or as one off collections).

We are very fortunate to have a permanent collection point at Sainsbury's, Archer Road. This is emptied 3 times a week by a team of volunteers.

We receive at least one trolley of donations a week from our local Morrison's store, donated by customers who have bought pre-

Nearly 40 tonnes of food was donated to us over the year with an estimated value of nearly £100,000.

packed bags of groceries designed around the needs of local foodbanks.

We received regular donations of supermarket “surplus” food from Sainsbury’s, Tesco and Aldi. These figures are included in the “donated food” numbers below, but generally represent “extras” rather than the staples we need to fill our food parcels, so do distort the figures somewhat. For this reason, we have started recording the weight of “surplus” food separately for the current financial year. In common with many other community food providers, we find that some of the surplus food is unusable by the time it reaches us. The figures also included a donation of a tonne of dog food from Pets at Home (that has kept us going for a year).

Donated food is weighed, sorted and date checked by volunteers and then packed into bags ready for distribution. The store is at the old manse attached to the Michael Church in Lowedges.

We received 39,837 kg of food during the year –a significant drop from the previous year. As usual, food donations were not evenly spread over the year.

It is hard to remember that only a few years ago we used to joke about what to do with our ongoing surpluses of baked beans and dried pasta. Now, we have to buy both of those items (and so many more) every week. We spend over £1000 every week buying food for our food parcels and for the shop and that is a massive logistical challenge.



Sheffield City Council used money from the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority to facilitate a process whereby foodbanks in the city can purchase food via S6 foodbank at low prices and, most crucially, have it delivered. There is no other way that we can have 70 crates of food delivered to our door and we save a lot of time buying this way. We are also grateful beyond measure to the delivery drivers from Tesco, Sainsbury’s, Ocado and Asda who help us to keep our shelves stocked. After a long “hiccup” in Aldi’s internal ordering system that meant that we couldn’t place any bulk orders, we are very relieved that we can again order from our local Aldi store to whom we are grateful and with whom we have a very warm relationship.

We have a collection box at a local Pets at Home store where people can donate pet food to us.

7 Review of Activities

We provided foodbank parcels to feed 7589 people (5200 adults and 2389 children).

7.1 Food parcels

Who do we help?

We provide food parcels to families and individuals who are referred to us by a wide range of health and social care professionals or workers in the voluntary sector. Initially we provide food parcels for up to four

weeks or until the next Universal Credit payment date. If help is still needed after that, the referrer will get in touch with us again so that we can be sure that the underlying problems are being tackled, although we realise that many of these problems are complex and cannot be resolved quickly. People who self-refer are given up to 4 weeks of food while we signpost them to the most appropriate advice service. We expect a referral from an advice service before we will extend a self-referral. We have tried to move to a system of referrals by email wherever possible.

*"I can't begin to express how grateful I am...
I'm so thankful, so very thankful".*

Why do people need help?

We continue to see a large number of people who are struggling with debts and arrears. Very, very few people borrow money to fund an extravagant lifestyle. Most people borrow money to help them "get by" so that they don't have to ask for help. Many people have Council Tax arrears because they (incorrectly) assume that Universal Credit covers everything and don't realise that they need to make a separate application for Council Tax reduction.

We still see people waiting for a long time for tribunals for ill-health and disability related benefits and a high number of people referred to us after domestic abuse. By far the largest increase in referrals is for people referred for "low income/cost of living" – just not enough money to cope with rising fuel and food bills. These patterns are common to foodbanks across Sheffield (and, indeed, across the country).

Clients end up at a foodbank because the barriers set for accessing benefits or other support have been set so high that people can't cross the barriers to get the help they need or the benefits they are entitled to. We do have referral criteria but no matter how carefully we write them, we continually come across cases that they don't really cover. Our absolute priority is to make sure that we do not set barriers of a height that means that people can't get help. That may mean that we occasionally give out a food parcel to someone who, strictly speaking, may not need it. But we (and the other foodbanks in Sheffield) would all rather give out 1 parcel in 100 to someone who may not need it than exclude 20 people because we have made ourselves too difficult to access.

How do we count people who come to the foodbank?

In common with the Trussell Trust and other foodbanks in Sheffield we are reporting our figures as "people fed" – so if a family of four visits the foodbank three times in one year, we count that as 12 people fed. That is a relatively easy number to calculate. However, working out the total number of unique people we have helped is not a trivial process! We only record the name of the person referred to us. Family membership is fluid with people moving in and out of families and children may appear part time in more than one family. Also, for valid reasons, some trusted referrers refer to us without giving the person's name. So it's not an exact science.

Over the last financial year, we provided foodbank parcels to feed 7589 people (5200 adults and 2389 children).

This is very slightly higher than number of people helped the previous year, so demand still remains at record levels. This number needs to be read in conjunction with the number of people helped by Grace's Grocery Store (who would still have been receiving foodbank help before the shop started). Nearly 1/3 of the people helped by our emergency food parcels were under the age of 18.

Our best estimate is that we have fed 1230 unique people in the last financial year (1150 people in 2022-23).

"I can honestly say that without the foodbank I wouldn't be here"

How do we help?

Our clients usually receive bags at weekly intervals. We estimate that our standard set of food bags will feed two people for one week and we adjust the number of bags to fit the size of the family. We provide nappies and/or baby food where requested and can provide bags to suit different medical or religious dietary needs (Halal bags, gluten free bags, lactose free bags, etc.). We conducted a major review of our bag contents to try to reduce cost and to respond to client feedback. We have tried our best to make the food parcels cheaper without making them smaller

We invite clients to collect in their food parcels from Jordanthorpe on a Tuesday morning or Lowedges on Thursday afternoons. We deliver food parcels to clients who are unable to collect because of disability, ill health, distance from the foodbank, or DWP appointments, etc. Clients who collect their food are able to choose extra items from a selection of short dated food, supermarket "surplus" food and toiletries/household items. Clients whose food is delivered receive a bag of toiletry/household items at the start of their referral. We now manage to make sure that nearly all clients receive fresh bread and milk even if their food is delivered. This is very popular.

"you have literally kept this person alive. It's been a lifeline in a very literal way"

7.2 "The Shop"

"The Shop" (formally called Grace's Grocery Store) is our version of a food pantry/social supermarket, and is a response to the reality that, for many people, there is a transition period between needing a full foodbank referral and being able to fully participate in the market economy for food.

Once clients are no longer in absolute crisis, and have some money but still have ongoing problems (such as waiting for a Debt Relief Order or waiting for a PIP tribunal) we can invite them to come to the shop where they pay £2 (to go towards room rent) and can choose their own items from a suggested shopping list. Everyone can get at least 45 items each week. We buy fresh a fresh protein source and fruit/veg each week (including Halal meat and vegetarian alternatives where appropriate). Attendance at the shop is by referral from the foodbank and we expect that most of the clients will have initially received food parcels from the foodbank. Using the same counting system used above, Grace's Grocery Store helped to feed 3629 people (1846 adults and 1780 children. Children represented nearly half the people helped by the shop which reflects the particular long term financial difficulties that families with young children have faced over the last year.

We encourage clients to move to the shop as soon as they are in a position to do so because of the increased dignity afforded by the opportunity to choose their own food. We continue to try to develop the shop to try and increase individual choice and to be less prescriptive over what clients take.

"There are a lot of things we can't eat and it's so much better for us to come to the shop"

If clients have ongoing problems, that take a long time to resolve, but live too far away to access the shop or have health conditions that prevent them attending, we continue to deliver foodbank parcels to them.

Combining figures from the shop with figures from foodbank parcels, we helped feed 11,215 people during the year (7046 adults and 4169 children). This is not significantly different from 2023/24 number and we are relieved that, after 3 years, numbers have finally stopped increasing.

Between our foodbank parcels and Grace's Grocery Store the total number of people fed was 7046 adults and 4169 children during the financial year.

The continued high demand for our services and very significant drop in food donations meant that we continued with a situation where over half the food we gave out was purchased with donated money or grant funding.



7.3 Community Recipe Packs

We continued with our Community Recipe pack project for the first half of the year under review. This was a weekly recipe pack to make a meal for 4/5 people that was given out in term time. The recipes could easily be cooked with or by children, so it was a family activity as well as a meal. If we had any surplus stock, the ambient ingredients (pasta, tinned foods etc.) came from donated food but for most of the year we bought nearly all the ingredients for the recipe packs.

"Thank you for the recipe bag that we were given on Wednesday at Lowedges Toddler group. Lovely family meal."

Michelle oversaw the Community Recipe pack project. At the start of the financial year we were providing 70 recipe packs a week. Numbers fluctuated between 70 and 80 packs a week. These were distributed through Lowedges Community Centre, Jordanthorpe Library and a local primary school.

We loved receiving photos of what people made each week – there are some very talented young cooks in the area!



Due to the acute financial pressures on the foodbank and the need to concentrate on our “core business” of food parcels, the recipe pack project finished at October half term 2024. We know that it is missed and some of the families who used to collect the recipe packs have been referred to the foodbank after the end of the support offered by this project.

Some of this project was funded by grants from the Freemasons, the CAF American Donor Fund and a Sainsbury’s Good Food for All grant.

7.4 Healthy Holidays

We continue to work with People Keeping Well partners to deliver Healthy Activities and Food i(HAF) n school holidays. The partnership has developed well and runs smoothly, although we did experience significant problems with supply chain logistics in summer 2024.

Our contribution was to provide self-guided family cooking activity packs. When HAF funding was available each pack made at least 3 meals and a fruit based pudding for 5 people, per week of school holidays. Some of the packs funded by local partners made 2 meals for 5 people. The recipes were designed to be compliant with school meals standards and easy to cook by adults and children together. The recipe packs were distributed by partners in conjunction with organised activities or self-guided activities. We also bought cooking equipment to go in the packs to help families cook at home. We received funding from Sheffield City Council’s HAF budget (originally from the Department for Education) to fund some of this work and local partners funded some of the work when HAF funding wasn’t available.

We provided 660 recipe packs, providing a total of 11500 meals during the school holidays

The trustees have had to decide that we can only participate in the HAF project when there is sufficient funding available to cover all costs (including staff time).



7.5 Christmas

At Christmas we contacted everyone who had accessed the food bank or shop between mid-October and December to ask them if they would like a parcel of Christmas food. This happened over 5 extended delivery sessions, spread across two weeks in December. We gave out 218 Christmas parcels to 282 adults and 163 children.



We are very grateful to Hallam FM for giving us toys and presents for older teenagers from their Mission Christmas appeal and to Bradway Primary for collecting toys through their giving tree so that we could give a present to every child in the families we help. We bought gifts for adults and fresh produce to add to the Christmas parcels. Some of the fresh produce was funded by a grant from the Freshgate Trust.

7.6 Meet and Eat

Meet and Eat was our term time cooking project where we come together to cook and eat a two course meal together. Everyone who came joined in with cooking and/or washing up, any leftovers were shared out and everyone took home a recipe pack to make one of the week's recipes at home. There was a gentle emphasis on healthy eating on a budget, but there was always a pudding! Everyone who came found themselves trying something new at some point. Meet and Eat continued to be busy; 27 attendees came along on our busiest day, and that was really pushing the limits of how many people could safely cook in the space available. Meet and Eat was a place where people could come and be warm, enjoy a meal that they couldn't necessarily afford to cook at home, and where they could meet other people. Reducing social isolation was a greatly valued aspect of the group.

The very high number of people attending was making Meet and Eat increasingly expensive to



Our two Citizens Advice workers got involved with carving the turkey at the Meet and Eat Christmas meal.

deliver (higher food costs and increased staff costs to safely deliver the project) and, with Michelle leaving the foodbank, we simply were not able to continue the project. With heavy hearts, and enormous regret, Meet and Eat met for a final time to cook Christmas dinner together in December 2024. We know that the group members are very sad about this and that the group is greatly missed. Some people who used to attend the group have had to be referred to the foodbank after the food support offered by Meet and Eat was no longer available.

Meet and Eat was partly supported by a grant from the Sheffield City Council Community Meals fund.



7.7 Fuel Poverty

We can offer a small top up to prepayment meters for gas and electricity in consultation with a referrer following an agreed protocol. We spent £713 on this last year. This was a decrease from the previous year because, in spite of continued high energy prices and the withdrawal of the Government's fuel support vouchers, there were still other organisations offering fuel vouchers and we tried to refer our clients to those as much as possible.

7.8 Citizens Advice Service

Sheffield CAB operate a model of remote working by phone or video call and there is currently no central pot of funding to place CAB workers in foodbanks. We know that many of our clients struggle to engage with advice services remotely so the trustees have paid CAS for an advice worker to work with foodbank clients for 1.5 days a week and for a debt worker to work for 1 day a week.

Alice Clarke-Mell was the general advice worker until February 2025 and then Holly Pridmore took over for the rest of the financial year. Khalid Abdillahi, has been working at the foodbank as our debt worker since June 2022. The advice workers came along to our Jordanthorpe foodbank sessions where they see clients in person for 2-4 hours a week and then do follow up casework by phone. Our clients benefit greatly from receiving high quality advice and casework. We have also had two Citizens Advice volunteers working with our clients for much of the year; this has really helped increased the number of people we can help.

Here's a case study to show just how much impact this high quality advice work can have on one family:

Z was initially referred to the foodbank on the grounds of "low income" but over the time we got to know them, we discovered that they had been the victim of truly horrendous physical, emotional and financial abuse. Our general advice worker and debt worker were able to work together to try to sort out some of the mess that Z had been left in. Their benefits were wrong and they were being pursued for debts accrued by the abusive ex-partner. As a result of the advisers' work, Z is over £8,000 a year better off. That's not just £8000 for one year, that is £8,000/year for at least the next 9 years until their children are grown

The two advice workers saw 102 clients between them (many clients saw both workers) and dealt with 479 different issues. The results were over £174,396 of income gain and nearly £89,000 of debt written off.

Due to the acute financial pressures on the foodbank, the trustees have had to decide not to fund the Citizens Advice service after the end of the current contract in June 2025.

The manager has given interviews to local media, given assemblies in schools, spoken at local churches and given talks to various community groups. We have provided people with newsletter articles, display, material and photos when requested. We had stalls promoting the foodbank at Woodseats Festival, Lowedges Festival and at local community Cost of Living Events and LAC meetings. The manager spoke at the local Church Action on Poverty Civic Breakfast and there is a video filmed at Grace Foodbank [on this page of the Church Action on Poverty website.](#)

We are members of the Sheffield Food Bank Network and the manager is a co-chair of the network. We swap food to balance surpluses (if there are any) and shortages across the network and share ideas and best practice. We belong to the Independent Food Aid Network who do their best to make sure that the voices of independent (non-Trussell Trust) foodbanks are heard and to ensure that the contribution they make is included in national statistics.

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8 Financial Review

During 2024-25 total receipts were £130,819 compared with £242,712 in the previous year. General donations were not significantly different to 2023/24 and we are enormously grateful to our supporters for maintaining their generous giving at a time when we know that many of our donors are also affected by the cost of living crisis. Grant funding was significantly lower this year.

Total payments decreased by 22.5 % from the previous year. Cost savings were achieved as services and the content of food parcels were cut back due to financial constraints. The most notable expenses continue to be the purchase of food and staff costs.

This leaves a deficit for the year of £48,569 (2023-24 £11,156 surplus).

We continue to benefit from Gift Aid receiving £5,179 in directly claimed Gift Aid. Some of the donations we receive from individuals have already been Gift Aided when we receive them (e.g through Stewardship or Just Giving).

Food movements

Between our various projects, we distributed nearly 37 tonnes of donated food to local beneficiaries with a monetary equivalent of over £96,000.

Reserves Policy

The baseline level of reserves in 2024/25 was 6 months of the previous year's unrestricted expenditure (£50,000 for 2023/24) – this is to allow time to seek alternative funding streams if present funding were to dry up.

Designated funds have been used to ensure that we have sufficient money for planned activities over the next 1-3 years. The designated reserve balances, (created in 2022-23), were reviewed at the start of the year and the opening balances adjusted.

The trustees re-examine the reserves policy and designated funds at the start of each financial year.

GRACE FOODBANK RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 1 APRIL 24 - 31 March 25	<i>Full Year 2023-24 £</i>	<i>Full Year 2024-25 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted Funds £</i>	<i>Restricted Funds £</i>	<i>Designated Funds £</i>
RECEIPTS					
GRANTS	139,748	29,229	0	29,229	0
GRACES GROCERY STORE	2,471	2,088	0	0	2,088
FUNDS FOR SPECIFIC CLIENTS/ACTS 435	200	90	90	0	0
DONATIONS:	0	0	0	0	0
Churches/Organisations	15,653	13,869	13,869	0	0
Individuals (Gift Aided)	24,029	21,486	21,486	0	0
Individuals (not directly Gift Aided)	53,958	58,615	58,615	0	0
GIFT AID RECOVERED	6,653	5,179	5,179	0	0
FUNDRAISING /COLLECTIONS	0	263	263	0	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	242,712	130,819	99,502	29,229	2,088
PAYMENTS					
Staff Salaries	55,986	54,634	36,921	17,713	0
Repairs and maintenance	266	231	231	0	0
Packaging	3,618	2,859	2,739	120	0
Mobile phone/top-ups	1,734	1,302	1,302	0	0
Publicity	69	189	189	0	0
Equipment	3,924	518	169	349	0
Training	0	82	82	0	0
Fuel Top Ups for Clients	841	713	50	0	663
Thirtyone Eight Membership	145	150	150	0	0
Use of the Terminus office/The Michael	6,888	6,094	6,094	0	0
Insurance	347	524	524	0	0
Grace Grocery Store costs	10,589	9,468	1,323	57	8,088
Food Purchased	66,333	51,389	44,332	7,057	0
Meet & Eat	8,877	4,985	0	3,000	1,985
Community Recipe Packs	14,747	7,319	3,213	4,106	0
Other items purchased for beneficiaries	13,265	9,703	8,995	708	0
Healthy Holidays (HAF)	16,834	14,084	1,824	12,260	0
Travel expenses (Clients)	695	69	69	0	0
Items for specific clients/DRO orders	540	0	0	0	0
Printing, Stationery & Postage	529	81	81	0	0
Payroll management	157	182	182	0	0
Governance costs/ICO	235	210	210	0	0
Paypal administration fee	310	254	254	0	0
Travel expenses (Staff/volunteers)	271	1,676	848	828	0
Consumables/miscellaneous expenses	330	128	128	0	0
Citizens Advice Worker	24,026	12,544	0	12,544	0
TOTAL PAYMENTS	231,556	179,388	109,910	58,742	10,736
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	11,156	-48,569	-10,408	-29,513	-8,648
BALANCE AT 31 March 2023	94,587				
OPENING BALANCE AT 31 MARCH 2024	105,743	105,743	32,803	35,940	37,000
CLOSING BALANCE AT 31 MARCH 2025		57,174	22,395	6,427	28,352

Restricted Funds	Balance at 01-Apr-24	Receipts	Expended	Balance at 31-Mar-25
	£	£	£	£
Arnold Clark Community Fund	0	2,500	2,500	0
CAF American Donor Fund	1,830	0	1,830	0
Community Meals	3,000	0	3,000	0
Freemasons	776	0	776	0
Freshgate Trust	0	2,000	2,000	0
National Lottery Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund	1,294	0	1,294	0
Other HAF	0	350	550	-200
Paul Grant Charitable Trust	0	1,000	1,000	0
Postcode Neighbourhood Trust	25,000	0	25,000	0
Sainsbury Good for All	0	1,500	1,500	0
SCC - HAF	0	11,337	12,403	-1,066
South LAC Cost of Living Fund	271	0	271	0
South LAC Grant	0	8,042	349	7,693
South Yorkshire Community Foundation	3,769	0	3,769	0
SW LAC Loneliness & Isolation	0	2,500	2,500	0
Total	35,940	29,229	58,742	6,427

Designated Funds	Balance at 01-Apr-24	Receipts	Expended	Balance at 31-Mar-25
	£	£	£	£
Graces Grocery Store	6,000	2,088	8,088	0
Meet & Eat	5,000	0	1,985	3,015
CAB & Debt Advisor	25,000	0	0	25,000
Fuel Top Ups	1,000	0	663	337
Total	37,000	2,088	10,736	28,352

Statement of Assets at 31 March 2025

<u>Monetary Assets:</u>	Cash	£170.27
	Co-operative Bank Account	£55,687.47
	PayPal	£1,125.63
	Graces Grocery Store Cash	£190.93
	Total	£57,174.30

Closing Stock (estimated value of donated goods) £6024.0

Notes to the financial statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1. The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, taking account of the Charity Commission guidance on the requirements of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Act 2011.

2. Staff Costs: The assistant manager resigned in October and a replacement for the post was not appointed. The foodbank assistant accepted an increase in his contracted hours to take on some of the work previously undertaken by the assistant manager. The only pay rise awarded this year was given in line with the Governments Real Living Wage increase. No payments were made to trustees.
3. The charity estimates the value of food donated and distributed by weighing donated goods received and in stock at regular intervals throughout the year. The 2023/24 data was converted into value using a valuation of £2 /kg. A value of £2.50/kg has been used to value the 2024/25 donations received. The closing stock and value of food given to local beneficiaries has been valued at £2/kg (a mixture of food purchased and donated). Results for the last two years are:

	1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024		1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025	
	Kg	£	Kg	£
Opening stock	2167	3792	2034	4068
plus donations received	48276	96552	39837	94500
less closing stock	2034	4068	3012	6024
Food distributed	48409	96276	38859	97148
Of which:				
Given to other organisations	0	0	0	0
Given to local beneficiaries	48409	96276	38859	97148

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