

NANTWICH FOOD BANK

England & Wales · Charity number 1156950

Details

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| Other names | NANTWICH FOODBANK |
| Status | Registered |
| Legal form | CIO |
| Registered | 2014-05-07 |
| Register | View on the Charity Commission register |

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF POVERTY IN NANTWICH AND SURROUNDING AREAS IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY PROVIDING EMERGENCY FOOD SUPPLIES TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN NEED AND/OR CHARITIES OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY.

Activities: The relief of poverty in Nantwich and surrounding areas in particular but not exclusively by providing emergency food supplies to individuals and families in need and/or charities or other organizations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cheshire East

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £57,683 | £74,691 | - | - |
| 2024-03-31 | £89,403 | £72,526 | - | - |
| 2023-03-31 | £80,093 | £59,378 | - | - |
| 2022-03-31 | £69,009 | £57,502 | - | - |
| 2021-03-31 | £146,139 | £80,545 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---------------------|------|------------|
| ALAN BROWN | | 2014-05-07 |
| ANNA LOUISE BATES | | 2025-03-27 |
| CLAIRE NOREEN FLYNN | | 2022-09-14 |
| JAMIE HULL | | 2024-02-29 |
| Philip Ian Boxhall | | 2022-09-14 |
| SUE PRITCHARD | | 2014-05-07 |

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REPORT & ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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Year ended 31 March 2025

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| Trustees | Phil Boxhall Alan Brown Claire Flynn Jamie Hull Sue Pritchard Anna Bates (appointed 19 February 2025) |
| Project Manager | Damien Gear |
| Administration Assistant | Caroline Brown (until December 2024) |
| Address | Stapeley House London Road NANTWICH CW5 7JW |
| Independent Examiner | Afford Bond Holdings Limited 31 Wellington Road Nantwich Cheshire CW5 7ED |

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Report of the Trustees for the Year ended 31 March 2025

We have been a valued member of the Trussell Trust food bank network since our formation in 2012 supporting the mission for the UK of “Ending hunger together”. Our purposes as set out in our Constitution are the relief of poverty in Nantwich and the surrounding areas in particular but not exclusively by providing emergency food supplies to individuals and families in need and/or charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

We are grateful to the people and businesses of Nantwich and surrounding areas for providing emergency food supplies for us to help individuals and families in need. The collection points in local supermarkets provided 78% of supplies donated (2024: 73%) with the balance coming in from schools, churches, individuals and businesses. An additional quantity of supplies were purchased as necessary to cover shortages.

In the year to 31 March 2025 we issued 1,353 food parcels (2024: 1,734) equivalent to 28,000 meals and helped 250 households (2024; 307) comprising 832 adults (2024: 1,033) and 521 children (2024: 701). In addition at Christmas 2024 we provided parcels for 407 (Christmas 2023: 501) people of whom 218 (Christmas 2023: 188) were children.

As in the previous year there has been a reduction in the number of people referred to us. The number of individual households helped fell by 19%. However, households that had never visited us before made up 45% of referrals although overall referrals were down by 13%. Food Banks in adjoining areas have also seen a reduction while numbers have increased in other areas of the country.

There has been a diminution of donations of 14% which has matched the reduction in food parcels. Where we have an excess of particular items we are able to pass them on to other Trussell Trust Food Banks as well as to St Paul's Pantry, Lighthouse, Chance Changing Lives and Motherwell so nothing goes to waste.

Clients are referred to us by as many as 58 different agencies including Citizens Advice, Nantwich Library, all the local schools and colleges, Cheshire East Council and other organisations dealing with substance abuse, domestic abuse, mental health and homelessness. Client's needs are identified so that they can be signposted to agencies able to help them resolve their difficulties. Dietary requirements are identified so that the appropriate food is given and waste is

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reduced as far as possible. We are able to issue fresh vegetables, bread and eggs in our food parcels which is greatly appreciated.

The Trustees have received training from outside agencies on Safeguarding and GDPR and continue to review and refine Governance procedures. Volunteers have received training in Health and Safety and goods handling as required. We are exploring improved systems and processes for supporting volunteers in the management and monitoring of donations received and issued.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Acknowledgements

The Trustees are grateful to the 56 hard-working volunteers without whom the Food Bank could not operate.

The Trustees are indebted to **Boot Property**, our landlord, whose generous support enables the operation to run smoothly.

The Trustees express their Special Thanks

To **Nantwich Town Council** for their ongoing financial support.

To **Nantwich Library** for holding emergency parcels for us and acting as a location where clients can collect their food parcels.

To **Sainsburys, Morrisons, Tesco, Co-op (Stapeley), Nationwide Building Society** and **Marks & Spencer** for allowing us to collect donations at their premises and for taking collections for us through the year.

To all the **Churches** locally for supporting us financially and with donations, for providing premises, and for ongoing prayer support.

To St Mary's Church office, St Anne's Catholic Church and Nationwide Building Society for providing collecting points.

To the **Nantwich Food Festival Committee** for organising the Reverse Advent Calendar drop and go.

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To **local Schools** for remembering us at Harvest Festival.

To **Afford Bond** for undertaking the scrutiny of the Accounts.

To the many local groups who raised funds for us and to the businesses for generous financial support including:

Ableworld (Mike Williams)

Applewood Independent

Audlem Methodist Chapel

Baddiley Consolidated Charities

Bridgemere & District WI

Brindley & Fadley Parish Council

Broomhall & Sound Methodist Church

Bunbury Parish Council

Nantwich Christadelphians

Nantwich Film Club

Nantwich Food Festival

Nantwich Methodist Church

Nantwich Sequence Dances

Nantwich Town Council (Mayor's Charity)

Rotary Club of Nantwich

St Mary's Wistaston

Unsworth Sugden (David Walton Homes)

Wybunbury PCC

And apologies to any we have omitted.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Nantwich Food Bank

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

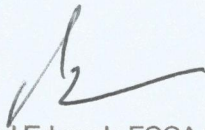
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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 accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Paul Edwards FCCA CTA

Relevant professional qualification or body: Fellow of the Institute of Certified Chartered Accountants and Member of the Chartered Institute of Taxation

Address: Afford Bond Holdings Limited

31 Wellington Road

Nantwich

Cheshire

CW5 7ED

Date: 1 DECEMBER 2025

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the Year ended 31 March 2025

| Previous Year ended 31 March 2024 | | <u>Notes</u> | <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> | <u>Restricted Funds</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|---|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| £ | | | £ | £ | £ |
| | <u>Income</u> | | | | |
| 2,400 | Grants received | 1 | 1,000 | | 1,000 |
| 6,500 | Grants for Specific Purposes | 2 | 0 | | 0 |
| 70,014 | Donations | | 51,016 | | 51,016 |
| 4,312 | Gift Aid Refund | | 67 | | 67 |
| 2,500 | Trussell Trust | 3 | 1,870 | | 1,870 |
| 1,984 | Fundraising | | 1,719 | | 1,719 |
| 1,693 | Interest received | | 2,011 | | 2,011 |
| 89,403 | | | 57,683 | 0 | 57,683 |
| | <u>Expenditure</u> | | | | |
| 24,788 | Salaries | | 21,967 | | 21,967 |
| 17,000 | Warehouse Rent | 4 | 18,000 | | 18,000 |
| 1,747 | Delivery Van | 5 | 1,739 | | 1,739 |
| 19,390 | Food and Other Supplies | | 11,256 | 2,466 | 13,722 |
| 580 | Telephone | | 435 | | 435 |
| | Printing, Stationery & Computer Supplies | | 2,678 | | 2,678 |
| 29 | Postage | | 0 | | 0 |
| 693 | Insurances | | 749 | | 749 |
| 1,174 | Equipment | | 12,543 | | 12,543 |
| 640 | Fees and Suscriptions | | 940 | | 940 |
| 50 | Volunteers Travel & Subsistence | | 0 | | 0 |
| 2,825 | Sundry Expenses | | 843 | | 843 |
| 1,415 | Training | | 1,015 | | 1,015 |
| 60 | Bank Charges | | 60 | | 60 |
| 72,526 | | | 72,225 | 2,466 | 74,691 |
| 16,877 | <u>Net Movement in Funds</u> | | (14,542) | (2,466) | (17,008) |
| 151,415 | <u>Balance of Funds at 1 April 2024</u> | | 165,826 | 2,466 | 168,292 |
| £168,292 | <u>Balance of Funds at 31 March 2025</u> | | £151,284 | £0 | £151,284 |

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BALANCE SHEET

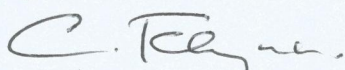
31 March 2025

| 31 March 2024 | | <u>Notes</u> | £ | £ |
|------------------|--|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| £ | | | | |
| | <u>Monetary Assets</u> | | | |
| 168,292 | Bank & Cash Balances | | | 151,284 |
| <u>£168,292</u> | | | | <u>£151,284</u> |
| | Represented by: | | | |
| | <u>Accumulated Fund</u> | | | |
| 114,449 | Balance brought forward | | | 135,826 |
| 21,377 | Surplus/(Deficit)for the Year | | | (14,542) |
| | Increase of Reserve Fund | | | <u>(30,000)</u> |
| 135,826 | Balance carried forward | | | 91,284 |
| | <u>Reserve Fund</u> | | | |
| | | 6 | | |
| 30,000 | Balance at 31 March 2024 | | 30,000 | |
| | Transfer from Accumulated Fund | | <u>30,000</u> | 60,000 |
| | <u>Restricted Funds</u> | | | |
| | | 2 | | |
| 9 | Emergency Winter Fuel Fund | | — | |
| 2,457 | Cheshire East Grant | | — | — |
| <u>£168,292</u> | | | | <u>£151,284</u> |
| | <u>Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities</u> | | | |
| | Fixed Assets for Charity Use | | | |
| 2,296 | Office Equipment | | 2,484 | |
| 8,303 | Storeroom Equipment | | 8,974 | |
| 13,750 | Delivery Van | | 13,750 | |
| 6,591 | Access Ramp | | 6,591 | |
| — | Access road surface stabilisation | | 11,072 | |
| — | Banners | | 487 | |
| <u>£30,940</u> | | | | <u>£43,358</u> |

The notes on page 7 form part of these accounts

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report on Pages 1 to 3 and the Accounts and Notes on Pages 5 to 7.

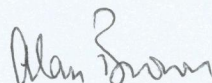
Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Claire Flynn (Trustee)

Date:

26/11/25



Alan Brown (Treasurer)

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2025

- 1 During the year the Food Bank received a grant from Nantwich Town Council.
- 2 Grants for Specific Purposes (Restricted Funds)
The grants for specific purposes have been fully utilised during the year.
Last year we received from grants to provide low value supermarket gift vouchers from the Julia and Hans Rausing Trust and from Storengy Limited. In the year under review these have been provided from other donations received.
- 3 The Trussell Trust
Each Foodbank in the Trussell Trust network is allocated a proportion of the financial donations given by partner supermarkets based on the weight of donations collected in their stores. In our case this relates to collections at Tesco, Crewe.
- 4 Sue Pritchard, who is a Trustee, is a part owner of the premises where the Food Bank supplies are stored.
- 5 Delivery Van
The running costs of the van for the year cover fuel, maintenance and insurance.
- 6 Reserve
The Trustees have set a policy of maintaining unrestricted reserves roughly equivalent to one year's expenditure. This is in view of the irregularity of the Charity's income and the time needed to take action if income should fall below requirements and to allow an orderly winding-up of the Charity should sources of income cease. The amount was increased after the previous year end from £30,000 to £60,000. It is held in a dedicated account with the Charities Aid Foundation.
- 7 Donations in Kind
We continue to be supported by the people of Nantwich and district who donate food and toiletries through the collecting boxes at St Mary's Church office, St Anne's Catholic Church, Nationwide Building Society and Sainsburys, Morrisons and Marks & Spencer supermarkets in the town, at the Co-op in Stapeley and at Tesco supermarket in Crewe. Schools, churches, community groups and local companies also provide donations for us in both cash and kind.
We are grateful for the cash donations which enable us to buy supplies to cover shortages as they occur.
- 8 The stock situation at 31 March 2025 is set out here:

| | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Value</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Supplies received in the Year | 35,617 kilograms | £93,673 |
| Items distributed in the Year | 38,157 kilograms | £100,353 |
| Stock held at 31 March 2025 | 4,401 kilograms | £11,565 |

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Year ended 31 March 2024

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| Trustees | Phil Boxhall Alan Brown Claire Flynn Jamie Hull (appointed 29 February 2024) Sue Pritchard Diana Taylor (resigned 11 October 2023) Ceris Esplen (resigned 11 October 2023) Norman Jones (resigned 28 September 2023) Tom Kennedy (resigned 13 June 2024) Colin Norman (resigned 9 November 2023) |
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|--------------------------|----------------|
| Project Manager | Damien Gear |
| Storeroom Manager | Emily Vaughan |
| Administration Assistant | Caroline Brown |

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| Address: | Stapeley House London Road NANTWICH CW5 7JW |
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| Independent Examiner: | Afford Bond Holdings Limited 31 Wellington Road Nantwich Cheshire CW5 7ED |
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Report of the Trustees for the Year ended 31 March 2024

Since the formation of the Nantwich Food Bank in 2012 we have continued to support the Trussell Trust in the mission for the UK, to be 'free of hunger' by providing emergency food supplies to individuals and families in need in and around Nantwich & surrounding areas, thanks to the generosity of the people and businesses of Nantwich.

Clients are referred to us by as many as 46 different agencies including Citizens Advice, all the local schools and colleges, Cheshire East Council and other organisations dealing with substance abuse, domestic abuse, mental health and homelessness.

We receive all referrals electronically. Clients are contacted by telephone and their needs identified so that they can be signposted to agencies able to help them resolve their difficulties. Food requirements are discussed so that the appropriate food is given and none goes to waste. We issue fresh vegetables, milk and eggs in our food parcels and this is greatly appreciated. We also give occasional low-value supermarket vouchers allowing clients autonomy in choosing some items. Purchase of alcohol, tobacco or gambling products are not permitted on the vouchers that we issue. The food parcels issued provide seven days of supplies.

With the establishment of Food Banks in adjoining areas the geographical area we serve has reduced. We have noted a diminution in the number of referrals by 11% and the number of individuals supported has fallen by 23%. Our neighbouring Food Banks have seen a similar change while numbers have increased in other areas of the country.

In the year to 31 March 2024 we issued 1,734 food parcels equivalent to 36,000 meals and helped 307 households comprising 1,033 adults and 701 children. In addition at Christmas 2023 we provided special parcels for 501 people of whom 188 were children.

Donations by local people at the collection points in supermarkets provided 73% of supplies received. Food and toiletries received from schools, churches and community groups contributed a further 17% with the remaining 10% coming directly from individuals and businesses. A further 15% of supplies has been purchased as necessary to cover shortages.

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The Board of Trustees saw a number of changes towards the end of 2023. This has resulted in fewer trustees in the short term, but we will be recruiting additional trustees having now reviewed and agreed the gaps we need to fill. This year, the newly formed Board has reviewed and agreed a refresh on strategy, and was successfully audited in May 2024, by the Trussell Trust (3 yearly Governance Health Check) on progress against the recommendations from this audit, on all our Governance, Management & Financial controls. We continue to make good progress against the recommendations from this audit and regularly review governance documents in line with Charity Commission guidelines.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Acknowledgements

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The Trustees are indebted to **Boot Property**, our landlord, whose generous support enables the operation to run smoothly.

The Trustees express their Special Thanks

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To the **Julia and Hans Rausing Trust** and to **Storengy UK** for funding the Aldi shopping vouchers.

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To the many local groups who raised funds for us and to the businesses for generous financial support.

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| Ableworld (UK) Ltd | Nantwich Food Festival |
| Applewood Independent | NatWest Nantwich Branch |
| Audlem Methodist Church | PCC of Nantwich |
| Audlem Music Festival | Poole Alcock LLP |
| Audlem Parochial Church Council | Probus Club of Nantwich |
| Baddiley Consolidated Charities | Rotary Club of Nantwich |
| Broomhall & Sound Methodist Church | South Cheshire Model Eng Soc |
| Bunbury Parish Council | St Mary's Wistaston |
| Construction Linx | Storengy |
| Crewe & Nantwich Round Table | Taylor Wimpey North |
| Hankelow Amenities Group | The Works |
| Andrew McKenna | David Wilson Builders |
| Nantwich Mah Jong Club | Vine Inn |
| Nantwich Christadelphians | Worleston & District Parish Council |
| Nantwich Christian Men's Supper Club | Wrenbury Primary School |
| Nantwich Film Club | Wych Malbank Rotary |

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Signed:



Name: Paul Edwards FCCA CTA

Relevant professional qualification or body: Fellow of the Institute of Certified Chartered Accountants and Member of the Chartered Institute of Taxation

Address: Afford Bond Holdings Limited

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Date: 11 DECEMBER 2024

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**For the Year ended 31 March 2024**

| Previous Year ended 31 March 2023 | | | <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> | <u>Restricted Funds</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|---|-------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| £ | | Notes | £ | £ | £ |
| | <u>Income</u> | | | | |
| 5,000 | Grants received | 1 | 2,400 | | 2,400 |
| 6,500 | Grants for Specific Purposes | 2 | | 6,500 | 6,500 |
| 60,412 | Donations | | 70,014 | | 70,014 |
| 5,155 | Gift Aid Refund | | 4,312 | | 4,312 |
| 1,414 | Trussell Trust | 3 | 2,500 | | 2,500 |
| 1,171 | Fundraising | | 1,984 | | 1,984 |
| 441 | Interest received | | 1,693 | | 1,693 |
| <u>80,093</u> | | | <u>82,903</u> | <u>6,500</u> | <u>89,403</u> |
| | <u>Expenditure</u> | | | | |
| 20,928 | Salaries | | 24,788 | | 24,788 |
| 12,000 | Warehouse Rent | 4 | 17,000 | | 17,000 |
| 2,094 | Delivery Van | 5 | 1,747 | | 1,747 |
| 19,150 | Food and Other Supplies | | 8,390 | 11,000 | 19,390 |
| 147 | Fuel Poverty Support | | | 0 | 0 |
| 433 | Telephone | | 580 | | 580 |
| 2,101 | Printing, Stationery & Computer Supplies | | 2,135 | | 2,135 |
| 11 | Postage | | 29 | | 29 |
| 365 | Insurances | | 693 | | 693 |
| 619 | Equipment | | 1,174 | | 1,174 |
| 877 | Fees and Suscriptions | | 640 | | 640 |
| 13 | Volunteers Travel & Subsistence | | 50 | | 50 |
| 640 | Sundry Expenses | | 2,825 | | 2,825 |
| 0 | Training | | 1,415 | | 1,415 |
| | Bank Charges | | 60 | | 60 |
| <u>59,378</u> | | | <u>61,526</u> | <u>11,000</u> | <u>72,526</u> |
| 20,715 | <u>Net Movement in Funds</u> | | 21,377 | (4,500) | 16,877 |
| 130,700 | <u>Balance of Funds at 1 April 2023</u> | | 144,449 | 6,966 | 151,415 |
| <u>£151,415</u> | <u>Balance of Funds at 31 March 2024</u> | | <u>£165,826</u> | <u>£2,466</u> | <u>£168,292</u> |

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BALANCE SHEET31 March 2024

| 31 March 2023 | | Notes | £ | £ |
|------------------|--|-------|--------|-----------------|
| £ | | | | |
| | <u>Monetary Assets</u> | | | |
| 151,415 | Bank & Cash Balances | | | 168,292 |
| <u>£151,415</u> | | | | <u>£168,292</u> |
| | Represented by: | | | |
| | <u>Accumulated Fund</u> | | | |
| 98,087 | Balance brought forward | | | 114,449 |
| 16,362 | Surplus for the Year | | | 21,377 |
| <u>114,449</u> | Balance carried forward | | | <u>135,826</u> |
| 30,000 | <u>Reserve Fund</u> | 6 | | 30,000 |
| | <u>Restricted Funds</u> | 2 | | |
| 4,500 | Julia and Hans Rausing Fund | | 0 | |
| 9 | Emergency Winter Fuel Fund | | 9 | |
| 2,457 | Cheshire East Grant | | 2,457 | 2,466 |
| <u>£151,415</u> | | | | <u>£168,292</u> |
| | <u>Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities</u> | | | |
| | Fixed Assets for Charity Use | | | |
| 1,813 | Office Equipment | | 2,296 | |
| 8,106 | Storeroom Equipment | | 8,303 | |
| 13,750 | Delivery Van | | 13,750 | |
| 6,591 | Access Ramp | | 6,591 | |
| <u>£30,260</u> | | | | <u>£30,940</u> |

The notes on pages 7 form part of these accounts

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report on Pages 1 to 3 and the Accounts and Notes on Pages 5 to 7.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Claire Flynn (Trustee)

Alan Brown (Treasurer)

Date:

28 November 2024

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2024

- 1 During the year the Food Bank received grants from Nantwich Town Council and the Mayor's Good Causes fund.
- 2 Grants for Specific Purposes (Restricted Funds)
Grants to provide low value supermarket gift vouchers in food parcels have been obtained from the Julia and Hans Rausing Trust and from Storengy Limited.
There is a small balance remaining in the Emergency Winter Fuel Fund.
The grant from Cheshire East Council towards the provision of debt counselling was only partly disbursed before the scheme was closed. We are holding the balance of £2,457 and have contacted the Council about refunding the amount.
- 3 The Trussell Trust
Each Foodbank in the Trussell Trust network is allocated a proportion of the financial donations given by partner supermarkets based on the weight of donations collected in their stores. In our case this relates to collections at Tesco, Crewe.
- 4 Sue Pritchard, who is a Trustee, is a part owner of the premises where the Food Bank supplies are stored.
- 5 Delivery Van
The running costs of the van for the year cover fuel, maintenance and insurance.
- 6 Reserve
The Trustees have set a policy of maintaining unrestricted reserves equivalent to one year's expenditure. This is in view of the irregularity of the Charity's income and the time needed to take action if income should fall below requirements and to allow an orderly winding-up of the Charity should sources of income cease. The amount has been increased at the year end from £30,000 to £60,000. It is held in a dedicated account with the Charities Aid Foundation.
- 7 Donations in Kind
We continue to be supported by the people of Nantwich and district who donate food and toiletries through the collecting boxes at St Mary's Church office, St Anne's Catholic Church, Nationwide Building Society and Sainsburys and Morrisons supermarkets in the town, at the Co-op in Stapeley and at Tesco supermarket in Crewe. Schools, churches, community groups and local companies also provide donations for us in both cash and kind.
We are grateful for the cash donations which enable us to buy supplies to cover shortages as they occur.
- 8 The stock situation at 31 March 2024 is set out here:

| | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Value</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Supplies received in the Year | 41,513 kilograms | £114,991 |
| Items distributed in the Year | 41,651 kilograms | £115,373 |
| Stock held at 31 March 2024 | 5,709 kilograms | £15,814 |

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REPORT & ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

NANTWICH FOOD BANK

Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Registered Charity Number 1156950



Year ended 31 March 2023

| | |
|----------|--|
| Trustees | Alan Brown David Emery (resigned 31 March 2023) Ceris Esplen Norman Jones Sue Pritchard Diana Taylor Garry Wareham (resigned 17 August 2022) Phil Boxhall (appointed 14 September 2022) Claire Flynn (appointed 14 September 2022) Tom Kennedy (appointed 14 September 2022) Colin Norman (appointed 17 November 2022) |
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|--------------------------|----------------|
| Project Manager | Damien Gear |
| Storeroom Manager | Emily Vaughan |
| Administration Assistant | Caroline Brown |

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| Address: | Market Street Church Market Street NANTWICH CW5 5DG |
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| Independent Examiner: | Afford Bond Holdings Limited 31 Wellington Road Nantwich Cheshire CW5 7ED |
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NANTWICH FOOD BANK

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Registered Charity Number 1156950



Report of the Trustees for the Year ended 31 March 2023

The Nantwich Food Bank started in 2012 for the relief of poverty in Nantwich and the surrounding areas in particular by providing emergency food supplies to individuals and families in need. In the year under review we supported 2,220 people comprising 1,237 adults and 983 children issuing 50 tonnes of supplies principally in Nantwich, Audlem, Bunbury and Wrenbury. This was an increase of 26% over the preceding year and 14% up on pre-pandemic numbers. There has been an increase in first-time referrals and in the number of children fed. In addition to standard parcels we supplied 133 emergency boxes. Requests on behalf of clients were received from 51 referring agencies during the year.

We have spent £17,150 (2022 £10,521) on additional items for our parcels which included £6,220 (2022 £3,008) for fresh produce so that clients regularly receive bread, eggs, fruit and vegetables as well as dry and tinned goods and toiletries. Items for small children including nappies are provided as required. We have also introduced occasional Aldi shopping vouchers so that families and individuals can choose items more suitable to their needs. The vouchers do not allow the purchase of tobacco, alcohol or lottery tickets.

At Christmas we provided gifts for the guests who attended the Christmas Day lunch organised by Churches Together in Nantwich and to residents at the YMCA and clients of the Probation Service. We also distributed Christmas parcels to families nominated by the agencies that we work with.

The governance of the Food Bank is under regular review and we have developed a long-term strategy. We have a full range of operating policies which are regularly reviewed and kept up-to-date. The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

We have over fifty volunteers. All the volunteers who have interaction with clients have had DBS checks.

All our Trustees are volunteers with a variety of skills. Following advertising locally we have been successful in recruiting four new trustees to extend the competency of the board. We have adopted a 3 Year corporate plan and the Trustees have received training from an external provider.

We are grateful for the contribution over the years made by our retiring Trustees, David Emery and Garry Wareham.

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Acknowledgements

The Trustees are grateful to the wonderful **volunteers** without whom the Food Bank could not operate. We acknowledge the dedication and hard work of our Project Manager, Damien Gear, our Storeroom Manager, Emily Vaughan and Caroline Brown our administration assistant.

The Trustees are indebted to **Boot Property**, our landlord, who gives us unstinting and generous support.

We continue to be humbled by the generosity of **local** individuals and businesses donating money and food and hygiene supplies which enables us to help the people of Nantwich and surrounding areas.

Special Thanks

To all the **Churches** locally for supporting us financially, for being collection points and as well as ongoing prayer support.

To the **Nantwich Churchwardens' Merged Charity** for their generous financial support.

To **Nantwich Town Council** for their ongoing financial support.

To the **Julia and Hans Rausing Trust** for funding the Aldi shopping vouchers.

We thank **Sainsburys, Morrisons, Tesco, Co-op (Stapeley)** and **M & S** for allowing us to collect donations at their stores and for taking collections for us through the year.

We are also grateful to the **Nationwide Building Society** branch in Nantwich who operate a collection point for food and financial donations for us.

To **Afford Bond** for undertaking the scrutiny of the Accounts.

To the many local groups who raised funds for us and to the businesses for generous financial support



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Nantwich Food Bank

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 4 to 6

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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 accounts to be reached.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "P. Edwards", written over a vertical line.

Name: Paul Edwards FCCA CTA

Relevant professional qualification or body: Fellow of the Institute of Certified Chartered Accountants and Member of the Chartered Institute of Taxation

Address: Afford Bond Holdings Limited

31 Wellington Road

Nantwich

Cheshire

CW5 7ED

Date: 28 September 2023

NANTWICH FOOD BANK

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**For the Year ended 31 March 2023**

| Previous Year ended 31 March 2022 | | | <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> | <u>Restricted Funds</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|---|-------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| £ | | Notes | £ | £ | £ |
| | <u>Income</u> | | | | |
| 5,000 | Grants received | 1 | 5,000 | | 5,000 |
| 500 | Grants for Specific Purposes | 2 | | 6,500 | 6,500 |
| 61,135 | Donations | | 60,412 | | 60,412 |
| 0 | Gift Aid Refund | | 5,155 | | 5,155 |
| 1,660 | Trussell Trust | 3 | 1,414 | | 1,414 |
| 706 | Fundraising | | 1,171 | | 1,171 |
| 8 | Interest received | | 441 | | 441 |
| <u>69,009</u> | | | <u>73,593</u> | <u>6,500</u> | <u>80,093</u> |
| | <u>Expenditure</u> | | | | |
| 20,671 | Salaries | | 20,928 | | 20,928 |
| 10,520 | Warehouse Rent | 4 | 12,000 | | 12,000 |
| 2,211 | Delivery Van | 5 | 2,094 | | 2,094 |
| 10,521 | Food and Other Supplies | | 17,150 | 2,000 | 19,150 |
| 618 | Fuel Poverty Support | 2 | | 147 | 147 |
| 4,712 | CAB Debt Counsellor | | | | 0 |
| 325 | Telephone | | 433 | | 433 |
| 1,699 | Printing, Stationery & Computer Supplies | | 2,101 | | 2,101 |
| 0 | Postage | | 11 | | 11 |
| 310 | Insurances | | 365 | | 365 |
| 689 | Equipment | | 619 | | 619 |
| 1,173 | Fees and Suscriptions | | 877 | | 877 |
| 0 | Volunteers Travel & Subsistence | | 13 | | 13 |
| 1,644 | Sundry Expenses | | 640 | | 640 |
| 2,409 | Restricted Funds repaid | 6 | | 0 | 0 |
| <u>57,502</u> | | | <u>57,231</u> | <u>2,147</u> | <u>59,378</u> |
| 11,507 | <u>Net Movement in Funds</u> | | 16,362 | 4,353 | 20,715 |
| 119,193 | <u>Balance of Funds at 1 April 2022</u> | | 128,087 | 2,613 | 130,700 |
| <u>£130,700</u> | <u>Balance of Funds at 31 March 2023</u> | | <u>£144,449</u> | <u>£6,966</u> | <u>£151,415</u> |

NANTWICH FOOD BANK

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BALANCE SHEET

31 March 2023

| 31 March 2022 | | Notes | £ | £ |
|------------------|--|-------|--------|-----------------|
| £ | | | | |
| | <u>Monetary Assets</u> | | | |
| 130,700 | Bank & Cash Balances | | | 151,415 |
| <u>£130,700</u> | | | | <u>£151,415</u> |
| | Represented by: | | | |
| | <u>Accumulated Fund</u> | | | |
| 79,615 | Balance brought forward | | | 98,087 |
| 18,472 | Surplus for the Year | | | 16,362 |
| 98,087 | Balance carried forward | | | 114,449 |
| 30,000 | <u>Reserve Fund</u> | 7 | | 30,000 |
| | <u>Restricted Funds</u> | 2 | | |
| | Julia and Hans Rausing Fund | | 4,500 | |
| 156 | Emergency Winter Fuel Fund | | 9 | |
| 2,457 | Cheshire East grant | | 2,457 | 6,966 |
| <u>£130,700</u> | | | | <u>£151,415</u> |
| | <u>Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities</u> | | | |
| | Fixed Assets for Charity Use | | | |
| 1,314 | Office Equipment | | 1,813 | |
| 8,106 | Storeroom Equipment | | 8,106 | |
| 13,750 | Delivery Van | | 13,750 | |
| 6,591 | Access Ramp | | 6,591 | |
| <u>£29,761</u> | | | | <u>£30,260</u> |

The notes on pages 6 form part of these accounts

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report on Pages 1 and 2 and the Accounts and Notes on Pages 4 to 6.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Ceris Esplen (Trustee)



Alan Brown (Treasurer)

Date: 28 September 2023

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2023

- 1 During the year the Food Bank received grants from Nantwich Town Council and the Nantwich Churchwardens' Merged Charity.
- 2 Grants for Specific Purposes (Restricted Funds)
Grants to provide low value supermarket gift vouchers in food parcels have been obtained from the Julia and Hans Rausing Trust.
There is a small balance remaining in the Emergency Winter Fuel Fund.
The grant from Cheshire East Council towards the provision of debt counselling was only partly disbursed before the scheme was closed. We are holding the balance of £2,457 and have contacted the Council about refunding the amount.
- 3 The Trussell Trust
Each Foodbank in the Trussell Trust network is allocated a proportion of the financial donations given by partner supermarkets based on the weight of donations collected in their stores. In our case this relates to collections at Tesco, Crewe.
- 4 Sue Pritchard, who is a Trustee, is a part owner of the premises where the Food Bank supplies are stored.
- 5 Delivery Van
The running costs of the van for the year cover fuel, maintenance and insurance.
- 6 Restricted Funds repaid (2022)
The unspent amount of the Trussell Trust ASDA Grant to provide debt counselling amounting to £2,409 was repaid to the Trussell Trust.
- 7 Reserve
The Trustees have created a reserve fund in view of the irregularity of the Charity's income and the time needed to take action if income should fall below requirements and to allow an orderly winding-up of the Charity should sources of income cease. It is held in a dedicated account with the Charities Aid Foundation.
- 10 Donations in Kind
We continue to be supported by the people of Nantwich and district who donate food and toiletries through the collecting boxes at St Mary's Church office, Nationwide Building Society and Sainsburys and Morrisons supermarkets in the town, at the Co-op in Stapeley and at Tesco supermarket in Crewe. Schools, churches, community groups and local companies also provide donations for us in both cash and kind. We are grateful for the cash donations which enable us to buy supplies to cover shortages as they occur. We have been able to help neighbouring food banks by donating items that were in surplus in our storeroom.

11. The stock situation at 31 March 2023 is set out here:

| | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Value</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Supplies received in the Year | 51,578 kilograms | £122,240 |
| Items distributed in the Year | 50,875 kilograms | £122,944 |
| Stock held at 31 March 2023 | 7,432 kilograms | £17,614 |

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REPORT & ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

NANTWICH FOOD BANK

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registered Charity Number 1156950

Year ended 31 March 2022

Trustees: David Emery (Chair)
 Alan Brown
 Ceris Esplen
 Norman Jones
 Sue Pritchard
 Diana Taylor
 Paul Stone (died 24 May 2022)
 Emily Vaughan (resigned 10 June 2021)
 Garry Wareham

Project Manager: Damien Gear
Storeroom Manager: Emily Vaughan

Address: Market Street Church
 Market Street
 NANTWICH
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Independent Afford Bond Holdings Limited
Examiner: 31 Wellington Road
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 Cheshire
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Report of the Trustees for the Year ended 31 March 2022

We saw a reduction in the number of people that we supported this year compared with the year ended 31 March 2021. The numbers halved owing largely to the end of the peak Covid-19 pandemic restrictions and the introduction of the Emergency Funding Initiative by Cheshire East Council which supported a large number of families who would otherwise have come to us for support. St Paul's Pantry, which is not a member of the Trussell Trust family of food banks, looks after clients from CW1 and CW2 reducing the call on our resources.

We supported 1,758 people of whom 706 were children providing the equivalent of 36,918 meals. The volume of parcels distributed weighed 33.3 tonnes. As in the previous year we provided Christmas gifts for the guests who would have attended the Churches Together in Nantwich Christmas Day lunch and residents at the YMCA. We also distributed Christmas parcels to families as requested by the agencies that we work with. Parcels weighing 1,511 kilograms were distributed.

We have continued to work closely with our referral partners who now use our on-line referral system. Our principal referring agencies are shown in the table below. A trial of a hybrid operating model of delivery and face-to-face meetings with clients was undertaken at our usual centre in Nantwich. This was for a period of six weeks but was not considered beneficial to our clients and discontinued.

The services of a dedicated CAB advisor financed by a grant from ASDA via the Trussell Trust and from Cheshire East Council introduced last year on an experimental basis for several months were terminated as this did not work to the satisfaction of either party. We have varied the arrangement to become a preferred referrer allowing us to refer clients directly to CAB.

Our fresh produce scheme was further developed during the year so clients receive bread, eggs, fruit and vegetables as well as dry and tinned goods. We have recruited new volunteers and developed new roles and all the volunteers who have interactions with clients have had DBS checks.

The governance of the Food Bank is under regular review and we have developed a long-term strategy. Our operating policies have been kept up-to-date. We are actively looking for new Trustees and are especially interested in hearing from people who have a financial background and have experience in fundraising. We are committed to inclusion and recognise the need to ensure our board reflects the people we serve and has the skills needed to successfully lead the delivery of our corporate plan.



Our Main Referral Agencies

| | |
|--|-------|
| Cheshire East Council | 16% |
| Citizens Advice Bureau | 16% |
| Brine Leas School | 14% |
| Tudor Medical Practice | 9% |
| Wrenbury Primary School | 8% |
| Cheshire and Wirral NHS Trust | 7% |
| Job Centre Plus | 9% |
| MacMillian Team (Mid Cheshire NHS Trust) | 5% |
| Nantwich Library | 5% |
| CGL drug and alcohol services | 4% |
| Other | 6% |
| | <hr/> |
| | 100% |

Acknowledgements

The Trustees are grateful to the wonderful volunteers without whom the Food Bank could not operate. We acknowledge the dedication and hard work of our Project Manager, Damien Gear and our Storeroom Manager, Emily Vaughan.

We mourn the passing of Paul Stone who died on 24 May 2022. He was a volunteer from the early days and our fundraising Trustee for six years from June 2016. His enduring legacy is the support he generated in the local community which has set the Food Bank on a sound financial footing.

The Trustees are indebted to **Boot Property**, our landlord, who gives us unstinting support.

We continue to be humbled by the generosity of local individuals and businesses donating money and food and hygiene supplies which enables us to help the people of Nantwich and surrounding areas. Fully 86 per cent of our food and hygiene supplies came from donations and the balance was bought in.

Special Thanks

To the **Nantwich Churchwardens' Merged Charity** for their ongoing support.

To all the **Churches** locally for supporting us financially, for being collection points and for providing premises, as well as ongoing prayer support.

To **Nantwich Town Council** for their ongoing financial support.

To **Weaver & Bomford** for providing all of our stationery and printing needs.

To **Afford Bond** for undertaking the scrutiny of the Accounts.

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We thank **Morrisons** for their weekly donations in response to the crisis and to **Tesco** for the coordinated and well-planned food donations.

To the many local groups who raised funds for us and to the businesses for generous financial support:

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Applewood Independent | Nantwich Buddies/Angels |
| Audlem PCC | Nantwich Christadelphians |
| Baddiley Consolidated Charities | Nantwich Film Club |
| Broad Lane Chapel | Nantwich Health Centre |
| Bunbury GP Surgery | Nantwich Historical Society |
| Cheshire Freemasons | Nantwich Lions Club |
| D&G Bus | Nantwich Mayor's Charity |
| Donatable Limited | Premier Living |
| Hankelow Amenities Group | Rotary Club of Nantwich |
| Kings Friend Lodge | Sainsburys |
| Making a Difference Locally | St Mary's Wistaston |
| Masonic Charitable | Trac Precision Machining Ltd |
| Mayor of Cheshire East | Weaver (Nantwich) Probus Club |

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Nantwich Food Bank

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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 accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Name: Paul Edwards FCCA CTA

Relevant professional qualification or body: Fellow of the Institute of Certified Chartered Accountants and Member of the Chartered Institute of Taxation

Address: Afford Bond Holdings Limited

31 Wellington Road

Nantwich

Cheshire

CW5 7ED

Date: 17 August 2022

NANTWICH FOOD BANK

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the Year ended 31 March 2022

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

| Previous Year ended 31 March 2021 | | | <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> | <u>Restricted Funds</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|--|-------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| (Restated) | | Notes | £ | £ | £ |
| £ | | | | | |
| | <u>Income</u> | | | | |
| 5,000 | Grants received | | 5,000 | | 5,000 |
| 27,990 | Grants for Specific Purposes | 1 | | 500 | 500 |
| 103,709 | Donations | | 61,135 | | 61,135 |
| 3,462 | Gift Aid Refund | | 0 | | 0 |
| 469 | Trussell Trust | 2 | 1,660 | | 1,660 |
| 5,497 | Fundraising | | 706 | | 706 |
| 12 | Interest received | | 8 | | 8 |
| <u>146,139</u> | | | <u>68,509</u> | <u>500</u> | <u>69,009</u> |
| | <u>Expenditure</u> | | | | |
| 23,957 | Salaries | 3 | 20,671 | | 20,671 |
| 3,112 | Warehouse Rent | 4 | 10,520 | | 10,520 |
| 3,026 | Delivery Van | 5 | 2,211 | | 2,211 |
| 13,955 | Food and Other Supplies | | 10,521 | | 10,521 |
| 566 | Fuel Poverty Support | 6 | 274 | 344 | 618 |
| 6,912 | CAB Debt Counsellor | 7 | | 4,712 | 4,712 |
| 39 | Telephone | | 325 | | 325 |
| | Printing, Stationery & Computer | | | | |
| 437 | Supplies | | 1,699 | | 1,699 |
| 91 | Postage | | 0 | | 0 |
| 358 | Insurances | | 310 | | 310 |
| 13,020 | Equipment | | 689 | | 689 |
| 709 | Fees and Suscriptions | | 1,173 | | 1,173 |
| 198 | Volunteers Travel & Subsistence | | 0 | | 0 |
| 665 | Sundry Expenses | | 1,644 | | 1,644 |
| 13,500 | Restricted Funds | 8 | | 2,409 | 2,409 |
| <u>80,545</u> | | | <u>50,037</u> | <u>7,465</u> | <u>57,502</u> |
| <u>65,594</u> | <u>Net Movement in Funds</u> | | <u>18,472</u> | <u>(6,965)</u> | <u>11,507</u> |
| 53,599 | <u>Balance of Funds at 1 April 2021</u> | | 109,615 | 9,578 | 119,193 |
| <u>£119,193</u> | <u>Balance of Funds at 31 March 2022</u> | | <u>£128,087</u> | <u>£2,613</u> | <u>£130,700</u> |

The notes on pages 7 and 8 form part of these accounts.

NANTWICH FOOD BANK

Registered Charity Number 1156950

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

BALANCE SHEET31 March 2022

| 31 March 2021 (Restated) £ | | Notes | £ | £ |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------|--------------|-----------------|
| | <u>Monetary Assets</u> | | | |
| 119,193 | Bank & Cash Balances | | | 130,700 |
| <u>£119,193</u> | | | | <u>£130,700</u> |
| | Represented by: | | | |
| | <u>Accumulated Fund</u> | | | |
| 30,099 | Balance brought forward | | | 79,615 |
| 59,516 | Surplus for the Year | | | 18,472 |
| 5,000 | Restricted fund adjustment | 8 | | 0 |
| (15,000) | Transfer to Reserve | | | 0 |
| <u>79,615</u> | Balance carried forward | | | <u>98,087</u> |
| 30,000 | <u>Reserve Fund</u> | 9 | | 30,000 |
| | <u>Restricted Funds</u> | 8 | | |
| | Emergency Winter Fuel Fund | | 156 | |
| 9,578 | Trussell Trust ASDA Grant | | <u>2,457</u> | 2,613 |
| <u>£119,193</u> | | | | <u>£130,700</u> |
| | <u>Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities</u> | | | |
| | Fixed Assets for Charity Use | | | |
| 1,121 | Office Equipment | | 1,314 | |
| 8,035 | Storeroom Equipment | | 8,106 | |
| 13,750 | Delivery Van | | 13,750 | |
| 6,591 | Access Ramp | | 6,591 | |
| <u>£29,497</u> | | | | <u>£29,761</u> |

The notes on page 7 and 8 form part of these accounts.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report on Pages 1 to 3 and the Accounts and Notes on Pages 5 to 8.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

David Emery (Chair)

Alan Brown (Treasurer)

Date 17 August 2022

NANTWICH FOOD BANK

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Registered Charity Number 1156950

Notes to the Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2022

- 1 Grants for Specific Purposes (Restricted Funds)
In the course of the year the Trustees have received a grant from the Nantwich Churchwardens' Merged Charity for an Emergency Winter Fuel Fund.
- 2 The Trussell Trust
Each Foodbank in the Trussell Trust network is allocated a proportion of the financial donations given by partner supermarkets based on the weight of donations collected in their stores. In our case this relates to collections at Tesco, Crewe.
- 3 Emily Vaughan, our salaried Storeroom Supervisor, was a Trustee until the last Annual General Meeting in June 2021.
- 4 Sue Pritchard, who is a Trustee, is a part owner of the premises where the Food Bank supplies are stored.
- 5 Delivery Van
The running costs of the van for the year cover fuel, maintenance and insurance.
- 6 Fuel Poverty Support
We have continued to make funds available for the alleviation of fuel poverty. The Nantwich Churchwardens' Merged Charity has made a grant towards this expense as indicated in Note 1 above.
- 7 CAB Debt Counsellor
The services of a debt advisor provided by the Citizens Advice Bureau have been discontinued. The formula proved to be difficult to operate to the satisfaction of both parties for the benefit of our clients.
- 8 Restricted Funds.
The unspent amount of the Trussell Trust ASDA Grant amounting to £2,409 was repaid to the Trussell Trust. In the previous year unused grants obtained for the anticipated effects of the Covid-19 pandemic amounting to £8,500 were repaid to the donors. An element of the Trussell Trust ASDA Grant was provided by Cheshire East Council for training. Arrangements will be made to return this to the appropriate department. The CAF Coronavirus Emergency Fund was applied by arrangement with the donor for other elements of the charity's exceptional expenses during the financial year ended 31 March 2021. Owing to the methods of working adopted by CAF during the pandemic lockdowns discussions were not completed until after last year's accounts were finalized. The amount of £5,000 was used to pay for increased overtime, additional storeroom equipment and PPE and increased telephone charges.
- 9 Reserve
The Trustees have created a reserve fund in view of the irregularity of the Charity's income and the time needed to take action if income should fall below requirements and to allow an orderly winding-up of the Charity should sources of income cease. It is held in a dedicated account with the Charities Aid Foundation.

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2022

10 Donations in Kind

We continue to be supported by the people of Nantwich and district who donate food and toiletries through the collecting boxes at St Mary's Church office, Nationwide Building Society and Sainsburys and Morrisons supermarkets in the town and at Tesco supermarket in Crewe. Schools, churches, community groups and local companies also provide donations for us. We are grateful for the cash donations given which have enabled us to buy supplies to cover shortages as they have occurred. In the year to 31 March 2022 donations made up 87% of the items needed and 13% were bought in. Sadly 3% of the goods received were out-of-date or damaged. We have been able to help neighbouring food banks by donating items that were in surplus in our storeroom. The stock situation at 31 March 2022 is set out here:

| | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Value</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Supplies received in the Year | 43,164 kilograms | £77,695 |
| Items distributed in the Year | 46,060 kilograms | £82,908 |
| Stock held at 31 March 2022 | 7,729 kilograms | £13,912 |

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REPORT & ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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Year ended 31 March 2021

Trustees: David Emery (Chair)
 Alan Brown
 Jane Emery (resigned 21 December 2020)
 Ceris Esplen
 Norman Jones (appointed 21 May 2020)
 Sue Pritchard
 Diana Taylor
 Paul Stone
 Emily Vaughan
 Garry Wareham

Project Manager: Damien Gear

Address: Market Street Church
 Market Street
 NANTWICH
 CW5 5DG

Independent Natasha M Clarke ACA CTA
Examiner:

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Report of the Trustees for the Year ended 31 March 2021

As with all Trussell Trust food banks nationally we saw a dramatic increase in numbers accessing our services, particularly for the first quarter of the financial year. This was due to our proactive approach to supporting vulnerable families as identified by local schools, many people losing their jobs, delays in the furlough scheme, some people being ineligible for support schemes and many on low incomes who found the cost of living increased.

The initial weeks made supply of goods hard as the public were encouraged to isolate and those who could shop were unable to bulk buy. This led to a decrease in food donations. We were indebted to the Trussell Trust who very quickly responded by arranging weekly deliveries of food donated by Tesco which was distributed to us via British Gas.

We adapted our model to 'delivery only' for the safety of volunteers and those needing our support. A reduced number of volunteers worked in small groups ("bubbles") to reduce risk. Following government guidelines "at risk volunteers" were advised to stand down.

We applied for and were awarded emergency grants which gave us confidence to bulk purchase goods once we could secure a supplier. It also enabled us to include hygiene products such as soaps, disinfectant, and introduce fresh items such as bread, eggs and fruit and vegetables. The feedback from support agencies about this development was very positive. To reduce multiple deliveries to households, parcel sizes were increased from a three-day supply to a parcel covering seven days.

In the past when we were able to meet people face-to face we provided signposting material referring them to agencies that would help them resolve their problems. With that aspect of our work closed to us we included the signposting material in each parcel. This was later developed to a remote service with three volunteers offering a support service via a secure digital telephone line.

In the year ending March 2021 we distributed 1,348 parcels supporting 3,796 people, of which 1,555 were children. This is an increase of 151% caused largely by surge in demand owing to the Covid-19 crisis. Most of the referrals during the year came from Nantwich North and West ward with approximately 1,000 people supported. Low income remains the most common reason for referrals and the largest group supported were adults aged between 25 and 64.

As has become our pattern we provided Christmas gifts for the guests who would have attended the Churches Together in Nantwich Christmas Day lunch, residents at the YMCA and a number of people recently put on probation. These were all well received. We also distributed Christmas parcels to families as requested by the agencies that we work with. Parcels weighing 1,396 kilograms were distributed to 234 households feeding about 500 people.

In December Jane Emery retired as a Trustee and also as Project Manager. Jane was instrumental in forming Nantwich Food Bank in 2012 and has been a guiding hand over the years until her retirement. She has moved on to a more senior post in the Trussell Trust

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organisation and the Trustees wish to record their appreciation of all she has done. Her successor, Damien Gear, was appointed as Project Manager in February 2021.

Grants

Funding from ASDA via the Trussell Trust and from Cheshire East Council enabled us to finance the services on a part-time basis of a Citizens Advice specialist advisor from October 2020.

Owing to the impact on our finances by the changes arising from the Coronavirus pandemic we applied for grants from the **Cheshire Community Foundation**, the **Steve Morgan Foundation** and the **CAF Coronavirus Emergency Fund**. The receipt of these grants early in the year reduced our concern over the demands on our budget enabling us to invest in reorganising our operating systems, providing PPE for our volunteers and improving the storeroom to cope with the requirements of social distancing in the workplace as set out above. Later in the year we received some substantial donations which improved our financial position and the Trustees made the decision to return the funds to the grant-making bodies for the benefit of other charities less fortunate than ourselves.

Public benefit

The Trustees of Nantwich Food Bank consider that during the year ended 31 March 2021 the key objective of providing emergency assistance to people in Nantwich and surrounding rural areas has been met and has been of benefit to the public.

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The Trustees do regularly review governance documents in line with Charity Commission guidelines and those of the Trussell Trust.

Acknowledgements

The Trustees are grateful to the wonderful volunteers without whom the Food Bank could not operate and particularly for the response to the changes brought about by the crisis measures introduced in March 2020.

The Trustees are indebted to **Boot Property**, our landlord, without whom we would not have been able to make the extensive modifications in our patterns of work caused by the Covid-19 crisis.

We have been humbled by the generosity of local individuals and businesses donating money and food. Apart from the dislocation at the beginning of the year our local community has continued to support us by generously donating food, and the extra items that have been requested by our referring agencies from time to time.

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Special Thanks

To the **Nantwich Churchwardens' Merged Charity** for their ongoing support.

To all the **Churches** locally for supporting us financially, for being collection points and for providing premises, as well as ongoing prayer support.

To **Nantwich Town Council** for their ongoing financial support.

We thank **Morrisons** for their weekly donations in response to the crisis and to **Tesco** for the coordinated and well-planned food donations.

To **Weaver & Bomford** for providing all of our stationery and printing needs.

To the many local groups who raised funds for us and to the businesses for generous financial support:

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Acton, Edleston & Henhull PC | Nationwide BS |
| Applewood Independent | Parochial Parish Council |
| Audlem Methodist Church | Poole Alcock |
| Belway Homes | Premier Living |
| Broomhall & Sound Methodist Church | ProDecon |
| Carehome Selection | Rotary Club of Nantwich |
| Cheshire Game & Angling | Shavington & Gresty Drama Group |
| Crewe Railroaders | Shop by the Canal |
| D&G Bus | Socha & Tsinias |
| Delaware UK | Soroptimists |
| FJ Needs | St James the Great Audlem |
| Inner Wheel Nantwich | St Mary's Wistaston |
| Inter-Staff | Sugro UK |
| Making a Difference Locally | Trak Global Solutions |
| Nantwich & District Scottish Society | Weaver Rotary |
| Nantwich Christadelphians | Wistaston Community Council |
| Nantwich Film Club | Wybunbury Parish Council |
| Nantwich Methodists | |

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|---|---|
| The logo for Nantwich Town Council is circular with a yellow border. Inside, there's a shield with red and yellow quadrants, a black diagonal bar, and a green base. The text "NANTWICH" is at the top and "TOWN COUNCIL" is at the bottom. | <p>weaver&bomfords</p> |
| The logo for Cheshire Community Foundation features the words "CHESHIRE" and "COMMUNITY" in white on a black background, with "FOUNDATION" in blue below them. | The logo for ASDA Foundation includes the word "ASDA" in green, "FOUNDATION" in black, and the tagline "Transforming Communities, Improving Lives" in a smaller black font below. |
| The logo for Steve Morgan Foundation features a red square with "20 years Changing Lives" and a smiley face, followed by "Steve Morgan" in red script and "FOUNDATION" in black below. | The logo for Cheshire East Council includes a rainbow graphic above the text "Cheshire East Council" and the tagline "Working for a brighter future: together" below. |
| The logo for CAF Charities Aid Foundation features the letters "CAF" in large orange font, with "Charities Aid Foundation" in a smaller orange font below. | The logo for Community Fund features a stylized hand icon with a smiley face, followed by "COMMUNITY" in pink and "FUND" in black below. |

Report of the Independent Examiner
on the Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Nantwich Food Bank for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: Natasha M Clarke ACA CTA

Relevant professional qualification or body: Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address: 1 Kendal Way, Crewe, CW2 5SA

Date: 8 June 2021

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the Year ended 31 March 2021

| Previous Year ended 31 March 2020 £ | | Notes | <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> £ | <u>Restricted Funds</u> £ | <u>Total</u> £ |
|---|---|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| | <u>Income</u> | | | | |
| 6,000 | Grants received | | 5,000 | | 5,000 |
| 19,500 | Grants for Specific Purposes | 1 | | 27,990 | 27,990 |
| 21,733 | Donations | | 103,709 | | 103,709 |
| | Gift Aid Refund | | 3,462 | | 3,462 |
| 1,611 | Trussell Trust | 2 | 469 | | 469 |
| 13,415 | Fundraising + 200 Club | 3 | 5,497 | | 5,497 |
| 18 | Interest received | | 12 | | 12 |
| <u>62,277</u> | | | <u>118,149</u> | <u>27,990</u> | <u>146,139</u> |
| | <u>Expenditure</u> | | | | |
| 19,832 | Salaries | 4 | 27,557 | | 27,557 |
| 3,215 | Warehouse Rent | 4 | 3,112 | | 3,112 |
| 17,048 | Delivery Van | 5 | 3,026 | | 3,026 |
| 4,166 | Food and Other Supplies | | 13,955 | | 13,955 |
| 2,303 | Fuel Poverty Support | 6 | 566 | | 566 |
| | CAB Debt Counsellor | 7 | | 6,912 | 6,912 |
| 150 | Training | | 249 | | 249 |
| 114 | Telephone | | 439 | | 439 |
| | Printing, Stationery & Computer Supplies | | 437 | | 437 |
| 339 | Postage | | 91 | | 91 |
| 266 | Insurances | | 358 | | 358 |
| 1,064 | Equipment | 8 | 7,520 | 6,500 | 14,020 |
| 360 | Trussell Trust franchise fees | | 360 | | 360 |
| 785 | Volunteers Travel & Subsistence | | 198 | | 198 |
| 327 | Sundry Expenses | | 765 | | 765 |
| | Grants returned | 9 | | 8,500 | 8,500 |
| <u>50,319</u> | | | <u>58,633</u> | <u>21,912</u> | <u>80,545</u> |
| <u>11,958</u> | <u>Net Movement in Funds</u> | | <u>59,516</u> | <u>6,078</u> | <u>65,594</u> |
| 41,641 | <u>Balance of Funds at 1 April 2020</u> | | 45,099 | 8,500 | 53,599 |
| <u>£53,599</u> | <u>Balance of Funds at 31 March 2021</u> | | <u>£104,615</u> | <u>£14,578</u> | <u>£119,193</u> |

The notes on pages 9 and 10 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET**31 March 2021**

| 31 March 2020 (Restated) £ | | Notes | £ | £ |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------|--------------|-----------------|
| | <u>Monetary Assets</u> | | | |
| 53,599 | Bank & Cash Balances | | | 119,193 |
| <u>£53,599</u> | | | | <u>£119,193</u> |
| | Represented by: | | | |
| | <u>Accumulated Fund</u> | | | |
| 31,641 | Balance brought forward | | | 30,099 |
| 3,458 | Surplus for the Year | | | 59,516 |
| (5,000) | Transfer to Reserve | | | (15,000) |
| <u>30,099</u> | Balance carried forward | | | <u>74,615</u> |
| 15,000 | <u>Reserve Fund</u> | 10 | | 30,000 |
| | <u>Restricted Funds</u> | 1 | | |
| 6,500 | National Lottery | | | |
| 2,000 | Trussell Trust | | | |
| | CAF Coronavirus Recovery | | 5,000 | |
| | Trussell Trust ASDA Grant | | <u>9,578</u> | 14,578 |
| <u>£53,599</u> | | | | <u>£119,193</u> |
| | <u>Non-Monetary Assets and Liabilities</u> | | | |
| | Fixed Assets for Charity Use | | | |
| 917 | Office Equipment | | 1,121 | |
| 6,480 | Storeroom Equipment | | 8,035 | |
| 13,750 | Delivery Van | | 13,750 | |
| | Access Ramp | | 6,591 | |
| <u>£21,147</u> | | | | <u>£29,497</u> |

The notes on page 9 and 10 form part of these accounts.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report on Pages 2 to 5 and the Accounts and Notes on Pages 7 to 10.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

David Emery (Chair)

Alan Brown (Treasurer)

Date 16 June 2021

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Notes to the Accounts for the Year ended 31 March 2021

1 Grants for Specific Purposes (Restricted Funds)

In the course of the year the Trustees have received grants for specific projects as set out here:

| | <u>Current</u> <u>Year</u> | <u>Previous</u> <u>Year</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <u>For the purchase of a Delivery Van</u> | | |
| Trussell Trust ASDA grant | | £11,000 |
| <u>For creation of an Access Ramp</u> | | |
| National Lottery Community Fund | | £6,500 |
| <u>For support during the Coronavirus Pandemic</u> | | |
| Trussell Trust | | *£2,000 |
| CAF Coronavirus Emergency Fund | £5,000 | |
| Cheshire Community Fund | *£3,250 | |
| Steve Morgan Foundation | *£3,250 | |
| <u>To enable the Food Bank to provide Debt Counselling</u> | | |
| Trussell Trust ASDA grant | £12,852 | |
| Cheshire East Council | £3,638 | |
| <u>Total</u> | <u>£27,990</u> | <u>£19,500</u> |

* subsequently returned to the donor charity

2 The Trussell Trust

Each Foodbank in the Trussell Trust network is allocated a proportion of the financial donations given by partner supermarkets based on the weight of donations collected in their stores. In our case this relates to collections at Tesco, Crewe.

3 Fundraising and 200 Club

Owing to the Covid-19 restrictions our fundraising events were cancelled. However, our local community organised a few activities to raise funds for us. Malbank School had a non-uniform day, Ableworld had a dress-down day, Cheshire Scouts donated money from recycling Christmas trees, Nationwide Building Society held a raffle, Snugburys raised money for us on Black Friday, a number of people made and sold craft items and Sainsburys, who nominated us as their local charity of the year in 2019/20 sent us the remainder of the funds they had raised for us.

The 200 Club was closed at the end of December 2019.

4 Jane Emery, a former a Trustee, received a salary as the Food Bank Co-ordinator.

Emily Vaughan who acts as the Storeroom Supervisor and receives a salary is also a Trustee. Sue Pritchard, who is also a Trustee, is a part owner of the premises where the Food Bank supplies are stored.

5 Delivery Van

The running costs of the van for the year cover fuel, maintenance and insurance.

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6 Fuel Poverty Support

We have continued to make funds available for the alleviation of fuel poverty but at a much reduced rate owing to the Covid-19 pandemic.

7 CAB Debt Counsellor

We have been able to fund the services of a debt advisor provided by the Citizens Advice Bureau owing to grants received from ASDA and Cheshire East Council.

8 Equipment

Owing to the coronavirus pandemic the Trustees have purchased the necessary personal protective equipment to keep volunteers and staff safe. We have also acquired crates and sack trucks for the storeroom and bought new telephone equipment. A specially designed ramp has been installed in order to facilitate and ensure safe access to the storeroom. This is a substantial metal fabrication which has proved its worth since its inauguration. Part of the cost was defrayed by a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund.

9 Grants returned to Donor Charities

At the beginning of the year under review the Trustees applied to a number of charity donors for additional funds so as to avoid shortages in supplies needed for the Food Bank. We anticipated a fall off of the regular donations of food by the public on which we rely. The grants gave us confidence to meet the demands on us which surged considerably. There was an increase in financial support from our local businesses and individuals in the run up to Christmas. In the months of November and December 2020 donations amounted to £40,000. The Trustees made the decision to return the grants received to the donor charities and £8,500 had been repaid before 31 March 2021.

10 Reserve

The Trustees have created a reserve fund in view of the irregularity of the Charity's income and the time needed to take action if income should fall below requirements and to allow an orderly winding-up of the Charity should sources of income cease. It has been increased by a further £15,000 during the year and is held in a dedicated account with the Charities Aid Foundation.

11 Donations in Kind

Thanks to the generosity of the people of Nantwich and district and the collections of food made at "food drops" organised by the Nantwich Food Festival committee and at Tesco, Crewe and at Sainsburys and Morrisons, Nantwich we have received the amount of donations in kind set out here:

| | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Value</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Donations received in the Year | 61,427 kilograms | £107,498 |
| Food distributed in the Year | 57,814 kilograms | £101,174 |
| Stock held at 31 March 2021 | 10,560 kilograms | £18,480 |