

# NANTWICH FOOD BANK

Charitable Incorporated Organisation  
Registered Charity Number 1156950



REPORT & ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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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)
Project Manager	Damien Gear
Storeroom Manager	Emily Vaughan
Administation Assistant	Caroline Brown
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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 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 diagonal 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

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Date: 28 September 2023

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

Previous Year ended 31 March 2022			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
£		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
69,009			73,593	6,500	80,093
	<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
	Printing, Stationery & Computer				
1,699	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
57,502			57,231	2,147	59,378
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
£130,700	<u>Balance of Funds at 31 March 2023</u>		£144,449	£6,966	£151,415

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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