

NANTWICH FOOD BANK

Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Registered Charity Number 1156950



REPORT & ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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Year ended 31 March 2024

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)

Project Manager	Damien Gear
Storeroom Manager	Emily Vaughan
Administration Assistant	Caroline Brown

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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

The Trustees are grateful to the 48 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 the **Julia and Hans Rausing Trust** and to **Storengy UK** for funding the Aldi shopping vouchers.

To **Sainsburys, Morrisons, Tesco, Co-op (Stapeley)** and **Marks & Spencer** for allowing us to collect donations at their stores 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.

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

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

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.

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

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 2024 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

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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
80,093			82,903	6,500	89,403
	<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
	Printing, Stationery & Computer				
2,101	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
59,378			61,526	11,000	72,526
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
£151,415	<u>Balance of Funds at 31 March 2024</u>		£165,826	£2,466	£168,292

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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		<u>2,457</u>	<u>2,466</u>
<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		<u>6,591</u>	
<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