

# **NANTWICH FOOD BANK**

Charitable Incorporated Organisation  
Registered Charity Number 1156950



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)
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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 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)	Nantwich Film Club
Applewood Independent	Nantwich Food Festival
Audlem Methodist Chapel	Nantwich Methodist Church
Baddiley Consolidated Charities	Nantwich Sequence Dances
Bridgemere & District WI	Nantwich Town Council (Mayor's Charity)
Brindley & Fadley Parish Council	Rotary Club of Nantwich
Broomhall & Sound Methodist Church	St Mary's Wistaston
Bunbury Parish Council	Unsworth Sugden (David Walton Homes)
Nantwich Christadelphians	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.

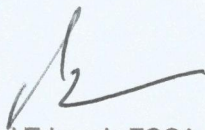
### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

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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		Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
£			£	£	£
	<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				
2,135	Supplies		2,678		2,678
29	Postage		0		0
693	Insurances		749		749
1,174	Equipment		12,543		12,543
640	Fees and Subscriptions		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
<u>£168,292</u>	<u>Balance of Funds at 31 March 2025</u>		<u>£151,284</u>	<u>£0</u>	<u>£151,284</u>



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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			(30,000)
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		30,000	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.

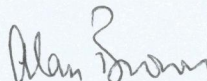
Signed on behalf of the Trustees



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