

Broxbourne Foodbank Charity No 1157199

Chair of Trustees Report for 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023

Trustees

Jeremy Pearce (Chair), Rev Ben Quant, Noel Vallely, Martin Lynas, Michelle Nicholson (Secretary), Ron Pickford.

Foodbank coordinator and treasurer, Elaine Batten

All the Trustees are willing to continue for the following year.

There are no paid employees.

Neither the Trustees, the secretary, the coordinator receive remuneration.

The registered office for the Charity is 18 Fairways, New River Trading Estate, Cheshunt. EN9 0NJ

The operation runs from a warehouse at 18 Fairways, New River Trading Estate, Cheshunt, EN8 0NJ.

Purposes of the charity

To relieve persons in Broxbourne and areas nearby that are in financial hardship in such ways as the Trustees from time to time think fit but not exclusively by.

A) providing emergency food essential toiletries and household goods to individuals and families in need,

and or for distribution by charities or other organisations working to relieve or prevent poverty.

B). such other means including but limited to the provision of support or signposting to relevant information and other advisory organisations

Review of activities throughout the year.

The foodbank has two distribution centres.

Wormley Free Church Slipe Lane EN10 6AA open between 4-5pm each weekday.

The St Josephs Church 214 High Road Waltham Cross EN8 between 1.30 and 2.30pm on Wednesdays only. Agencies only can collect food from the warehouse.

Home deliveries are only made in exceptional circumstances.

The foodbank has been nominated for the Queens award for Voluntary Services.

Food donations.

The foodbank is reliant upon the public generosity for the food donated to us for distribution.

There are baskets in a variety of stores, commercial premises and churches where the public can give donations.

There are a large number of organisations and individuals to provide financial assistance which is used for purchase of food.

The foodbank collects surplus food from Warburtons, Marks and Spencer, Gitir, Morrisons Sainsburys and Tesco.

1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023 – 85226 kg of food was donated.

Food Distribution.

Referrals are made to the foodbank by agencies who deal with those in need, There are about 60 different agencies that contact us.

The requests for food are dealt with at the warehouse and individual parcels are made up according to the individual needs of those in need.

This is done by several volunteers daily. The parcels are sent for distribution to the two distribution centres where they are collected by clients or support agency staff.

1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023 Broxbourne Foodbank received 4576 referrals.

5481 adults and 5185 children were fed and 79803 kg of food was given out.

Volunteers.

Broxbourne Foodbank is entirely run by volunteers who work very hard to support those in food poverty by collecting food from supermarkets, organisations, sorting food, making up food parcels, delivery the parcels to our distribution centres. We have over 70 volunteers.

We could not operate without them and thank them for all their hard work.

Additional support.

The Borough Council continues to provide the warehouse at a peppercorn rent for which we are extremely grateful.

Echo packaging provide the bags used for the parcels.

The two churches provide their premises freely.

The premises where containers are provided for shoppers to donate food are provided freely.

Responsibility of the Trustees for public benefit

Trustees in making decisions about activities have had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which guidance is relevant

Communications to the public are by means of the website.

The foodbank has a Facebook and Instagram pages.

Safeguarding.

The trustees and Foodbank Coordinator are fully aware of their safeguarding responsibilities. There is a safeguarding Policy in place which is reviewed annually. There is a name safeguarding person of each distribution centre and the warehouse with The Foodbank Coordinator having the role over all safeguarding position. All the named safeguarding persons have up to date safeguarding training.

Signs are displayed at each venue which give information to volunteers and clients of what to do if they have a concern

Financial Reserves Policy.

The level of reserves is to be monitored by the Board of Trustees through out the year to ensure it meets the changing needs and circumstances of the Charity. The Board of Trustees must be able to justify the holding of income as reserves.

The charity's reserves policy is as follows – income received is to be spent within a reasonable period from its receipt. Reserves held are to meet the cost of relocation of services including new premises; together with the cost of replacement of equipment including two electric vans.

The wish of the Trustees is for the foodbank not to be required to be closed.

This appears not to be possible at present and the charity is sustainable through its food and financial supporters for some time yet.

The foodbank thanks all those who support it through donations, volunteering or kind words.

Jeremy Pearce

Chair of Trustees. October 2023

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Year ending 30th June 2023

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2021-2022	Income	2022-2023
5298.38	Tesco 20% top up	9516.80
213.00	Broxbourne Lottery	208.00
17778.84	Grants	19750.00
7571.56	Donations under £400	9442.15
26193.65	Donations over £401	47430.60
4.60	Interest from Savings account	536.53
57060.03		86884.08

Opening Balance Treasurers account	73941.18
opening balance Savings account	68007.71
Total opening Balance	141948.89

2022-2023 Income +	86884.08
	228832.97
2022-2023 Expenditure -	22957.73
returned chq -	20.00
Total closing balance	205855.24

Closing balance Treasurers account	37311.00
Closing balance savings account	168544.24
	205855.24

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2021-2022	Expenditure	2022-2023
2475.27	Electricity	3162.77
190.08	Water	224.38
123.48	Gas	205.18
0.00	Trussell Trust Membership	0.00
1601.45	Insurance	1416.09
1019.12	Van service, mot, repairs	860.64
2518.77	warehouse, admin, equipment, maintance	3474.18
1983.71	Food shopping	958.50
14654.58	morrison's direct	11865.02
636.85	Sundries	630.97
329.40	Direct Grant spending	160.00
25532.71		22957.73

6 Bonney Grove

Goffs Oak

Herts

EN7 5LS

7th March 2024

Re: Broxbourne Foodbank Accounts.

I have checked the account for the above charity for the period of 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023.

I can confirm that I have found no discrepancies or irregularities in their transactions.

Shirley Mitcham.

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