



Annual Report 2020-21

This report covers the sixth year of our operation, from April 2020 to the end of March 2021. This whole period was shaped by the covid pandemic which forced a cessation of almost all our activities and proved impossible for the trustees to meet together.

Soul Food Spaces Projects

The only commitment this year was been the continued funding and direct involvement in the **Bensham Community Food Co-op** which we helped to set up. We were no longer able to deliver fresh vegetables every week, but did continue to pay for membership of FareShare, which significantly improved in both quality and reliability over the course of the year. The Co-op was no longer able to open its doors to members and instead a system of deliveries was put in place to enable members to continue to get access to fresh food at a very difficult time in their lives. Local churches, charities, schools and individual rose to the challenge to donate food and the project was able to continue to provide excellent quality and range of produce. This continued throughout the year and one of the most pleasing developments has been the fact that donors now know to provide us with fresh produce, rather than just dried and tinned goods which many have been conditioned to do by food banks.

We spent only £528 on the Food Co-op in the year 2020-21 which was significantly down in the previous year, but so too was our overall income which was just £822.

Finance

The Financial Accounts for 2020-21 show the incomings and outgoings of the charity. We have relied solely upon a few private donations through the year to maintain the charity and as a result of covid both our income and expenditure reduced. Total income was £822.26 and expenditure was £735 of which nearly 72% was on the Food Co-op. The remainder was for website, IT and audit.

The Future

At the time of writing the country is just starting to begin the long road out of covid lockdown. We have rather lost our way as a Charity because it has been so difficult to get out and about to identify need and

opportunities. At some point in the new financial year we need to take stock and see what direction we should take to get the charity operating as was intended and this needs to consider whether we wind the charity up if we are no longer able to fulfil its charitable objectives. Hopefully we will gain a new and fresh impetus and continue to make a difference to people's lives.

Soul Food Spaces Trustees; April 2021

SOUL FOOD SPACES

Income and Expenditure summary

From 01.04.2020

To 31.03.2021

Opening Balance 2,133.50

Income

Donations	800.00
Fundraising	-
Grants	-
Interest	-
Gift Aid	-
Other	22.26
Total	822.26

2,955.76

Expenditure

Grants	-
Programmes	528.50
Marketing and Publicity	104.50
Finance & Audit	102.00
Expenses	-
Other	-
Total	735.00

Closing Balance 2,220.76