

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st March 2023
for
Tipton Food Bank**

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Tipton Food Bank

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Tipton Food Bank

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1158120

Principal address

15 Bermuda Close
Dudley
West Midlands
DY1 1LZ

Trustees

J Blewitt
M P Reynolds
P H Bradley
Mrs H J Pearce

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 11th January 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



P H Bradley - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Tipton Food Bank

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Tipton Food Bank

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Tipton Food Bank (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

N A Westwood

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11th January 2024

Tipton Food Bank

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		4,315	-	4,315	8,497
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Food purchases		6,880	-	6,880	3,156
Grants to other food banks		-	-	-	4,000
Other		1,817	-	1,817	1,435
Total		8,697	-	8,697	8,591
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(4,382)	-	(4,382)	(94)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		15,991	-	15,991	16,085
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		11,609	-	11,609	15,991

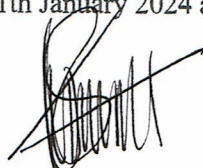
The notes form part of these financial statements

Tipton Food Bank

Balance Sheet 31st March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		11,609	-	11,609	15,991
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>11,609</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,609</u>	<u>15,991</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		11,609	-	11,609	15,991
NET ASSETS		<u>11,609</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,609</u>	<u>15,991</u>
FUNDS	4				
Unrestricted funds				11,609	15,991
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>11,609</u>	<u>15,991</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 11th January 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



J Blewitt - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31st March 2023

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2023 nor for the year ended 31st March 2022.

3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	8,497	-	8,497
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Food purchases	3,156	-	3,156
Grants to other food banks	4,000	-	4,000
Other	1,435	-	1,435
Total	8,591	-	8,591
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(94)	-	(94)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	16,085	-	16,085
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	15,991	-	15,991

4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	15,991	(4,382)	11,609
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>15,991</u>	<u>(4,382)</u>	<u>11,609</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	4,315	(8,697)	(4,382)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>4,315</u>	<u>(8,697)</u>	<u>(4,382)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	16,085	(94)	15,991
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>16,085</u>	<u>(94)</u>	<u>15,991</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,497	(8,591)	(94)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,497</u>	<u>(8,591)</u>	<u>(94)</u>

4. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	16,085	(4,476)	11,609
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>16,085</u>	<u>(4,476)</u>	<u>11,609</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	12,812	(17,288)	(4,476)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>12,812</u>	<u>(17,288)</u>	<u>(4,476)</u>

5. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2023.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date 01/4/22 To 31/03/23 Period end date

Charity name: TIPTON FOOD BANK

Charity registration number: 1158120

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	TO RELIEVE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP PRIMARILY AMONG PEOPLE LIVING OR WORKING IN SANDWELL, DUDLEY, WOLVERHAMPTON AND WALSALL IN THE WEST MIDLANDS MAINLY BY PROVIDING SUCH PERSONS WITH FOOD WHICH THEY COULD NOT OTHERWISE AFFORD THROUGH LACK OF MEANS
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	WE OFFER FREE FOOD TO THOSE WHO ARE IN POVERTY OR NEED VIA A VOUCHER BASED SYSTEM WHERE VOUCHER-HOLDING AGENCIES ASSESS NEED AND ISSUE ACCORDINGLY. VOUCHERS, WHEN PRESENTED TO THE FOOD BANK, WILL ENTITLE THE CLIENT TO 3 DAYS OF FOOD. THIS CAN BE DONE 3 TIMES. WE ALSO SIGNPOST AND OFFER ADVOCACY IN RELATION TO DEBT COUNSELLING AND RELIEF.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	WE HOLD REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETINGS AND ATTEMPT ALWAYS TO MONITOR ACHIEVMENT AND KNOW THAT WE ARE ACTING WITHIN THE REMIT OF OUR CHARITABLE STATUS.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	Para 1.20	<p>Driven by the accelerating inflation rate, we have seen a 57% jump in demand for food and non-food items.</p> <p>Simultaneously we have seen a decrease in the donations received; we presume because purchases are now more expensive, so donors buy fewer items.</p> <p>The future looks evermore to be an increasing cycle of inflation and demand at foodbanks.</p> <p>The trustees took the decision to purchase food from Asda during Jan 2021 to fill the deficit in donations and this continued through the year 2022-2023. Purchase of food increased significantly affecting the cash balance and the situation continues.</p> <p>We have noticed that there is a marked change in circumstances in client resilience; many present with an underlying debt problem, which threatens to lead to other dire consequences.</p> <p>Most serious of all we have seen an increase in women who have been abused attending the food bank – an increase of over 40%.</p> <p>Also, in the year, we have seen an influx of legal refugees who have no status to receive state benefits.</p> <p>All in all, this was a very busy and worrying year and things do not look bright on the horizon.</p> <p>As a team, we are very proud of our efforts to combat many of the devastating changes in our community.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity has sufficient reserves to meet its current obligations.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We do not have a specific policy on reserves
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	No specific policy
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There is no uncertainty about the charity going forward. The Trustees agree that the charity is a going concern looking twelve months forward. There is no cash concern.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Foundation Model Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	TIPTON FOOD BANK
Other name the charity uses	"THE WELL"
Registered charity number	1158120
Charity's principal address	15, Bermuda Close. Woodsetton. DUDLEY DY1 4LZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr Michael Peter Reynolds	Trustee and Chair		
2	Mr Peter Harold Bradley	Trustees and Treasurer		
3	Mr John Spencer Blewitt	Trustees & Secretary		
4	Mrs Heather Pearce	Trustee		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
NONE		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
NONE		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	NOT APPLICABLE
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	NOT APPLICABLE
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	NOT APPLICABLE

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

NOT APPLICABLE


Other optional information

NOT APPLICABLE

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	JOHN SPENCER BLEWITT	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	SECRETARY	
Date	21 st December 2023	