

FOODBANK FOR WHITBY AND DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

ACCOUNTS 2024

1. We finished the year in a healthier position than at the start with an increase of £4,500
2. Donations remained steady and were £5,00 up on the previous year.
3. Expenditure was also up. Mainly because of monthly purchases of food. Mel will explain about the practicalities of these later.
4. It was noted that, in the first half of the year, whenever we had a large spend on food it was met with an almost equal amount in unexpected donations that month.
5. Less was spent on equipment for clients, these requests have to be through a social worker as all other sources of funding have been exhausted.
6. More was spent on the foodbank as the cost of resealing the cellar floor was shared with the church.
7. During the year a new bank account was opened at Virgin Money and the TSB account has now been closed.

2025 the first four months

1. Financial donations are down on last year, although the majority of these tend to be in the last two months of the year.
2. Expenditure on food has increased and is about 40% of last year's total. This is expected to increase as the year goes on.
3. Total reserves have reduced by £2,600. If income and expenditure continues at this rate we will be £8,000 down this year.

RESERVES POLICY

Currently we are spending about £12000 per month on food and toiletries.

If expenditure continues at this rate with no further donations the Food Bank can continue for another 28 months.

However, donations at the current level will increase this to 35 months.

FOODBANK STATISTICS

Key Indicators

1. Whilst the overall figures were slightly down on 2023 they were on a par with 2022. This year's figures are in line with an increase on 2024.
2. Whilst the number of food bags out is lower, this is a subjective figure as we do not consistently use the same size bags so people's assessment of the number of bags varies.
3. The number of bags of food has dramatically reduced. The majority of these come in after Harvest Festivals and at Christmas.

Size of families

1. Most of the clients are single people, although the number of families is increasing.

Geographic Areas

1. The majority of our clients are from Westside, although the number from villages is increasing. So far in 2025 clients from Eastside have exceeded those from Westside.
2. Whilst we try to keep a check on where people come from, the majority of the not knowns are for anonymous parcels requested by social workers.

Visits per person

1. Whilst the majority of people use the foodbank less than 12 times, ie once a month or less, there is an increasing trend for more regular visitors.
2. Those who are coming more regularly are often asked if they can come less frequently.

Other observations:

1. Homeless – there are two or three regular homeless clients. However, these often come in for warmth and a chat and take only a small amount of food. Most homeless people are transient and come for a few times, then move on.
2. In 2024 there were 15 homeless people who used the food bank, the majority only once or twice. The most was 44 times, but he often helps make drinks and carry food from the cellar.
3. Ukrainians – 12 Ukrainian families used the food bank in 2024, a total of 29 people. Again most came 4 times or less, with only three coming more regularly.
4. Delivery –
 - a. during COVID we delivered food to keep the Foodbank available for clients.

- b. A number of people who, for various reason, are unable to get to the foodbank still have parcels delivered. Mileage expenses are offered to those who deliver, but rarely used.
- c. This year a record is being kept about deliveries and so far 97 deliveries have been made with 231, about 41% being delivered. This puts a strain on our volunteers