



Droylsden & District Foodbank
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Charity number 1159438

Trustees Annual Report
for the year ended 31 December 2023

Charity Name Droylsden & District Foodbank

Charity registration number 1159438

Board of Trustees

Mrs Patricia Catterall
Mrs Alison Ferriday
Mrs Patricia Ankers
Mrs Glynis Shaw
Mr Peter Feeley
Mr Bryan Bancroft – resigned 22/01/2024
Mrs Veronica Warrington
Mrs Gwen Barr
Mr Stephen Williams
Revd John Hemsworth (Chair)
Mrs Giovanna Palmieri
Mr Anthony Ellis

Partner churches

St Mary's Droylsden
St Stephen's Droylsden
St Martin's Droylsden
St Andrew's Droylsden
Droylsden Methodist
Dream Centre

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Structure, Government & Management

Governing Document/Constitution	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
	Registered 2 December 2014
Trustee selection method	Election by Trustees

Charity Objectives

To relieve persons in Droylsden and local surrounding areas that are in financial hardship in such other ways as the trustees from time to time think fit, in particular, but not exclusively by:

- a) providing emergency food, essential toiletries, and household items to individuals and families in need and/or for distribution by charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty
- b) such other means, including (but not limited to) the provision of support or signposting to relevant information and other advisory services

Aims of the Charity

Our aims are to assist in alleviating poverty through the provision of food parcels to those in crisis, in partnership with local care agencies who refer clients in crisis to us. By signposting to care agencies, advice services and other support agencies, we aim to help resolve a client's immediate crisis, which is causing their need to use the Foodbank.

Anyone in need can be referred to the Foodbank.

Charitable Activities

Droylsden & District Foodbank has now been in operation since December 2013.

We work in partnership with six local churches all who provide volunteers and food donations.

We continue to work in partnership with the Trussell Trust and follow their operational procedures.

The Foodbank provides 3 days of emergency food to those who have been issued with a voucher. Referrals are made electronically by agencies who have identified people as being in crisis.

These agencies vary from national organisations, such as Citizens Advice and the Probation Service to schools, children's centres and local charities working with specific demographic groups such as victims of domestic violence or homelessness.

During 2023 the Foodbank has partnered with Tameside East and Tameside South and Longdendale Foodbanks to provide direct access to a Citizens Advice adviser through the

Financial Inclusion project. The adviser will assist the client with benefit checks, debt, bereavement or other areas as needed.

Achievements and Performance

Overview

2023 has seen a marked increase in the number of vouchers fulfilled and the number of people fed.

During 2023 we fulfilled 723 vouchers which was a 33% increase on 2022.

The total number of people fed was 1859 a 28% increase on 2022. Included in this total were 729 children an increase of 10% on the previous year.

The main reasons for clients requiring the support of the Foodbank continues to be changes and delays to welfare benefit payments. Other reasons include low income, debt, ill health, homelessness and domestic abuse.

We have seen an increase in the number of people in work who are being referred to us.

Stock levels

The permanent collection point in Tesco Droylsden is well supported by shoppers and the annual national collection at the store provides a boost to our stock levels.

The local churches continue to support us with donations as do the local schools at harvest time and Christmas. Businesses and individuals also donate food and personal hygiene items during the year. A local company donates toilet rolls on a regular basis.

Despite the regular donations it has been necessary during the year to bulk buy certain food items as demand has not been met by donations. The cost of these purchases has been met by cash donations and from cash reserves. The total weight purchased was 3,335 kgs.

The stock recorded into the warehouse during 2023 was 12,347 kgs and stock out was 11,675 kgs. The stock level at 31 December 2023 was 4,997 kgs.

Operational issues

The operation of the Foodbank continues to be conducted from the warehouse. There is currently no capacity within the warehouse to invite clients in for a drink and a chat. Clients receive their bags in the rear area of the warehouse and can choose any fresh items donated by Tesco that week. Extras (such as sauces and pickles etc) are also available.

If any client wishes to make an appointment to speak with the Citizens Advice adviser they are directed to the front of the warehouse where the appointment can be made in private.

The precinct owners have been approached about us occupying a larger unit where a café style area can be created. This will be pursued during 2024.

Volunteers

The Foodbank has no paid staff and is run entirely by volunteers. Many of the volunteers have been with the Foodbank from the start covering positions such as Project Manager, Distribution centre sessions and warehouse management.

The Project Manager has indicated that she will step down from this position within 2 years and the Trustees will consider the way forward for the management of the Foodbank.

A new deputy Safeguarding officer is in post and along with the current Safeguarding officer has undergone training during 2023.

A number of other volunteers have attending Trussell Trust training, seminars, roadshows and Greater Manchester Foodbank meetings.

Summary of financial position

There are generous cash supporters of the Foodbank, some giving regularly by Standing Order and others with donations throughout the year.

Total receipts for the calendar year 2023 were £5,580.92 (2022 £12,594)

Total outgoings were £9,262.33 (2022: £3839)

The balance at 31 December 2023 was £38,630.61

The Trustees have designated the sum of £10,000 to be held in reserve for future stock purchases.

Trustees receive regular reports outlining the charity's financial position.

And finally

After 10 years the Droylsden & District Foodbank continues to be supported by the community and remains an integral part of emergency food provision throughout the area. It is a credit to our community, the region and indeed the network as a whole.

2023 has been a challenging but rewarding year for all connected to the Foodbank. Wider publicity has thrown a spotlight on food poverty and the cost-of-living challenges have seen an increased awareness and take up of the support we provide. Droylsden & District Foodbank has met the recent increasing need and will continue to serve our community.

Alongside the Trussell Trust we look to a future where all can afford the essentials and there will no longer be a need for Foodbanks in the UK.

DROYLSDEN & DISTRICT FOODBANK ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNTS 2023

INCOME 2023

Donations	3497.98
Top ups Trusell Trust	2082.94
Grants	0.00
Vouchers	0.00
Gift Aid	0.00

Total	5580.92
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EXPENDITURE 2023

Warehouse/Distribution	726.79
Stock	6922.97
Stationery	5.78
Postage	0.00
Phone top up	60.00
Insurance	162.62
Utilities	424.28
Rates	153.60
Governance	505.00
Grant	0.00
Volunteer costs	301.29
Sundries	0.00

Total	9262.33
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Net 2023	-3681.41
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BALANCE SHEET 2023

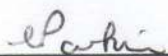
Opening Balance 1/1/2023	42312.02
I & E net	-3681.41

Closing Balance 31/12/2023	38630.61
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Cash in Hand 31.12.23	1173.46
Cash in Bank 31.12.23	37457.15
Vouchers 31.12.23	0.00

Closing Balance 31/12/2023	38630.61
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Accounts independently checked and examined by



Signature

CHRISTINE PARKIN

Print Name

04-04-2024

Date