

BLYTH FOODBANK

ANNUAL REPORT FROM AUGUST 2020 - MAY 2021

1 At the end of the last Annual Report in August 2020, it was noted that the trustees were urgently looking for warehouse facilities. A local landlord offered us a run-down shop very close to our office and distribution centre. This was offered rent free but a lot of work was needed to make it acceptable to the Northumberland County Council Environmental Health Department. Advice about the way forward was offered by that department.

2 Work on the warehouse involved cleaning, re-wiring, plastering, plumbing, painting, renewing and re cladding the frontage. All this work has now been completed and the warehouse became operational in Jan 2021.

3 The period leading up to Christmas was extremely busy and along with other local organisations we were able to provide an additional 577 regular parcels, 690 Family Christmas parcels and 252 additional single Christmas parcels.

4 Financially the local businesses and general population were very generous and as a consequence we are in a good position at present, as can be seen in the Annual Accounts. We anticipate however, that the money we have will very quickly reduce, and therefore we anticipate maintaining a substantial amount in reserves to help us over the next one or two years

5 Since early January the financial support and level of donations have significantly reduced, however, we continue to provide for those referred at a pre Covid level. Many of these referrals relate to families with young children who are struggling to find employment.

6 We have a regular reliable group of volunteers, and although numbers of volunteers are less than before the pandemic, we are able to open on six mornings each week. We have been able to meet Covid secure requirements in both the new warehouse and the office/ distribution centre. We have done this by limiting the number of people in the buildings, and by wearing face masks and visors and ensuring hand gel is available throughout the buildings

7 We hope to re-introduce more training, when and if we can resume face to face contact, and we will continue to work with other organisations to meet the needs of those referred from Blyth and Seaton Valley.

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Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2021

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Independent Examiners Report

Year ended 31st March 2021

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply.

It is my responsibility to state on the basis of the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners under Section 145(9)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiners Report

My examination of the Financial Statements, set out on pages 2 - 5, was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners. An examination includes the review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required by an audit, and consequently we do not express an opinion in the view given by the accounts.

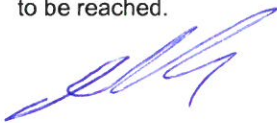
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have not been met; or

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 12-10-21

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31st March 2021

	2021		2020	
	£ Unrestricted	£ Restricted	£ Unrestricted	£ Restricted
OPENING BANK	29712		31554	
OPENING CASH				
INCOME				
DONATIONS	42369		6053	
GRANTS RECEIVED	10500	1500	2650	
OTHER RECEIPTS			4	
	52869	1500	8707	0
EXPENDITURE				
FOOD PURCHASE	7401	1500	6788	
UTILITIES	906		2313	
INSURANCE	296		630	
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1657		498	
ADMIN	429		320	
TELEPHONE	445			
RENT	5000			
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NET SURPLUS/(LOSS) FOR YEAR	66447	0	29712	0

Represented by:

Closing Bank	65063
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Less o/s Creditors	-155
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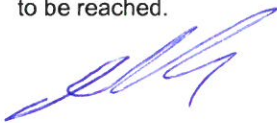
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