

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1159998

Blyth Foodbank

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

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Trustees Annual Report from April 23 - March 24

- 1 We continue to be very busy with the number of referrals increasing along with the number of referral agencies. Our analysis indicates an increase in the number of single people relying on our services, more alarmingly is the number of people being referred with no fixed abode.
- 2 In the full year we distributed a total of 4719 parcels through 2669 referrals from a number of agencies. These parcels supported 3235 adults and 1550 children. The two periods building up to Christmas and January were particularly busy. In December we also included small Christmas gifts for the children and 60 Christmas Hampers for young people living on their own and leaving care.
- 3 The second part of the year saw an increase in referrals, and unfortunately, due to the cost of living getting higher the level of donation of goods and cash declined, we therefore had to continue to buy in goods to support our services.
- 4 The Foodbank was supported by donations once again from Northumberland County Council Communities Together, Blyth Town Council and the Asda Community Fund along with a number of businesses located within the Town. We are also partnered with FareShare who give us access to donations from Booker.
- 5 We have a regular reliable group of volunteers and we hold Team Leader meetings every three months and a volunteers meeting every six months so that we are always looking at ways to improve our services to the local community. We operate five days a week Monday to Friday. We have commenced with Team Leaders Training by putting them through their Food Hygiene Examination, we have also commenced reviewing and updating our Policies, Procedures and Operational Processes.
- 6 Our volunteers are very involved with local school and groups where we will visit and deliver talks on the services we provide and the many reasons why families and people in our community require this. Regular communication with other organisations that offer similar services to ours is essential to prevent duplication and that families are referred back so they can receive the correct support and advice.

Blyth Foodbank
Independent Examiners Report
Year ended 31st March 2024

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.

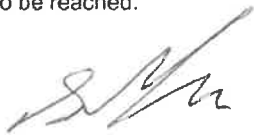
Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act;

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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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS
For the year ended 31st March 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
OPENING BANK	68636	2423.00	62573	
OPENING CASH	53		547	
OPENING CREDITORS	-30		-41	
OPENING DEBTORS	1667		1772	
INCOME				
DONATIONS	22758		21339	
GRANTS RECEIVED		15000	10000	10000
OTHER RECEIPTS				
	<u>22758</u>	<u>17423</u>	<u>31339</u>	<u>10000</u>
EXPENDITURE				
FOOD PURCHASE	15015	17423	16839	7577
UTILITIES	1502		1294	
INSURANCE	253		273	
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	701		563	
TRAINING	215		25	
BANK CHARGES	103		103	
DONATIONS	1000		1000	
TELEPHONE	769		493	
RENT	5000		5000	
VOLUNTEER GIFTS	600			
	<u>25158</u>	<u>17423</u>	<u>25590</u>	<u>7577</u>
NET SURPLUS/(LOSS) FOR YEAR	<u>67926</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>68828</u>	<u>2423</u>

Represented by:

Closing Bank	66175
Closing Cash	-49
Closing Debtors	2084
Closing Creditors	-284
	<u>67926</u>