



**Tameside East Foodbank**  
**(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**Trustees Annual Report**  
**And**  
**Financial Statements**

For the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Charity Number 1161048

## Legal and Administrative Information

**Charity Name** Tameside East Foodbank

**Charity registration number** 1161048

**Registered Office** Holy Trinity & Christ Church  
19 Corporation Street  
STALYBRIDGE  
SK15 2JS

### Board of Trustees

David Carter	
Lesley Cook	From 17 January 2023
Peter Devlin	
Kirsty Gosling	
Stuart Gosling	
Zea Grantham	From 12 October 2023
Patricia Jarman	
Ian McIlvanney	
Ian Pickering	

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	New Life, Ashton-under-Lyne	0161 339 7924
	St John's, Dukinfield	0161 338 8199
	Reach Church, Millbrook	

**Website** [www.tamesideeast.org.uk](http://www.tamesideeast.org.uk)

## **Tameside East Foodbank**

### **Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

#### **Structure, Government & Management**

Governing Document/Constitution Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation)  
Registered on 24 Mar 2015, amended 20 Oct 2016

Trustee selection method Election by Trustees

#### **Charity Objectives**

The prevention and relief of poverty in the East Tameside area, in particular (but without limitation):

1. By providing emergency food to individuals and families in need and
2. By such other means as the Trustees may from time to time determine, 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 alleviate 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 solve 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**

Tameside East Foodbank has now been in operation since December 2012 - working initially as a partnership of three local churches: Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge, St John's Church, Dukinfield and New Life Church, Ashton under Lyne. In September 2021, we were joined by another local church - Reach Church, Millbrook, Stalybridge – allowing the foodbank to open a fourth distribution centre. We continue to work in partnership with the Trussell Trust and follow their operational procedures.

The Foodbank provides 3 days of emergency food on production of a foodbank voucher. A facility to issue vouchers digitally has been added to our system. Tameside East Foodbank has over 105 agencies in Tameside who supply vouchers to people identified as being in crisis. These agencies vary from national organisations, such as Citizens Advice and the Probation Service, to small local charities working with specific demographic groups such as victims of domestic violence or homelessness.

## **Achievements and Performance**

### **Overview**

Since opening the doors of the Foodbank in 2012, we have received a total of 23,960 vouchers, resulting in the feeding of 52,973 people: 33,217 adults and 19,756 children. During 2023 we fed a total of 7,526 people: this breaks down to 4,684 adults and 2,842 children (37.6% of those fed were children). This represents an increase of over 20%, compared to the number of people using the Foodbank in 2022 – we have attributed this to the continuing cost-of-living crisis.

The main reasons for clients requiring the support of the Foodbank continue to be changes and delays to welfare benefit payments and also the rising cost of gas and electricity in the home. Other reasons include low income, debt, sickness/ill health, homelessness, no recourse to public funds (NRPF) and domestic abuse.

### **Stock levels**

We continue to receive regular donations from our local churches and schools – especially during Harvest and Christmas seasons. Over the course of 2023 we received 53,043kg of donations – however, due to the increase in need, we gave out 60,153kg. This level of need meant that we purchased almost 10,000kg of required items.

Our thanks go again to our local supermarkets who continue to support us by having in-store collection points - currently these are Asda, Morrisons, Sainsburys and Tesco. During 2023 we also carried out manned collection weekends at Asda, Morrisons and Tesco which generated in excess of 3,500kg of donations. We have also continued to have great support from the Community Champions at the stores. Thanks also go to Greggs and Tesco who supply our Stalybridge centre with bread and pastries and Sainsburys for donations of bread and fresh vegetables.

In October 2022 - following a protracted search for larger premises - we were pleased to take possession of a new, much larger, warehouse facility in Ashton-under-Lyne, on a three-year lease from Tameside MBC. The increased space has enabled vastly improved working conditions - however we do feel that we do not require a facility with this amount of space.

## **Staff and Volunteers**

### **Foodbank Coordinator**

The current Foodbank Coordinator took up post in December 2020. During 2023 she has consolidated her position within the foodbank and in the wider Trussell Trust network, and has played an active role in the local voluntary and faith sector groups. The Financial Inclusion hub, in partnership with Tameside Citizens Advice, went live in mid-April 2023. This has proved to be a success with our clients and greatly welcomed by our volunteers and Centre managers. Our CA advisor has seen just over 90 people (many have required more than one appointment) with a reported £23,600 of financial gains for clients. Clients have been supported with benefit queries, energy bills, general debt advice or more deeply rooted debt and money problems, as well as immigration queries and general advice. We have also been able to support our clients by funding fuel vouchers through the Tameside CA system.

### **Warehouse Manager**

A new Warehouse Manager took up post in December 2020 and was instrumental in the warehouse move to our later warehouse premises in Autumn 2022.

At 31 December 2023, we had stock levels of 6224kg, with a value of £14,750.

### **Volunteers**

The bank of volunteers has remained consistent in 2023. The main issue has been in adequately staffing the warehouse, as this requires a capacity for lifting. Acquiring suitable volunteers for this role will be a priority in 2024.

## **Financial Review**

### **Summary of financial position**

The supporters of Tameside East Foodbank have continued to be extremely generous in their giving. This year we have seen an increase in the number of individuals choosing to give regular financial donations. Donations of food to our collection points in supermarkets have also been well supported. We are enormously grateful for all this support. Without this generosity we would find it increasingly difficult to provide help to those in our local community who need to access the service.

Total receipts on unrestricted funds in 2023 were £37,605 (£39,505 in 2022). Of this total, £29,238 were unrestricted voluntary donations (£29,238 in 2022). A further £2,751 was tax recovered under Gift Aid (£1,989 in 2022) and Tesco and Asda 'Top up' payments amounted to £5,366 (£2,777 in 2022). In addition, we received £2,320 in grants for general use from Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council and the Locala Community Project.

£48,579 was spent from unrestricted funds in 2023, compared with £29,660 in 2022. The majority of this increased expenditure related to food purchases, necessitated by increased demand for our services. The net result for 2023 was a deficit of £10,974, leaving £84,323 in unrestricted reserves at the end of the year.

The Foodbank had £36,647 in Restricted Funds on 31 December 2023.

#### **Reserves policy**

The charity's unrestricted reserves decreased during 2023 and amounted to over £84,000 at 31 December 2023. The Trustees are mindful of the need to carry a sufficient reserve to enable the charity to weather emergency situations and to smooth out cash flow fluctuations. A reserve of £10,000 has been designated by Trustees for food purchases.

We expect to see this level of reserve reduce significantly during the next three years, for two main reasons:

- The additional costs of the new warehouse, which are only partly being met by grants
- Continuing cost-of-living pressures, which have meant that we can no longer operate purely on the basis of food donations, and are having to buy in a range of commodities to keep up with demand.

Trustees receive regular reports outlining the charity's financial position, and they will continue to monitor levels of reserves closely.

#### **Donors and Partners**

We are privileged to receive donations from many individuals within the community, along with a number of local organisations and businesses. In 2023, these included Stalybridge Methodist Church, St John's Primary School, Manchester United, MPH Inspection Services, MIS Security Systems, Konnect Media, St Marks Church, Dukinfield Old Chapel, Intrahealth and Gericke Ltd.

#### **And finally**

Our vision is to provide emergency food and support to local people in crisis and we will continue to promote the Foodbank within the local community and beyond. We will also continue to forge links with local businesses, employers, community groups and strategic agencies.

Approved by the Trustees on 9 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by Ian McIlvanney (Chair) on 9 July 2024.

**Independent Examiner's Report  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
TAMESIDE EAST FOODBANK**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Tameside East Foodbank ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 on pages 8 to 10 following.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Sarah Crispin ACA  
Stewardship  
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Date: 15 July 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Tameside East Foodbank

No (if any)  
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Jan-23	To	Period end date 31-Dec-23
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Regular donations individuals	7,355	-	-	7,355	7,078
One-off donations individuals	10,458	-	-	10,458	9,873
Giving Page	1,671	-	-	1,671	2,530
Charities Aid Foundation	508	-	-	508	672
Donations from Organisations	2,817	-	-	2,817	9,085
Grants	6,679	54,129	-	60,808	23,185
Tax recovered	2,751	-	-	2,751	1,989
Tesco & Asda Top-Up	5,366	-	-	5,366	2,777
Other Income	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>37,605</b>	<b>54,129</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>91,734</b>	<b>57,190</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>37,605</b>	<b>54,129</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>91,734</b>	<b>57,190</b>

### A3 Payments

Salaries and related costs	25,382	-	-	25,382	22,320
Equipment	353	-	-	293	472
Food Bought	16,373	3,494	-	19,867	5,102
Toiletries bought	277	-	-	277	363
Insurance	546	-	-	546	786
Running Expenses	3,650	-	-	3,650	1,836
CAB - Advice worker	-	13,000	-	13,060	-
Other	-	-	-	-	30
New Warehouse	-	342	-	342	2,078
Neighbourly Grant 2021	-	87	-	87	462
Home Packs	156	-	-	156	-
Fuel Voucher Scheme - CAB	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Volunteer Celebration 2022	-	-	-	-	456
Storage	-	12,548	-	12,548	2,200
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>48,737</b>	<b>29,471</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>78,209</b>	<b>36,105</b>

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Total payments</b>	<b>48,737</b>	<b>29,471</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>78,209</b>	<b>36,105</b>
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<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>(11,132)</b>	<b>24,658</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,526</b>	<b>21,085</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	(46)	46	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	95,297	12,148	-	107,445	86,360
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>84,119</b>	<b>36,851</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120,970</b>	<b>107,445</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank Account	84,119	36,851	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	84,119	36,851	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Gift aid to claim	739	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Food at warehouse	Unrestricted	-	14,184
	Storage equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Office equipment and furniture	Unrestricted	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	CAB Quarterly Payment	Restricted	6,500	
	Independent Examination	Unrestricted	780	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Ian McIlvanney	9 Jul 24	

Note: The charity has not given any guarantees and has not provided its assets as security for any liabilities