



Tameside East Foodbank
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Trustees Annual Report

And

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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 To 31 December 2024

Lesley Cook

Peter Devlin

Kirsty Gosling

Stuart Gosling

Zea Grantham

Patricia Jarman

Ian McIlvanney

Ian Pickering

Ethan Donohoe

To 9 July 2024

From 18 October 2024

Independent Examiner

Colin Platt

Bank

NatWest Bank

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SK15 2JQ

Partner churches

Holy Trinity Stalybridge

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New Life, Ashton-under-Lyne

0161 339 7924

St John's, Dukinfield

0161 338 8199

Reach Church, Millbrook

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Tameside East Foodbank

Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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 main aim is to alleviate food poverty through the provision of food parcels to those in crisis. Clients are referred by approved local agencies. We also aim to help tackle clients' underlying financial issues by signposting them to care agencies, advice services and other support agencies.

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 Reach Church, Millbrook, Stalybridge. This enabled the foodbank to operate 5 days a week from 4 distribution centres. 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. 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.

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.

Most vouchers are now produced digitally and sent electronically to our data system, making administration much easier.

In planning these activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Achievements and Performance

Overview

Since opening the doors of the Foodbank in 2012, we have received a total of 27,361 vouchers, resulting in the feeding of 60,629 people: 38,112 adults and 22,517 children.

2024

During 2024 we fed a total of 7,656 people: this breaks down to 4,895 adults and 2,761 children. This is slightly a slight increase on the number of people using the Foodbank in 2023 and reflects the continuing cost-of-living crisis.

A new recording system was introduced in the warehouse to ensure that stock in and stock out is accurately input.

During the year we allowed Tameside South and Longdendale Foodbank to store food whilst they looked for a new warehouse.

CAB Partnership

Since April 2023 we have worked in partnership with The Citizens Advice Bureau and an advisor is available for 10 hours per week to offer help to clients in each of our sessions. This has proved to be a success with our clients and greatly welcomed by our volunteers and Centre managers. 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.

180 people accessed this service in 2024. The vast majority of these no longer needed to use the foodbank after receiving advice and support.

We have also been able to help our clients by funding fuel vouchers through the Tameside CAB system, at a cost of £1,500 this year.

Stock

We received 67,087kg of food stocks into our warehouse in 2024, which was approximately 15 tonnes more than the previous year, and distributed 61,816 kg. 24,866kg of food was

purchased during the year. Consequently, the stock held increased from 6,200kg at the end of 2023 to 11,500kg at the end of 2024.

24,866kg of food was purchased during the year. We expect this level of spending to increase in 2025 due to proposed reductions in state benefits and the removal of the winter fuel allowance.

Our thanks go again to Asda, Morrisons, Sainsburys and Tesco who continue to support us by having in-store collection points. Collections from these stores were 21,200kg in 2024 which was 3% higher than the previous year. During 2024 we also carried out manned collection weekends at Asda, Morrisons and Tesco which generated more than 3,500kg of donations. We have also continued to have great support from the Community Champions at the stores. Thanks also go to Greggs who supply our Stalybridge centre with pastries. We would also like to thank Trefor Williams for his regular donation of eggs and FareShare, working with Tesco, for providing fresh food that is about to pass it's sell by date.

We continue to receive regular donations from our local churches and schools – especially during Harvest and Christmas seasons.

Warehouse

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 tenancy-at-will basis from Tameside MBC. The increased space has enabled vastly improved working conditions. However, the trustees decided in 2024 to look for alternative premises as the current warehouse was too large and to save on the high annual rental cost of £17,500. Towards the end of 2024 we came to an agreement to lease Astral House in Stalybridge from Jigsaw Homes Group at a cost of £1 per annum. We hope to sign a lease agreement in early 2025 and be operational there soon after.

Staff and Volunteers

Foodbank Coordinator

The current Foodbank Coordinator took up post in December 2020. During 2024 she has consolidated her position within the foodbank and in the wider Trussell Trust network.

Warehouse Manager

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

Volunteers

There were 79 volunteers at the end of 2024, which was an increase of 3 over the previous year-end. The main issue has been in staffing the warehouse, as this requires capacity for lifting. Acquiring additional volunteers for these roles will be a priority in 2025.

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 of unrestricted funds in 2024 were £65,505 (£37,605 in 2023). Of this total, £22,576 were unrestricted voluntary donations (£29,238 in 2023). A further £2,672 was tax recovered under Gift Aid (£2,751 in 2023) and Tesco and Asda 'Top-up' payments amounted to £3,759 (£5,366 in 2023). In addition, we received £36,498 in grants for general use, of which £30,000 was from the Peoples Postcode Lottery.

£44,129 was spent from unrestricted funds in 2024, compared with £48,579 in 2023. Whilst we spent £12,000 less on food this year, there were additional expenditures of a £780 audit fee and £2500 of legal fees relating to the leasing of Astral House.

The net result for 2024 was a surplus of £21,376, leaving a balance of £105,495 in Unrestricted Funds at the end of the year.

Restricted Fund income from grants totalled £87,151 in 2024 (£54,129 in 2023). This included £48,000 from Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council via the Household Support Fund, £26,651 from Trussell Trust to finance the work of the CAB Advice Worker and £7,500 from Jigsaw Homes Ltd.

Expenditure from the Restricted Fund amounted to £98,536 compared to £29,471 in 2023, arising from:

- the continuing need to buy in food to satisfy demand for our services. We spent £56,832 on food in 2024.
- a partnership with Citizens Advice involving the employment of a financial inclusion worker
- ongoing warehouse costs.

The net result for 2024 was a deficit of £11,388, leaving a balance of £25,464 in Restricted Funds.

On 31 December 2024, we had a stock level of 6224kg, with a value of £14,750.

Reserves policy

The charity's unrestricted reserves increased during 2024 and amounted to over £105,000 on 31 December 2024. 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 during the next three years, primarily because of continuing cost-of-living pressures, which have meant that we can no longer operate purely based on food donations and are having to buy in a range of food items 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 several local organisations and businesses. In 2024 these included St Marks Church, Dukinfield, St Damians School, St John's PCC, Fitchner Engineering, 2G Fabrications Ltd and Old Chapel Dukinfield.

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.

Responsibilities of Trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 24th June 2025 and signed on their behalf by Ian Pickering (Chair) on 21st August 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Pickering', written over a horizontal line.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Tameside East Foodbank

No (if any)
1161048

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01-Jan-24

To

Period end date
31-Dec-24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Regular donations individuals	7,650	-	-	7,650	7,355
One-off donations individuals	9,844	-	-	9,844	10,458
Giving Page	1,915	-	-	1,915	1,671
Charities Aid Foundation	-	-	-	-	508
Donations from Organisations	3,167	-	-	3,167	2,817
Grants	36,498	87,151	-	123,649	60,808
Tax recovered	2,672	-	-	2,672	2,751
Tesco & Asda Top-Up	3,759	-	-	3,759	5,366
Other Income	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	65,505	87,151	-	152,656	91,734
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	65,505	87,151	-	152,656	91,734
A3 Payments					
Salaries and related costs	26,370	-	-	26,370	25,382
Equipment	114	-	-	114	293
Food Bought	3,140	56,832	-	59,972	19,867
Toiletries bought	-	500	-	500	277
Insurance	683	-	-	683	546
Running Expenses	4,361	689	-	5,050	3,651
CAB - Advice worker	-	27,040	-	27,040	13,060
Audit Fee	780	-	-	780	780
Warehouse costs	-	-	-	-	342
Neighbourly Grant 2021	-	51	-	51	87
Home Packs	125	-	-	125	156
Fuel Voucher Scheme - CAB	1,500	-	-	1,500	2,000
Volunteer Celebration 2024	-	475	-	475	950
Warehouse rent	4,548	12,952	-	17,500	12,548
Legal Fees	2,508	-	-	2,508	-
Sub total	44,129	98,539	-	142,668	79,939
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	44,129	98,539	-	142,668	79,939
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,376	-11,388	-	9,988	11,795
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	84,119	36,851	-	120,970	109,175
Cash funds this year end	105,495	25,463	-	130,958	120,970

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	105,495	25,463	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	25,463	-
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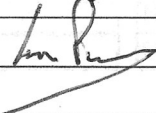
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift aid to claim	739	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Food at warehouse	Unrestricted	-	14,184
	Storage equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Office equipment and furniture	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	CAB Quarterly Payment	Restricted	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	IAN PICKERING	21/8/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Tameside East Foodbank

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2024

Charity no
(if any) 1161048

Set out on pages

1-2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date: 15/8/25

Name:

Colin Platt

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

CIMA

(if any):

Address: 19 Barrack Hill, Romily, Stockport, SK6 3BA

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.