



Erdington Foodbank Annual Report 2023-2024

Another busy year for us:-

- Demand has been consistently high and, indeed, heightened and intensified, especially at the end of this period as we entered into lockdown. This financial year we provided 19,684 food parcels, this being for 13,243 adults and 6,441 children.
- Of those we provided food for the vast majority are from the wards of Stockland Green and Gravelly Hill, followed by Erdington Ward. Our main referral agencies have been Birmingham City Council and various supported housing providers.
- Many of the people whom we serve have been coming to us because of problems with Universal Credit: the initial 5 week delay; disruption to payments; benefits being stopped or deductions being made; or simply the amount being paid being insufficient and paid in such a way that it is hard to manage.
- We continue to receive great community support with regard to food and monetary gifts but as we spend around £10,000 on food each month, it is an enormous challenge for us to keep up with demand. We need to increase our financial income.
- We have an amazing team of volunteers:-“front of house” people at the distribution centres; bag packers; warehouse workers; delivery people; admin workers; fundraisers and donors; prayer partners; cardboard carriers; and more besides (apologies if I have missed out the thing that you do).
- Jean, our Coordinator, has continued to work so hard making pretty much everything happen.
- I am very pleased that we have a really excellent team of trustees: Mercy Otieno (minute-taker), Rev Ann Richardson, Mel Taylor, Chris Allen and myself.
- Since December 2022 we have had the benefit of a Financial Inclusion Grant from Trussell Trust which has enabled us to have a full-time Birmingham Settlement advisor providing a much more effective route for people to receive advice and support.
- We also received a grant from Trussell Trust to enable us to pay for a “warehouse” space at St marks Church Hall, Stockland Green. Our old warehouse has been demolished. This is the second time this has happened to us!
- *Spaghetti Food Pantry* operating out of All Saints Church continues to grow: not only offering a way forward beyond foodbanks but building community too.

These have been very challenging times. What we are working on together surely is making a massive difference in the lives of some of the most disadvantaged people in our community.
Thank you!

Rev Gerard Goshawk
Chair of Trustees
May 2024

Financial Statement for the year ended 31 March 2024**GENERAL RECEIPTS & PAYMENT ACCOUNT**

<i>Receipts</i>	<i>2023-24</i>	<i>2022-23</i>
Donations	19,444.76	41,445.42
Donations through Online Giving	11,165.67	13,336.02
Food Pantry	20,128.92	0.00
Gift Aid Refund	5,366.27	0.00
Trussell Trust Unrestricted Grant	7,192.76	1,556.12
Trussell Trust Restricted Grant	48,107.20	48,211.46
Other Grants	32,629.06	64,260.85
Household Support Fund	6,500.00	0.00
TOTAL	150,534.64	168,809.87
<i>Payments</i>	<i>2023-24</i>	<i>2022-23</i>
Food Re-Stock	107,625.34	103,435.91
Salaries	2,059.20	4,742.31
Telephone	136.55	139.17
Computing	1,035.00	0.00
Birmingham Settlement	31,233.75	10,411.25
Warehouse	2,959.66	460.00
Household Support Fund	4,040.36	0.00
Food Pantry	8,467.05	0.00
Transport	3,944.34	0.00
HMRC	383.55	0.00
Insurance – Employer Liability	407.63	356.00
Subscriptions	239.99	274.99
Other Costs	129.19	0.00
TOTAL	162,661.61	119,819.63
<i>Balance brought forward</i>	94,473.85	45,483.61
<i>Surplus (deficit) for the year</i>	-12,126.97	48,990.24
<i>Balance carried forward</i>	82,346.88	94,473.85

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

31 March 2024

31 March 2023

Cash at Bank 82,346.88 94,473.85

Restricted Funds

Birmingham Settlement	Grant	Expenditure	Remaining
2022-23	48,211.46	10,411.25	37,800.21
2023-24	48,107.20	31,233.75	16,873.45
Food Pantry	Grant	Expenditure	Remaining
2023-24	20,128.92	8,467.05	11,661.87
Restricted Funds Sub Total	116,447.58	50,112.05	66,335.53

Unrestricted Funds 16,011.35

TOTAL 82,346.88

Liabilities

There are no Debtors, Creditors due within one year or Long-Term Liabilities.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Basis of accounts: These accounts have been prepared on a 'receipts and payments' basis and accord with Section 133 Charities Act 2011.

2 Donations and other income 2023-24 2022-23
150,534.64 168,809.87

3 Income Tax recovered on gifts 2023-24 2022-23
5,366.27 0

a. Administration: 2023-24 2022-23
162,661.61 119,819.63

The accounts and statement of assets and liabilities relate to the year ending 31 March 2024 as approved by the trustees.

Signed: M. Taylor (Treasurer)
A.W. (Trustee)

(Date) 25/4/2024

ACCOUNTS EXAMINED BY DR. ALAN BOYCE

Date

A.M. Boyce
25/4/2024