



REGISTERED CHARITY NO 1162039

(ENGLAND & WALES)

REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDING 31ST JANUARY 2025

HOPE FOR FOOD TRUSTEE BOARD

The Trustees submit their annual report and audited financial statement for the year ending 31st January 2025. The Trustees confirm that the report and financial statements of the charity's current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charity's governing document, and the provisions of "Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102F (effective 1 January 2019) (Charities SORP FRS 102)).

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

For the year ended 31 January 2025

TRUSTEES	D Clayton (Chair)
	M Duncan
	P Stevenson
	S Smith
	B Sutherns
	L Watt

Treasurer	P Stevenson
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Charity Number	1162039
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Address	Unit 13 West Howe Industrial Estate, Elliott Road, Bournemouth, Dorset, BH11 8LZ
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Auditors	MLW Accountants, 53 Wroxham Road, Poole, BH12 1NL
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

A constitution effected in June 2015 governs the charity. Hope for Food is an unincorporated Charity.

OBJECTIVE & ACTIVITIES

CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES:

The charity's purpose is to help prevent or relieve financial poverty for individuals and families predominantly within Bournemouth but also the surrounding areas. By providing such things as food, clothing, toiletries, cleaning packs, small household items. These items are distributed to people referred to us by schools, health and social workers, citizens advice bureau and other charitable organisations. They are also distributed at the Community Meals we run.

VISION

Our vision is that no one should find themselves unable to afford the essentials due to financial poverty.

MISSION

We aim to ensure that everyone who is referred to us and requires support with food, clothing, toiletries, cleaning packs, or small household items are provided these, as necessary.

ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY MEALS

Hope for Food continued to run two community meals two nights a week, every week of the year. These are for the rough sleepers and vulnerably housed. One is a sit-down meal in one of the local churches and the other outside in the car park of a church hall.

At each meal we provide soup, a hot meal, and a drink, together with sandwiches, cakes, and other fresh food we have available for our clients to take away.

We also have our community meals van available at every meal in order that we can provide clothing, toiletries, camping items if rough sleeping.

During the community meals we have support and attendance from local hairdressers, The Samaritans, the Street Vet, and another charity who provide additional toiletries on a monthly basis.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HOUSED

Our focus for families and individuals that are referred to us, is to provide a weekly food parcel over a 6-week period. Everyone we support has been referred to us either by schools, social or health workers or by Citizens Advice or other charities who support those in need. Within the parcels we provide non-perishable staples, and fresh food, such as fruit veg & meat as available from the supermarkets, we collect surplus food from. We are also extremely lucky to be supported by local businesses who regularly provide us with these items.

Along with the food, we also supply toiletries and cleaning packs on a monthly basis.

We have also been able to support the many requests we receive for clothing, adult, children, and babies; moving in packs when families and individuals have been housed and other small household items as and when requested.

CONTRIBUTION MADE BY VOLUNTEERS

Hope for Food is 100% run by volunteers, and no one receives a salary. There are approx. 200 registered volunteers who volunteer as much or as little time as they have available.

The Trustees would like to recognise and thank all our volunteers for their help and support, and the many hours given to support our clients. Not only do they help sort & distribute the provisions we supply, but also help with their mental wellbeing, by way of a listening ear, a chat, and a smile. Without this invaluable time and the energy given, we would not have been able to achieve so much.

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

HOMELESS SUPPORT

7704 meals were served during the 24/25 financial year. (Compared to 7175 in yr end 2024 & 6200 in yr end 2023) Increase of **529**

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HOUSED

6247 – Food Parcels provided compared to (6137 yr end 24 & 6590 in yr end 23). Increase of **110**.

323 – Christmas Food Parcels provided to 20 schools and included Christmas food items, and selection boxes. (428 yr end 24 & 294 in yr end 23).

295 – Toiletry Packs provided (580 in yr end 2024 & 321 in year end 2023)

295 – Cleaning Packs provided (270 in year end 2024 & 401 in yr end 2023)

330 – Requests for clothes &/or moving in packs received and provided. (265 in yr end 24 and 47 in yr end 2023). Increase of **65**

We are continuing to do what we do best. Our focus has therefore been to maintain our services to the homeless/vulnerably housed via our community meals and to households in financial difficulty. Again, the trustees felt with the rising number of people being hit by the rising costs and struggling to meet the cost of living, that we should continue to ensure that we can meet demand for our services. This means that we should never have to say no to someone requiring our help and to not considering changing how we operate.

This year has continued to see a drop in physical donations, and we have continued to need to buy much more food for the weekly food hampers. Our volunteers have been invaluable for taking the time to visit supermarkets to ensure that we have enough of the right things to include in the hampers.

We still open the unit up 3 mornings per week, provide and distribute food, clothing, toiletries, household cleaning supplies, moving in packs and any additional items requested, if available, both to people calling at the unit and delivering to the local schools. We also man the unit on two other mornings to sort the clothes and household items donated.

The unit is manned by our volunteers, and they deal with all the items mentioned above, sorting them, packing them, and having them ready for redistribution.

These go to clients who come to collect from the unit, and we also continue to deliver to schools or the client's home if required. Our collections van is extensively used to collect and deliver donations.

The provision of the community meals twice weekly has continued 1 night outside on a Thursday and inside on a Sunday, as St Stephens church continue to kindly allow us to use their church hall. These meals continue to be run by our volunteers, and an online rota is used for the volunteers to sign up.

At the community meals in addition to the provision of the food, the community meals van is always in attendance, this is racked out to provide clothes, toiletries, and bedding.

We regularly have the Samaritans in attendance to support any clients as needed and hairdressers regularly volunteer their time to give much needed and much appreciated haircuts.

We have continued the tradition to provide Christmas food hampers and Christmas 2024 again saw us provide these to local schools for families on low incomes, together with supermarket vouchers for them to purchase a Christmas gift for their children.

We also provided the homeless with a 3-course meal at both Easter and Christmas and gave all those that attended an Easter egg and Christmas gifts.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

CHARITY POLICY ON RESERVES

(Please also read the Reserves Notes and the Budget Forecast attached to the 2024/2025 Accounts)

The Charity has total reserves available of £252,906 (as at 31/1/2025) of which £50,000 is already designated for specific contingencies. We have £8,087 held in restricted funds, from money donated for specific items. The unallocated reserves of £244,819 will be reviewed in 2025/2026.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF FUNDING

The Charity's principal source of funding continued to be donations, and this amounts to 95% of all receipts in. Donations continue to be from individuals and businesses.

With these continued donations the charity has successfully been able to purchase an increasing number of items of food, toiletries and household cleaning for the food parcels and packs we give out. The Trustees are grateful for all these donations, as this has meant we are able to meet demand and have not had to consider putting restrictions on the number requests we are able to service.

RESERVES NOTES

Reserves Notes (See Section E) cont.

1. The charity has stress tested its anticipated expenditure over the next three years against a 15% drop in its unrestricted receipts (averaged over the last 3 years). We believe that this should be enough to overcome any downturn as a result of the current economic climate and the fuel poverty crisis.
2. Looking at the forecast expenditure continues to broadly match anticipated receipts for the next 3 years with the exception of some one-off costs (itemised in point 3 below).
3. The charity believes it sensible to hold three months running costs (a total of £27,000) in reserve.
4. With physical donations dropping the charity has designed the average of three months expenditure on food purchases to be held in reserve (a total of £15,000)

5. The Charity also believes it sensible to hold £5,00 in reserve for funeral expenses for the homeless.

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DECLARATION

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature: Pauline Stevenson

Full Name: Pauline Stevenson

Position: Treasurer



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

HOPE FOR FOOD

On accounts for the year
ended

31/01/2025

Charity no
(if any)

1162039

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/01/2025**.

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

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
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Signed:

Date:

28/10/2025

Name:

MARIANNE WHITE

Relevant professional
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(if any):AAT Licenced Accountant 1003917
ACCA Qualified

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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.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

HOPE FOR FOOD		1162039		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01/02/2024	To	31/01/2025	

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	94,746	22,474	-	117,220	121,267
Gift Aid	493	-	-	493	2,624
Fundraising	2,602	-	-	2,602	2,781
Interest Received	2,526	-	-	2,526	1,272
Other Receipts	1,214	-	-	1,214	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	101,581	22,474	-	124,055	127,944
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Community Meals Van	-	-	-	-	4,500
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	4,500
Total receipts	101,581	22,474	-	124,055	132,444
A3 Payments					
Homeless Support	38,134	5,851	-	43,984	35,587
Families & Schools Support	54,141	17,237	-	71,378	56,172
Fundraising (last year)	-	-	-	-	515
Administration & Other Costs	4,237	-	-	4,237	3,534
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	96,512	23,088	-	119,599	95,808
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Community Meals Van & Awning	-	-	-	-	22,172
Fridge Freezers	1,194	-	-	1,194	-
Laptop	549	-	-	549	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,743	-	-	1,743	22,172
Total payments	98,255	23,088	-	121,342	117,980
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,327	- 614	-	2,713	14,464
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	241,492	8,701	-	250,193	235,729
Cash funds this year end	244,819	8,087	-	252,906	250,193

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	68,650	8,087	-
	Bank Savings Account	170,931		-
	Paypal	5,238	-	-
	Total cash funds	244,819.00	8,087	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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	Collection Van & Awning	Unrestricted	21,234	
	Deposits	Unrestricted	9,600	-
	Warehouse Equipment	Unrestricted	20,507	-
	Clothes Bank	Unrestricted	300	-
	Computer	Unrestricted	1,487	-
	Community Meal Van	Restricted	25,400	-
	Fridges & Freezers	Restricted	7,488	-
	Vehicles	Unrestricted	19,246	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Pauline Stevenson	
	David Clayton	

Hope for Food Charity (No. 1162039)

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 31/01/2025

	£	£	£
A1 Receipts			
Donations	£117,220.26		
Gift Aid	£493.23		
Fundraising	£2,601.55		
Interest	£2,526.15		
Other receipts	£1,214.23		
		£124,055.42	
Receipts Sub Total			
A2 Asset Sales			
None in year			
Total Receipts			£124,055.42
	£	£	
A3 Payments			
Homeless Support	£43,984.32		
Families & Schools Support	£71,377.87		
Fundraising Costs	£0.00		
Wages and Salaries	Nil		
Administration/Other	£4,237.16		
		£119,599.34	
Payments Sub Total			
A4 Asset Purchases			
Fridge Freezers	£1,193.97		
Laptop	£549.00		
		£1,742.97	
Total Asset Purchases			
Total Payments			-£121,342.31
Net of Receipts/(Payments)			£2,713.11

Hope for Food Charity (No. 1162039)

Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Year Ended 31/01/2025

<u>Cash Funds</u>							Check xero
Date		Bank	Savings	95 Day Notice	Fixed Term Deposits	PayPal	Total
01/02/2024	Opening Balance	£82,627.36	£136,404.88	£0.00	£0.00	£31,160.88	£250,193.12
31/01/2025	Closing Balance	£76,736.98	£69,709.54	£51,221.49	£50,000.00	£5,238.22	£252,906.23
	Net Movement	-£5,890.38	-£66,695.34	£51,221.49	£50,000.00	-£25,922.66	£2,713.11

Restricted Funds

	b/f 01/02/2024	Receipts Into	Payments Out of	Deficit	c/f 31/01/2025
Funerals	£2,192.00	£2,048.00	-£3,785.00		£455.00
D.S. Fund *	£1,457.31				£1,457.31
Clothing	£0.00				£0.00
Homeless Boots	£1,136.96		-£1,136.96		£0.00
Homeless Wet Weather	£540.29		-£540.29		£0.00
Homeless Sleeping Bags	£404.67				£404.67
Homeless	£1,993.16				£1,993.16
Food	£0.00	£17,237.00	-£17,237.00		£0.00
N.F. Fund *	£0.00				£0.00
WDEP	£976.43		-£388.52		£587.91
Van Running Cost Grant	£0.00				£0.00
Security	£0.00	£3,189.00			£3,189.00
Totals	£8,700.82	£22,474.00	-£23,087.77	£0.00	£8,087.05
			£0.00		
			-£23,087.77	Actual Restricted Payments	

* Full names removed for privacy

Hope For Food - Budget Forecast Stress Test (3 years)

VAT Rate

20%

<u>Expenditure Item</u>	Homeless Support			Families & Schools Support			Combined Activities		
	£ 2025/26	£ 2026/27	£ 2027/2028	£ 2025/26	£ 2026/27	£ 2027/2028	£ 2025/26	£ 2026/27	£ 2027/2028
Rent	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
<i>Dilapidation</i>	<i>3,000</i>	<i>3,000</i>	<i>3,000</i>	<i>3,000</i>	<i>3,000</i>	<i>3,000</i>	<i>6,000</i>	<i>6,000</i>	<i>6,000</i>
Business Rates (20%)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Electric/Water	3,900	3,900	3,900	2,100	2,100	2,100	6,000	6,000	6,000
Food Provision	8,800	8,800	8,800	38,500	38,500	38,500	47,300	47,300	47,300
Vehicle Maintenance/Tax	3,000	3,000	3,000	750	750	750	3,750	3,750	3,750
Vehicle Fuel	3,600	3,600	3,600	1,200	1,200	1,200	4,800	4,800	4,800
Vehicle Insurance	3,600	3,600	3,600	1,000	1,000	1,000	4,600	4,600	4,600
Commercial Waste							2,500	2,500	2,500
Fundraising Costs							1,000	1,000	1,000
Administration							4,200	4,200	4,200
Contingency							5,000	5,000	5,000
Annual Totals	41,900	41,900	41,900	62,550	62,550	62,550	117,150	117,150	117,150
Cumulative Totals	41,900	83,800	125,700	62,550	125,100	187,650	117,150	234,300	351,450
<i>Cumulative with Asset Purchases</i>	<i>41,900</i>	<i>83,800</i>	<i>125,700</i>	<i>62,550</i>	<i>125,100</i>	<i>187,650</i>	<i>117,150</i>	<i>234,300</i>	<i>351,450</i>

<u>Unrestricted Funds (Actual)</u>	£ 2022/2023	£ 2023/2024	£ 2024/2025
Receipts	86,097	127,944	124,055
Average Receipts (over 3 years)			<u>112,699</u>

Budget Forecast Stress Test (-15%)			
	£ 2025/26	£ 2026/27	£ 2027/28
Bank (unrestricted funds) b/f	244,819	223,463	202,107
Receipts @ 85%	95,794	95,794	95,794
Expenditure budget	-117,150	-117,150	-117,150
Bank (unrestricted funds) c/f	<u>223,463</u>	<u>202,107</u>	<u>180,751</u>
Net Movement	-21,356	-21,356	-21,356

Overview of Assets	Brought Forward	Additions	Disposals	Balance
Other Vehicles	40,481	-		40,481
Deposits	9,600	-		9,600
Warehouse Equipment	19,313	1,194		20,507
Clothes Bank	300			300
Shower Van/Community meal van	25,400	-		25,400
Fridges & Freezers	7,488	-		7,488
Computer Equipment	938	549		1,487
Total	103,519	1,743	-	105,262

Breakdown where applicable

Vehicles				
Per 2017 B4 additional £1k				
Balance to agree b/f		3,168		3,168
DN68 YKL Vauxhall Vivaro	2021	16,079		16,079
Collections Van	2023	17,994		17,994
Collections Van Awning	2023	3,240		3,240
Total Vehicles		40,481	-	40,481

Shower Van		25,400		25,400
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Deposits				
Unit 13		9,600		9,600
Difference				-
Total Deposits		9,600	-	9,600

Warehouse				
Brought Forward to agree		1,108		1,108
Racking	2021	10,068		10,068
Racking	2020	4,634		4,634
Racking	2022	2,701		2,701
Guard Rail	2022	802		802
Fridge Freezer	2025		1,194	1,194
Total Warehouse Equipment		19,313	1,194	20,507

Fridges & Freezers Nisbetts	2021	7,488		7,488
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Computer Equipment				
Laptops	2023	938		938
Laptop	2025		549	549
Total Computer Equipment		938	549	1,487

Signed By

PAULINE STEVENSON

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Name of signatory	Pauline Stevenson



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

HOPE FOR FOOD

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Date:

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Name:

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