

WREXHAM FOODBANK / BANC BWYD WRECSAM

England & Wales · Charity number 1162262

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-06-17

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE PERSONS IN WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH THAT ARE IN FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IN SUCH WAYS AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME-TO-TIME THINK FIT, IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY: A) PROVIDING EMERGENCY FOOD, ESSENTIAL TOILETRIES, AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN NEED AND/OR FOR DISTRIBUTION BY CHARITIES OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY. B) SUCH OTHER MEANS, INCLUDING (BUT NOT LIMITED TO) THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT OR SIGNPOSTING TO RELEVANT INFORMATION AND OTHER ADVISORY SERVICES.

Activities: Provision of emergency food parcels; signposting for clients in need of debt management or other forms of personal support. Advice on budgeting and Eat Well Spend Less courses to support this.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Wrexham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£172,406	£179,342	-	-
2024-03-31	£221,334	£114,181	-	-
2023-03-31	£150,541	£108,012	-	-
2022-03-31	£95,938	£131,120	-	-
2021-03-31	£175,244	£63,686	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Suzanne Nantcurvis	Chair	2019-04-09
Alan George Jacobs		2024-09-09
Anna Grace Thorncroft		2023-05-23
Derek William Adnitt		2023-05-23
Rev Katherine Joan Tiltman		2023-11-28
Simon Durnell		2023-05-23

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date			
From	01	04	2024	To	31	03	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Wrexham Food Bank

Other names charity is known by N/A

Registered charity number (if any) 1162262

Charity's principal address 3 Edwards Enterprise Park

Rhosddu Industrial Estate

Wrexham

Postcode LL11 4ZA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Suzanne Nantcurvis	Chair		
2	Alan George Jacobs	Trustee	From 09/09/24	
3	Rev Katherine Joan Tiltman	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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- Through its daily work, Wrexham Foodbank liaised with many local statutory organisations and charities. The foodbank's partnership with the Wrexham CAB to offer outreach support at the satellites for clients continued to be beneficial in supporting clients to move their lives forward and not become dependent on the foodbank.
- Wrexham Foodbank works with the Fuel Bank Foundation to issue fuel vouchers.
- Wrexham Foodbank joined the Wrexham Food Partnership Steering Board organised by Wrexham Local Authority and participated in an event to launch the Wrexham Food Partnership.
- The foodbank continued to support the Caia Park Holiday Hunger Scheme run by St Mark's Church, Caia Park, Wrexham.
- All collaborations/partnerships are agreed by the trustees.
- The trustees reviewed and updated policies during this period: Financial Controls and Expenses, Safeguarding, Health, and Safety, GDPR and Privacy and Emergency Protocols.
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Section C

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All our services are provided with a Christian ethos and are supported by the churches in Wrexham.

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Food and other items are donated at supermarket collection points, food drives and regular collections from churches, schools, and other organisations. Wrexham Foodbank hires a commercial warehouse which receives and organises the food donations then restocks the 8 distribution centres the foodbank operates throughout the city.

Baby essentials items, such as nappies, baby toiletries and baby food are delivered to home addresses. The foodbank is partnered with WINGS Wrexham, a period poverty scheme, and ensures that clients and local organisations are provided with free sanitary items. The foodbank prides itself in being more than just about food and by giving other items the aim is for clients to have more disposable income to buy fresh food items.

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which provides a Moses basket of basic items for new parents.

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Due to concerns over individuals and families being unable to heat their homes adequately, Wrexham Foodbank provided Winter Warm Packs containing blankets, hot water bottles, scarves, hats, and gloves etc. These packs are distributed at the satellite centres and purchased from foodbank funds.

Wrexham Foodbank operates a Community Money Advice Connect Centre which helps clients in financial difficulties and prepares them for receiving debt management advice and support. This crucial service has been further developed with the support of Trussell Trust. The service has been successful in resolving thousands of pounds worth of debt and has lifted a huge burden for many clients. The work undertaken by the volunteer money mentors is immense.

In carrying out all this work the trustees have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Staff and volunteer working

The foodbank employs three members of staff. The trustees conducted a staffing review to represent the future direction of the organisation as a Pathfinder Foodbank. The new collegiate approach structure was adopted by the trustees and commenced in June 2024. It dispensed with the need for a foodbank manager but brought in three new roles: The Operations Manager, The Strategic Development Manager, and the Operations Supervisor. Each role is equally valued and they are expected to work collaboratively to ensure that the foodbank not only offers an emergency approach but also introduces strategies to give long term solutions for clients. The restructuring was aimed at ensuring the Pathfinder commitment continued. Staff salaries were uplifted commensurate with the new job descriptions.

The strategic development manager is responsible for the foodbank's development plan which is ambitious and was well received at the annual review by Trussell Trust.

Additionally, each trustee was given a role and responsibilities. This initiative was aimed at supporting the staff and volunteer team. Trustee roles include responsibilities for premises, Health and Safety, safeguarding, GDPR and privacy, financial management, fundraising and human resource management.

The funding received from Wrexham County Borough Council enabled the foodbank to continue its work but there was a significant fall in food donations and, consequently, the average monthly food bill amounted to around £5000 per month. Naturally, this proved to be a drain on the foodbank's financial resources.

With three members of staff and six committed trustees, the organisation relies hugely on its volunteer workforce.

- Warehouse teams work under the supervision of the operations manager sorting, dating, weighing, and organising the donations from the public and local businesses, churches, schools etc. The warehouse volunteers also prepare food parcels and arrange the restocks to the 8 distribution centres across the city.
- The satellite teams work at the 8 centres across the city distributing food parcels, providing refreshments and befriending and signposting clients. There is an ongoing discussion regarding opening a new satellite in an area outside of the city centre and where a need has been identified by the community council.
- The home delivery service continues to be an important service and while it is managed by the operations manager, the deliveries are made by volunteer drivers. They also collect donations from supermarket sites and other organisations, restock the satellite centres, and collect the food purchases to ensure the foodbank has sufficient food to make up the parcels.
- A volunteer administrative assistant inputs data especially related to fuel bank vouchers - working under the supervision of the operations manager.
- The money mentors within the CMA team are all volunteers.
- Team leader meetings ensure the teams are updated of any initiatives and policies.
- An annual thank you event for all volunteers is organised to illustrate the importance of their contribution to the foodbank.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Wrexham Foodbank does not celebrate achievements but prides itself on responding to the needs of those in the community who are struggling to buy the essentials such as food and fuel.

Food distribution:

The foodbank distributed 10,361 food parcels in 2024/2025 which fed 7042 adults and 3319 children. 27% of the children were under the age of 4 years and 71% of children we fed were under the age of 11 years.

To work more efficiently with referral partners, we reduced the number of agencies on our register to around 70. Wrexham County Borough Council departments of Housing and Economy and Housing Support Officers, Wrexham CAB, Maximus, and Warm Wales are the agencies we work with on a very regular basis. The foodbank also provides space for some agencies, such as Hafren Dyfodwy and MIND, to offer advice and support at the satellite centres.

There are a significant number of reasons why clients are referred to the foodbank. The benefits system is at the core of reasons why people need help from the foodbank. Among the many reasons are unemployment after temporary or permanent work; low income with no benefits or low income with some benefits; changes or delays in the benefit system; health related matters both physical and mental; debt; domestic abuse; substance misuse; insecurely housed and no recourse to public funds. Increasingly, low income, rising costs and mental health issues appear to be the main reasons for requesting help from the foodbank. There are more families coming to the foodbank who are in employment but simply do not earn enough. There has been a 48% increase in demand for our support compared with 5 years ago. Interestingly, there is a decline in requests for help when the government gives more financial support. This appears to indicate that people seek support from the foodbank when there is a dire need and they simply do not have enough money to purchase food.

Working closely with Refugee Kindness, EYST, Bawso and other refugee agencies has been an important part of the foodbank's work and the provision of halal parcels from the warehouse and delivered on the home delivery service has been appreciated by these agencies.

Food stock:

Disappointingly, food donations showed a considerable decline and the foodbank had to purchase substantially more food to make the parcels. To illustrate the change, it is useful to note that in 2022/23, the net stock was +6 tonnes; 2023/24 showed a net stock of -2 tonnes and 2024/25 saw a significant decline to net stock of - 32 tonnes. This meant that the foodbank spent just under £21k purchasing food in 2023/4 and £42+k in 2024/25.

The foodbank relies heavily on donations especially during the harvest and Christmas seasons. The Christmas food drives at Asda and Tesco make a big difference to stock levels.

Given that the foodbank must provide specific items in the parcels according to the Trussell Trust franchise agreement, for much of the period, the foodbank was purchasing food at around £5000 per month.

The eight satellites vary in how many parcels they distribute but the important issue is that they serve a broad geographical area and there is access to a distribution centre throughout the working week. The trustees changed the way in which one satellite operated to bring it in line with other satellites and ease the pressure on food distribution. We also moved venues for one of our satellites to a more favourable and welcoming location.

The staff and volunteer team engaged in a review of the way in which satellites operated to drive the concept of efficiency and consistency across the organisation ensuring that the client journey was paramount in how we approached our operations and dignity was at the heart of how we support clients.

The volunteer training programme was continued and the foodbank registered new volunteers working in all aspects of foodbank operations. The operations manager conducts manual handling training for all volunteers and signposting training is part of the remit for the strategic development manager.

The CMA Connect centre continued to provide valuable support to those in financial difficulties by helping with debt and budgetary management. The money mentors also provide a home visit service which is enabled by the foodbank.

The foodbank settled into new premises and it has been a beneficial move given that the landlord is supportive and has offered an annual licence while we continue our search for larger premises.

We were pleased to accept the offer from Toyota of an electric van to use free of charge for one year. Given that our van is in use every day with restocks, collections and deliveries the offer was greatly appreciated.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As at 31/03/2025, the Charity held £250,954 in unrestricted reserves. The principal financial risk facing the Charity is the potential loss or reduction of external grant funding.

The Charity's reserves policy is to maintain sufficient unrestricted funds to cover 12 months of operational costs, enabling continuity of service in the event of a funding shortfall and providing flexibility to respond to unforeseen expenditure or strategic opportunities.

Based on current expenditure levels reflected in this year's financial statements, the Charity's free reserves would cover approximately 16 months of total operating costs, which is in excess of the level required under the reserves policy.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Wrexham Foodbank is an affiliate of the Trussell Trust and receives advice and guidance from the Trussell Trust. A Pathfinder grant has enabled the foodbank to engage in strategic development.

Wrexham County Borough Council has made a financial donation to help purchase food, pay rental costs for the premises, and run the foodbank van.

The trustees are mindful of the sustainability of the foodbank given that it is a frontline organisation tackling poverty in the city and surrounding area, therefore, there is a robust reserves policy which covers rent, salaries, utilities, and other essential outgoings.

The trustees must ensure that sufficient funds are made available for food purchases and daily operations. Expenditure is monitored carefully with a bi monthly financial report from the treasurer.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Suzanne Nantcurvis	
Full name(s)	Suzanne Nantcurvis	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	8 th December 2025	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2024

To

Period end date
31/03/2025

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					
Public donations	24,314	-	-	24,314	33,802
Trussell Trust grants	4,316	31,412	-	35,728	68,570
Corporate donations	54,311	-	-	54,311	50,096
Other grants	52,988	-	-	52,988	57,283
Community donations (other)	-	500	-	500	7,093
Interest received	4,565	-	-	4,565	3,705
ACTS 435	-	-	-	-	785
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	140,494	31,912	-	172,406	221,334
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	140,494	31,912	-	172,406	221,334
A3 Payments					
Staff wages / pension	35,904	19,534	-	55,438	42,146
Office Equipment and IT	1,370	5,620	-	6,990	-
Phone / broadband	2,510	-	-	2,510	2,343
Bank charges	522	-	-	522	374
Accountancy Fee	2,160	-	-	2,160	-
Outreach / ACTS435 / EWSL	-	4,096	-	4,096	891
Warehouse rent / rates/ extra storage	36,849	-	-	36,849	19,855
Utilities (water / bins)	3,869	-	-	3,869	586
Repairs and Renewals	226	-	-	226	-
Extra food	43,974	500	-	44,474	23,111
Sundries	1,107	-	-	1,107	-
Holiday hunger	-	-	-	-	3,454
Clothing	534	-	-	534	392
Public liability insurance / ICO fee	4,966	-	-	4,966	2,393
Van	4,688	-	-	4,688	504
Meetings / events	16	-	-	16	217
Training	124	-	-	124	128
CMA costs	279	735	-	1,014	4,071
Donations	-	-	-	-	3,500
Printing, postage & stationery	1,065	52	-	1,117	731
Office equipment & expenditure	2,817	-	-	2,817	2,662
Legal & professional	5,010	-	-	5,010	5,353
Other employee costs	815	-	-	815	1,469
Sub total	148,805	30,537	-	179,342	114,181

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	148,805	30,537	-	179,342	114,181
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 8,311	1,375	-	- 6,936	107,153
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	259,265	66,589	-	325,854	218,701
Cash funds this year end	250,954	67,964	-	318,918	325,854

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 Paypal Cash Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	250,424 506 24 250,954	67,964 - - 67,964	- - - -
		OK Unrestricted funds	OK Restricted funds	OK Endowment funds
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £ - - -	to nearest £ - - -	to nearest £ - - -
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional) - - -	Current value (optional) - - -
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional) - - - - -	Current value (optional) - - - - -
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional) - - - - -	When due (optional)

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	S. Nantcurvis	22.12.2025



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Wrexham Food Bank

On accounts for the year
ended

31/03/2025

Charity no
(if any)

1162262

Set out on pages

1-10

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 31/03/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

Signed:

Jane Tweedie

Date:

13/01/2026

Name:

Jane Tweedie

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

BSc, FCA, DChA

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Belmont House, Shrewsbury Business Park

Shrewsbury, SY26LG

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

N/a

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Grant Evans	Resigned 1st August 2023

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Contribution made by volunteers:

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- A team of drivers are responsible for the home delivery service, collection of donations from supermarket sites and other organisations, restocking the satellite centres and collecting the food purchases made to ensure the foodbank has sufficient food to make up the parcels.
- A volunteer administrative assistant inputs data especially related to fuel bank vouchers - working under the supervision of the operations manager.
- The money mentors within the CMA team are all volunteers.
- Team leader meetings ensure the teams are updated of any initiatives and policies.
- An annual thank you event for all volunteers is organised to illustrate the importance of their contribution to the foodbank.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Wrexham Foodbank does not celebrate achievements but prides itself on responding to the needs of those in the community who are struggling to buy the essentials such as food and fuel.

Food distribution:

The foodbank distributed 10,551 food parcels in 2023/204 which fed 6935 adults and 3616 children. Again, we saw a rise in the number of requests for help. Over 200 agencies are registered with Wrexham Foodbank but there are around 20/30 agencies the foodbank works with more closely. Wrexham County Borough Council departments of Housing and Economy and Housing Support Officers, Wrexham CAB, Maximus, and Warm Wales are the agencies we work with on a very regular basis. The foodbank also provides space for some agencies to offer advice and support at the satellite centres.

There are a significant number of reasons why clients are referred to the foodbank. Among the many reasons are unemployment after temporary or permanent work; low income; rising costs; benefits issues such as changes or delays; health related matters both physical and mental; debt; domestic abuse; substance misuse; insecurely housed and no recourse to public funds. Increasingly, low income and rising costs with mental health issues cited are identified as a reason for requesting help from the foodbank.

Interestingly, there is a decline in requests for help when the government gives more financial support. This appears to indicate that people seek support from the foodbank when there is a dire need and they simply do not have enough money to purchase food.

Working closely with Refugee Kindness, EYST and other refugee agencies has been an important part of the foodbank's work and the provision of halal parcels from the warehouse and delivered on the home delivery service has been appreciated by these agencies.

Food stock:

Disappointingly, food donations showed a decline and the foodbank had to purchase food to make the parcels.

Stock in - 68596.78 kg

Stock out – 70484.70 kg

Purchased stock represented 1425.12 kg

The foodbank relies heavily on donations especially during the harvest and Christmas seasons. The Christmas food drives at Asda and Tesco make a big difference to stock levels.

Given that the foodbank must provide specific items in the parcels according to the Trussell Trust franchise agreement, for much of the period, the foodbank was purchasing food at around £500 per week.

The eight satellites vary in how many parcels they distribute but the important issue is that they serve a broad geographical area and there is access to a distribution centre throughout the working week.

The volunteer training programme was continued and the foodbank registered new volunteers working in all aspects of foodbank operations.

The CMA Connect centre continued to provide valuable support to those in financial difficulties by helping with debt and budgetary management. The money mentors also provide a home visit service which is enabled by the foodbank.

One of the most important developments was moving premises due to

health and safety matters. The foodbank was pleased to find slightly larger premises on the opposite side of the city. It was a phenomenal task to move the stock and furniture and thanks to a local firm it was managed swiftly and successfully. The trustees, staff and volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure that a high standard of operations was maintained and there was no break in service to the community.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Unrestricted reserves of the charity as of 31.03/2024 was £ 259,265 The main financial risk to the Charity is loss of funding from external grants.

The unrestricted funds will cover 3 months operational costs in the event of a reduction in grant funding and to meet any unforeseen expenditure or opportunities that occur.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Wrexham Foodbank is an affiliate of the Trussell Trust and obtains grant funding and advice from the Trussell Trust. A Pathfinder grant has enabled the foodbank to engage in strategic development.

Wrexham County Borough Council has made a financial donation to help purchase food, pay rental costs for the premises, and run the foodbank van.

The Trustees are mindful of the sustainability of the foodbank given that it is a frontline organisation tackling poverty in the city and surrounding area, therefore, there is a robust reserves policy which covers rent, salaries, utilities, and other essential outgoings.

The Trustees must ensure that sufficient funds are made available for food purchases and daily operations. Expenditure is monitored carefully with a bi monthly financial report from the treasurer.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) Suzanne Nantcurvis

Full name(s) Suzanne Nantcurvis

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Chair

Date 10th December 2024



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/04/2023		31/03/2024

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					
Public donations	33,802	-	-	33,802	64,640
Trussell Trust grants	3,307	65,263	-	68,570	21,759
Corporate donations	50,096	-	-	50,096	17,666
Other grants	57,283	-	-	57,283	30,113
Community donations (other)	7,093	-	-	7,093	8,781
Church / Stewardship / CAF	-	-	-	-	3,112
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	1,627
Interest received	3,705	-	-	3,705	1,673
ACTS 435	785	-	-	785	1,170
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	156,071	65,263	-	221,334	150,541
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	156,071	65,263	-	221,334	150,541

A3 Payments

Staff wages / pension	30,438	11,708	-	42,146	42,218
Iris payroll	-	-	-	-	272
Phone / broadband	2,343	-	-	2,343	814
Bank charges	374	-	-	374	327
PayPal fees	-	-	-	-	593
Outreach / ACTS435 / EWSL	891	-	-	891	1,765
Warehouse rent / rates/ extra storage	19,855	-	-	19,855	20,794
Satellite essentials / rent	-	-	-	-	2,479
Trussell Trust fee	-	-	-	-	360
Utilities (water / bins)	586	-	-	586	419
Winter pressures	-	-	-	-	2,682
Extra food	23,111	-	-	23,111	4,876
Sundries	-	-	-	-	646
Holiday hunger	3,454	-	-	3,454	4,814
Clothing	392	-	-	392	946
Public liability insurance / ICO fee	2,393	-	-	2,393	313
Van	504	-	-	504	2,905
Meetings / events	217	-	-	217	2,092
Training	128	-	-	128	545
CMA costs	4,071	-	-	4,071	13,700
Warehouse essentials (non food)	-	-	-	-	4,452
Donations	3,500	-	-	3,500	-
Printing, postage & stationery	731	-	-	731	-
Office equipment & expenditure	2,662	-	-	2,662	-
Legal & professional	5,353	-	-	5,353	-
Other employee costs	1,469	-	-	1,469	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	102,473	11,708	-	114,181	108,012

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	102,473	11,708	-	114,181	108,012
Net of receipts/(payments)	53,598	53,555	-	107,153	42,529
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	205,667	13,034	-	218,701	176,172
Cash funds this year end	259,265	66,589	-	325,854	218,701

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Suzanne Nantcurvis	06.01.25
	Anna Thorncroft	07.01.25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Wrexham Food Bank

On accounts for the year
ended

31/03/2024

Charity no
(if any)

1162262

Set out on pages

1-10

(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 31/03/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

Signed:

Jane Tweedie

Date:

8 January 2025

Name:

Jane Tweedie

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

BSc, FCA, DChA

Address:

WR Partners

Belmont House, Shrewsbury Business Park

Shrewsbury, SY26LG

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

N/a

Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Charity name: Wrexham Foodbank/Bwyd Banc Wrecsam

Charity registration number: 1162262

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To relieve persons in Wrexham County Borough that are in financial hardship in such ways as the trustees from time to time think appropriate but not exclusively by: a) Providing emergency food, essential toiletries and household items to individuals and families in need and/or for distribution by other charities and organisations working to prevent and relieve poverty. b) Such other means, including (but not limited to) the provision of support, or signposting to, relevant information and other advisory services. To provide such services with a Christian ethos, supported by churches in Wrexham,
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The provision of emergency food parcels, toiletries and miscellaneous items following a voucher issued from a referral partner; signposting clients for further personal support particularly in relation to budgeting and debt management. Provision of baby essential products such as nappies, toiletries, baby food and formula to enable more disposable income for families to spend on food. Partnering with the local Probation Service to support the rehabilitation of offenders by offering a support pack for those released from prison. Liaising for local schools and supplying school bags and lunch packs. Working collaboratively with other organisations such as Wings Wrexham, a period dignity scheme, and Baby Basics an organisation which provides a Moses basket of basic items for new parents. Supporting a Holiday Hunger scheme in an area of significantly high levels of child poverty by assisting with food provision.

		Budgetary and debt management support through our Community Money Advice Connect Centre.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In carrying out this work the trustees have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The foodbank employs three members of staff but is heavily reliant on teams of volunteers to ensure the smooth running of the operations. The teams are as follows: • Warehouse teams who work under the supervision of the warehouse manager sorting, dating, weighing, and organising the donations from the public and businesses. A group of volunteers also prepare food parcels at the warehouse which are sent to the satellites for distribution. • The satellite teams work at 8 sites across the borough distributing food parcels, providing refreshments and befriending and signposting clients. • A team of drivers is responsible for restocking the satellites, collecting donations from supermarkets and other organisations, and collecting the food purchased by the foodbank to place in food parcels. • Wrexham foodbank organises a home delivery service which relies on a volunteer administrator and designated drivers. • Data input is managed by volunteer administrative assistants working under the supervision of the operations manager. • A volunteer team of money mentors work at the CMA Connect

		supporting clients in financial difficulties.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Food distribution: 9473 parcels were distributed to clients, consequently, 6011 adults were fed and also 3464 children. This represented a 37% increase in food parcel distribution from the previous year. Although over 150 referral agencies are registered with the foodbank, the top five agencies were Wrexham County Borough's (WCBC) Housing and Economy department; the CAB; Maximus UK; WCBC's Housing Support Officers and Warm Wales. The top 5 reasons given for the referrals were: • Low income – 5443 vouchers stated this as a reason • Benefit delays • Benefit changes • No recourse to public funds • Debt Given the European turmoil with the Ukraine war, the foodbank supported the Ukraine appeal, Refugee Support, Refugee Kindness, EYST and other refugee organisations. Food Stock: A total of 61613.35 kg was distributed and 1123.95 kg of stock was damaged or out of date. Given the impact of Covid, it was encouraging to note a 14% increase in stock but this must be seen in the context of a 37% increase in food parcels distribution. Given that the foodbank must provide specific items in the food parcels based on nutritional advice and food donations did not always meet demand, the foodbank spent £4,976 purchasing additional food. Harvest collections in churches and schools and pre-Christmas collections boost stock and allow for more 'extra' items to be added to food parcels. Foodbank satellites: Our satellites vary in relation to how many parcels they distribute but the fact that they serve a broad geographical area is noteworthy and some

		are more central than others and, therefore, more accessible. The volunteer training programme was continued and we were pleased to register new volunteers working in all aspects of the foodbank operations. The home delivery service became the access route for families in need of baby essential items and the raising awareness at the satellites of this type of available support was instrumental in the increase of baby essential requests. The home delivery service continues to be an important element of the foodbank work given that some individuals and families are unable for a variety of reasons to get to a satellite to receive their food parcels. The Eat Well Spend Less programme was under review and fewer sessions were organised. The CMA Connect centre provided support via six trained money mentors for those clients needing advice and guidance with debt and budgetary management. CMA has the overall responsibility for the debt advice and the FCA regulations.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The trustees are mindful of the sustainability of the foodbank given that the organisation is on the front line of poverty in Wrexham. We ensure that there is a minimum of 12 months calculated budget in the accounts to cover rent, utilities, salaries, and other essential outgoings. This has been achieved throughout this financial year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The trustees ensure that one year's budget is held in reserve to support essential outgoings.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The amount of the annual outgoings as a minimum.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The charity continues to develop and move forward with the support of Trussell Trust.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Wrexham Foodbank is an affiliate of the Trussell Trust and obtains financial support and advice from the Trussell Trust. Wrexham Foodbank embarked on the Trussell Trust's Pathfinder programme and this brought in funding to create a new post of operations manager in order that our foodbank manager could allocate time to progress the Pathfinder mission. Public and corporate donations make a significant portion of our funding. Bids to organisations such as Community Fund for Wales and Hafren Dyfrdwy were successful and supported our finances.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO Foundation
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	An application form is used, trustees are subject to an informal interview, references are sought and trustees are elected by the board of trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Wrexham Foodbank is affiliated to the Trussell Trust and undergoes a governance health check by Trussell Trust which includes a check that we have the appropriate policies in place. Trussell Trust offers online training and we are registered with HR Inform. All new trustees are given written information from the Charity Commission regarding roles and responsibilities of trustees.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Wrexham Foodbank is a member of the Wrexham Food Poverty Forum and the Caia Holiday Hunger Scheme. The staff team work collaboratively with a range of local organisations on an informal level. Our aims within Pathfinder programme mean that we are endeavouring to work more cohesively with our main referral partners, other organisations such as the CAB and those in positions of influence.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The staff team and the trustee team work closely together to ensure that the foodbank works effectively and efficiently.
Other		Data collection is important to the foodbank in order that we can monitor trends and respond to needs as well as move forward on our Pathfinder programme.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wrexham Foodbank/Bwyd Banc Wrecsam
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1162262

Charity's principal address for the stated period	Unit 1A Puleston Industrial Estate Ruabon Road Wrexham LL13 7RF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Gerard Doyle	Chair of Trustees		
2	Campbell Edmondson	Treasurer		
3	Suzanne Nantcurvis	Trustee		
4	Chris Haigh	Trustee		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	G. P. Doyle	
Full name(s)	Gerard Patrick Doyle	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	21/01/24	



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	4/1/2022 1st April 2022	To	3/31/2023 31st March 2023
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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 £
A1 Receipts					
Public donations	64,640	-	-	64,640	47,027
Trussell Trust grants	6,207	15,552	-	21,759	16,403
Corporate donations	17,666	-	-	17,666	6,238
Other grants	22,000	8,113	-	30,113	5,000
Community donations (other)	8,781	-	-	8,781	-
Church / Stewardship / CAF	3,112	-	-	3,112	1,357
Gift Aid	1,627	-	-	1,627	1,255
Interest received	1,673	-	-	1,673	592
ACTS 435	-	1,170	-	1,170	965
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	125,706	24,835	-	150,541	78,837
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	125,706	24,835	-	150,541	78,837
A3 Payments					
Staff wages / pension	31,056	11,162	-	42,218	20,879
Iris payroll	272	-	-	272	198
Phone / broadband	814	-	-	814	1,928
Bank charges	327	-	-	327	565
PayPal fees	593	-	-	593	-
Outreach / ACTS435 /EWSL	507	1,258	-	1,765	2,133
Warehouse rent / rates / extra storage	16,294	4,500	-	20,794	20,162
Satellite essentials / rent	2,259	220	-	2,479	962
Trussell Trust fee	360	-	-	360	-
Utilities (water / bins)	419	-	-	419	-
Winter pressures	-	2,682	-	2,682	4,699
Extra food	4,876	-	-	4,876	-
Sundries	646	-	-	646	2,969
Holiday Hunger	1,346	3,468	-	4,814	3,658
Clothing	946	-	-	946	401
Public liability insurance / ICO fee	313	-	-	313	252
Van	2,905	-	-	2,905	1,710
Meetings / events	2,092	-	-	2,092	-
Training	227	318	-	545	-
CMA costs	4,837	8,863	-	13,700	13,956
Warehouse essentials (non food)	2,572	1,880	-	4,452	3,780
Sub total	73,661	34,351	-	108,012	78,252
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	73,661	34,351	-	108,012	78,252
Net of receipts/(payments)	52,045	- 9,516	-	42,529	585
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	153,622	22,550	-	176,172	175,587

Cash funds this year end	205,667	13,034	-	218,701	176,172
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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	Reliance Bank Account	92,238	13,034	-
	Redwood Bank Account	105,451	-	-
	Pay Pal	7,785		
	Petty Cash	193	-	-
	Total cash funds	205,667	13,034	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

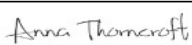
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-

	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
Suzanne Nantcurvis	SUZANNE NANTCURVIS	16.01.24
	ANNA THORNCROFT	17.01.2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Wrexham Foodbank

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1162262

Set out on pages

1 & 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2023**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

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

Signed:

Date:

17 Jan. 2024

Name:

Alan Knight

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

AIB Associate Institute of Bankers-Accountant.Retired

Address:

10 Wern Road Llangollen LL20 8DU

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month April	Year 2021		Day 31	Month 03	Year 2022

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name Wrexham Foodbank / Banc Bwyd Wrecsam

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1162262

Charity's principal address Unit 1A Puleston Industrial Estate

Ruabon Road

Wrexham

Postcode

LL13 7RF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Gerard Doyle	Chair of Trustees		
2	Robert Oppen		Until 31/11/21	
3	Campbell Edmondson	Treasurer		
4	Suzanne Nantcurvis			
5	Margaret Monaghan		Until 31/07/21	The Board of Wrexham Foodbank Trustees
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO Foundation
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Application form used; references sought and elected by board of Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Charity is affiliated to the Trussell Trust and seeks advice and support on policy matters from that organisation from time to time. Many of the written policies of the Foodbank are derived from the Trussell Trust operating manual.

The Trussell Trust has collaborations with Tesco, ASDA and Sainsburys supermarket groups and these provide a consistent source of financial income for the work of the Wrexham Foodbank.

Food received by public donation is controlled and weighed in and out in accordance with policy agreed with the Trussell Trust.

New Trustees are given written information from the Charity Commission on the roles & responsibilities of Trustees.

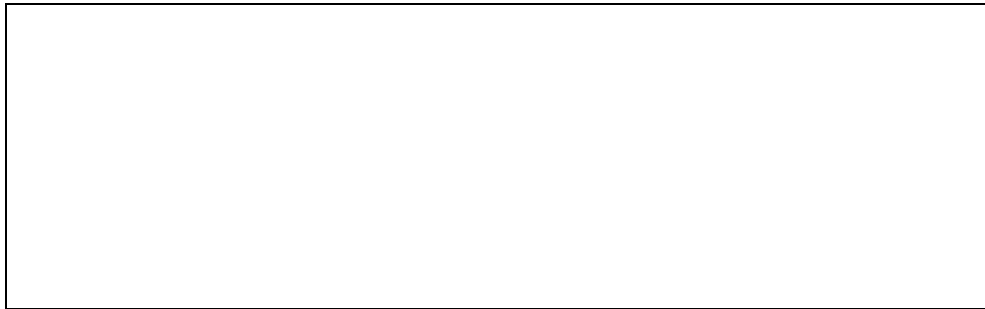
Trustees receive regular reports from Wrexham Foodbank Management Team and are in direct communication with the management team which facilitates identification of risks and each Trustee has identifiable role(s) to manage such events.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To relieve persons in Wrexham County Borough that are in financial hardship in such ways as the Trustees from time-to-time think appropriate, in particular but not exclusively by:

- a) providing emergency food, essential toiletries, and household items to individuals and families in need and/or for distribution by other charities and organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.
- b) such other means, including (but not limited to) the provision of support, or signposting to, relevant information and other advisory services.



Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Provision of emergency food parcels; signposting for clients in need of debt management or other forms of personal support. Advice on budgeting and Eat Well Spend Less courses to provide clients with basic cookery skills to support cost savings.

Addressing issues of “Period Poverty” by providing sanitary products through collaboration with a local charity called WINGS.

Provision of baby food and other products for new mothers struggling to cope through our Baby Essentials programme in conjunction with local Health Visitors.

Budgetary and debt management support through our Community Money Advice Connect Centre.

In carrying out this work the Trustees have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We have three part time employees; a Project Manager, a Warehouse Manager and since July 2021, a CMA Connect Administrator. The everyday delivery of the work of the Foodbank is however reliant on several teams of volunteers with in total between 80 -100 volunteers.

These teams of volunteers are responsible for:

- a) sorting, dating and weighing of all food donations in our warehouse
- b) at satellite distribution centres, befriending clients and providing drinks for them together with signposting help and advice in addition to handing out food parcels
- c) preparation of food parcels in the warehouse and at each satellite
- d) participation in supermarket food donation collections
- e) transport of food donations to and from the warehouse
- f) running Eat Well Spend Less cookery & budgetary courses
- g) data input to our database recording the warehouse stock in /out and client voucher data.
- h) acting as drivers for our Home Delivery service
- i) acting as Money Mentors in the Community Money Advice Connect Wrexham centre.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Although the restrictions imposed by the Covid pandemic continued to impact our operational activity we still managed to deliver on our core objectives.

- a) Food distribution: A total of 3050 vouchers were received from our referring agencies requesting food parcels an increase of 69 from last year. This represents 4379 adults and 2522 children, a total of 6901 people being fed, a slight reduction in the total number fed from 2020-21 which was 7009. The main reasons for the request for a food parcel were like previous years with low income accounting for just over 50% of requests followed by benefit delays and changes. Debt and 'other reasons' remain the other two main drivers for referral. The demographics of those presenting with vouchers were largely unchanged [Single Person 47.3%, Single Parent 18.6%, Family 15.3% and Couples 11.8%].
- b) Food stock. The impact of Covid restrictions continued as donations via our collection bins in the local supermarkets were reduced, churches remained closed and the annual Harvest collections in schools and churches were significantly diminished. The pre-Christmas donations did go some way to restore our stock levels and in spite of these constraints a total weight of 54,306 kilograms of donated food and other essential items was received in the warehouse, a decrease of 15.9% from 2020-21. Although the number of volunteers at the warehouse had to be restricted the supply chain to our satellites was effectively maintained, and we retained the extra storage established in 2020-21.
A total of 1561 kgs of damaged or out of date stock (nominal value £2653) had to be disposed of. This was higher than 2020-21 by an additional 700 kg.
- c) Distribution sites: As the year progressed access to our distribution centres increased as Covid restrictions eased. We also had to deal with losing some of our established volunteers due to understandable reluctance to return to facing the public. In the main we were able to train new volunteers and maintain our satellites. This did however bring challenges in befriending and signposting of clients.
- d) Home deliveries: We were able to maintain this service through the recruitment of new volunteer drivers and this was important for areas in Wrexham County Borough which were geographically distant from our satellites. By the end of 2021 however this had to be remodelled due to demands on our warehouse which were difficult to sustain.
- e) Other activity: Eat Well Spend Less programmes continued to provide training in basic cooking skills using items from our standard foodbank parcels continued but in a much-restricted way due to the pandemic.
- f) Our Community Money Advice (CMA) Connect Centre provided support for clients in debt or needing budgetary advice with a part time paid administrator overseeing appointments. Client activity was managed by our 7 volunteers trained as Money Mentors but unfortunately due to personal circumstances this was

reduced to 6 in August 2021. The service is operated under the auspices of Community Money Advice through which our Money Mentors have access to trained and regulated Debt Advisers. The number of referrals remained low partly due to Covid and also the challenge of becoming known in the community.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees ensure there is minimum of 12 months calculated budget in our accounts to cover rent, utilities and other essential outgoings which includes salaries for all part time employees. This has been achieved throughout this financial year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Nil

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our funding remained consistent through income from i) the Trussell Trust which provides funds via collaboration with Tesco, ASDA and Sainsburys supermarkets ii) individual (public) donations and iii) church donations. We had regular monthly donors either directly into our bank account or through PayPal. Gift Aid was applied when appropriate consent given.

We were also in receipt of grants from the Trussell Trust to finance a) part of our salary costs for a new post of Operations Manager starting in March 2022 and b) purchase of tablets for our satellites to aid signposting for clients.

The main expenditure was on: salaries, warehouse rental and utilities, other room rental costs, broadband / telephone bills, van insurance and MOT/servicing and fuel costs. All of these are essential for the day to day activities of Wrexham Foodbank in delivering our key objectives.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Gerard Doyle	
Full name(s)	GERARD DOYLE	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	05/01/2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Wrexham Foodbank / Banc Bwyd Wrecsam

No (if any)
1162262

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date
1st April 2021

To

Period end date
31st March 2022

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					
Public Donations	41,720	6,272		47,992	86,037
Trussell Trust / ASDA Grants	5,668	10,735		16,403	19,619
Corporate donations and Grants	6,238			6,238	62,273
Grants		5,000		5,000	0
Community donations				-	3,848
Church donations	1,357			1,357	1,312
Gift Aid	1,255			1,255	1,913
Interest Received	592			592	243
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	56,830	22,007	-	78,837	175,244
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	56,830	22,007	-	78,837	175,244
A3 Payments					
Staff Wages / pension	5,995	14,884		20,879	24,439
IRIS Payroll	198			198	195
Phone /Broadband	699	1,229		1,928	677
Bank Charges	565			565	596
Trussell Trust	-			-	360
Warehouse Rent	19,511			19,511	18,698
ExtraStorage	-	651		651	649
Eat Well Spend Less	-	391		391	710
Holiday Hunger	-	3,658		3,658	
Outreach Acts 435	-	1,742		1,742	
Winter Pressure	-	4,699		4,699	
Satellite essentials / rent	962			962	698
Stationery	708			708	885
Warehouse essentials	2,958	822		3,780	7,046
Sundries	2,261			2,261	518
Home deliveries	-			-	41
Clothing	401			401	730
Training	-			-	66
Public Liability/ Contents Insurance	252			252	230
Van (including fuel)	1,710			1,710	1,922
Outreach Parcels	-			-	118
Extra food	-			-	1,178
CMA costs		13,956		13,956	3,931
Sub total	36,220	42,032	-	78,252	63,686
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	36,220	42,032	-	78,252	63,686
Net of receipts/(payments)	20,610	- 20,025	-	585	111,558
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	90,433	42,575	-	133,008	64,029
Cash funds this year end	111,043	22,550	-	133,593	175,587

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	Reliance Bank Account	19,576	36,506	-
	PayPal	12,611		-
	Redwood Deposit Bank	78,835		
	Petty Cash	21		-
	Total cash funds		111,043	36,506
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	<i>W Campbell Edmondson</i>	William Campbell Edmondson	31/01/2023	
			31/01/2023	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Wrexham Foodbank / Banc Bwyd Wrecsam

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2022

1162262

Set out on pages

1 & 2 Attached

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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: *FP Collins*

Date: 30 January 2023

Name: Francis Peter Collins

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales

(if any):

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Address:

15 Acton Road
Wrexham LL11 2NA

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.

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month April	Year 2020		Day 31	Month 03	Year 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Wrexham Foodbank / Banc Bwyd Wrecsam

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1162262

Charity's principal address Unit 1A Puleston Industrial Estate

Ruabon Road

Wrexham

Postcode

LL13 7RF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Campbell Edmondson	Chair of Trustees		
2	Robert Oppen			
3	Gerard Doyle	Treasurer		
4	Suzanne Nantcurvis			
5	Margaret Monaghan		From 01/07/2020	The Board of Wrexham Foodbank Trustees
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO Foundation
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	By invitation and election by Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

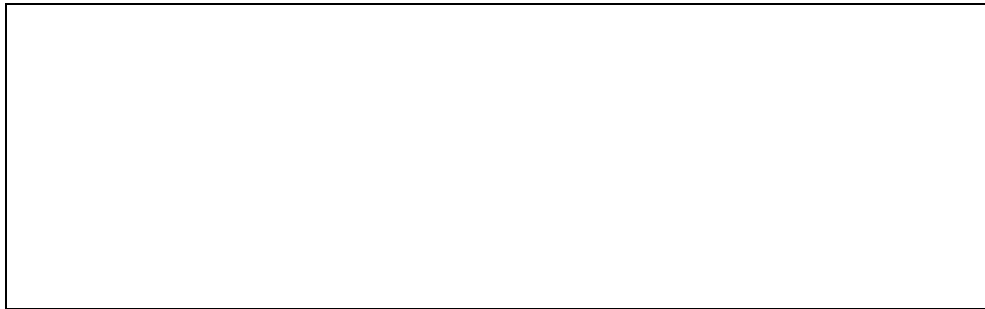
The Charity is affiliated to the Trussell Trust and draws on it for advice and policy matters from time to time. Many of the written policies of the Foodbank are derived from the Trussell Trust operating manual. The Trussell Trust has collaborations with Tesco, ASDA and Sainsburys supermarket groups and these provide a consistent source of financial income for the work of the Wrexham Foodbank. Food received by public donation is controlled and weighed in and out in accordance with policy agreed with the Trussell Trust. New Trustees are given written information from the Charity Commission on the roles & responsibilities of Trustees.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To relieve persons in Wrexham county borough that are in financial hardship in such ways as the Trustees from time-to-time think appropriate, in particular but not exclusively by:

- a) providing emergency food, essential toiletries, and household items to individuals and families in need and/or for distribution by other charities and organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.
- b) such other means, including (but not limited to) the provision of support, or signposting to, relevant information and other advisory services.



Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Provision of emergency food parcels; signposting for clients in need of debt management or other forms of personal support. Advice on budgeting and Eat Well Spend Less courses to provide clients with basic cookery skills to support cost savings.

Addressing issues of “Period Poverty” by providing sanitary products through collaboration with a local charity called WINGS.

Provision of baby food and other products for new mothers struggling to cope through our Baby Essentials programme in conjunction with local Health Visitors.

Budgetary and debt management support through our Community Money Advice Connect Centre.

In carrying out this work the Trustees have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Although we have two part time employees, a Project Manager and a Warehouse manager, the everyday delivery of the work of the Foodbank remains reliant on several teams of volunteers. In total there are between 80 -100 volunteers

These teams of volunteers are responsible for:

- a) sorting, dating and weighing of all food donations in our warehouse
- b) at satellite distribution centres, befriending clients and providing drinks for them together with signposting help and advice in addition to handing out food parcels
- c) preparation of food parcels
- d) participation in supermarket food donation collections
- e) transport of food donations to and from the warehouse
- f) running Eat Well Spend Less cookery & budgetary courses
- g) data input to our database recording the warehouse stock in /out and client voucher data.
- h) acting as drivers for our Home Delivery service
- i) acting as Money Mentors in the Community Money Advice Connect Wrexham centre.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Despite the restrictions imposed by the Covid pandemic with the constraints on availability of volunteers due to lockdown (as over 65% of our volunteers are over 70 years old) and with the loss of access to the properties where we distribute food parcels we still managed to deliver on our core objectives.

- a) Food distribution: A total of 2981 vouchers were received from our referring agencies requesting food parcels. This represents 4407 adults and 2602 children, a total of 7009 people, being fed. A 20.5% increase from 2019-20. The main reasons for the request for a food parcel were similar to previous years however low income is now the major (and increasing) reason for requests followed by Benefit delays and changes. Debt and 'other reasons' remain the other two main drivers for referral. The demographics of those presenting with vouchers were essentially unchanged {Single Person 42.6%, Single Parent 19%, Family 17.8% and Couples 12.9%}.
- b) Food stock: at the beginning of this year there were initial difficulties in securing food supplies due to unavailability from a local wholesaler and tight restrictions on supermarket purchases. Donations via our collection bins in the local supermarkets were also significantly reduced and the annual Harvest collections in schools and churches were also severely negatively impacted by Covid restrictions. This necessitated establishing new supply lines through two distant wholesale outfits. As we progressed into May 2020 at a national level Tesco organised food deliveries to our warehouse in conjunction with British Gas and for several months of the lockdown period we received 1000kg per week of supplies. Despite these problems a total weight of 64,594.7 kilograms of food was received in the warehouse an increase of 23.7% from 2019-20. Despite the reduced number of volunteers at the warehouse the supply chain was effectively maintained, and we needed to secure extra storage space to cope with the supply. A total of 865 kgs of damaged or out of date stock (nominal value £1470) had to be disposed of. Compared to 2019-20 this was a significant decrease from 1305 kgs
- c) Distribution sites: The arrival of the Corona Virus pandemic and subsequent national restrictions had a significant impact on our ability to distribute food parcels as we did not have access to some of the buildings. Where possible, we continued to use our Satellite distribution locations but relied upon using outdoor areas (from our Foodbank van) at these centres to abide by prevailing restrictions. In addition, we established a Home Delivery service to ensure that clients who were forced to self-isolate or shield were still able to receive food deliveries. This was achieved through a partnership with a local business who provided the drivers and over 1500 deliveries were made in the 12 month period. This did impact negatively on our usual befriending and signposting of clients for additional help however as many agencies were not seeing clients face to face the impact of this is hard to quantify. We did include printed information on available support in all our parcels.
- d) Other activity: Eat Well Spend Less programmes to provide training in basic cooking skills using items from our standard foodbank parcels continued but in a much-restricted way due to the pandemic.

f) Our Community Money Advice (CMA) Connect Centre opened in December 2020. 7 volunteers were trained to become Money Mentors in order to give help and support for individuals struggling with their monthly budgets and to facilitate access to trained debt adviser at the CMA Hub. Our intention was to provide face to face appointments however within 6 weeks of start-up the lockdown restrictions meant we were unable to do so until May 2021. Despite attempts to assist clients remotely via Zoom or WhatsApp this proved largely ineffective.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees ensure there is minimum of 6 months calculated budget in our accounts to cover rent, utilities and other essential outgoings which includes salaries for 2 part time employees. This has been achieved throughout this financial year thanks to a significant increase in income.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Nil

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The onset of the pandemic brought unprecedented financial support in addition to our normal annual income from i) the Trussell Trust which provides funds via collaboration with Tesco, ASDA and Sainsburys supermarkets ii) individual (public) donations and iii) church donations. We were also in receipt of grants from the Trussell Trust to finance part of our salary costs and the extra warehouse storage.

Several large corporations donated significant sums and there was also a major increase in both individual regular and ad hoc donations.

We also had 2 bids for funding from The Wales Community Fund and one from The Peoples Postcode Lottery approved.

Expenditure included the continued employment of a part time Project Manager (PM) and a Warehouse Manager. These appointments have facilitated all aspects of the Foodbank activity from volunteer training, rota management and increased public awareness of our work through local media and social media. Through the efforts of our PM we have been able to expand our electronic (e)-referral system from agencies

which was especially important during lockdown and an essential component of our Home Delivery Service.

The warehouse is efficiently managed thereby ensuring our distribution satellites are reliably stocked.

The Peoples Postcode lottery funding enabled all the costs of setting up the CMA Connect Centre to be met.

The initial Wales Community Funding enabled us to maintain our service and covered our month to month revenue costs whilst the second grant award stream, entitled Repair and Recovery, is aimed at facilitating development of our CMA Connect project

Section F

Other optional information

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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>W Campbell Edmondson</i>
Full name(s)	William Campbell Edmondson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair
Date	21/01/2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Wrexham Foodbank / Banc Bwyd Wrecsam

No (if any)
1162262

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
1st April 2020

To

Period end date
31st March 2021

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					
Public Donations	86,037	-	-	86,037	35,891
Trussell Trust / ASDA Grants	3,435	16,184	-	19,619	25,477
Corporate donations and Grants	25,713	36,560	-	62,273	28,150
Community donations	3,848	-	-	3,848	-
Church donations	1,312	-	-	1,312	-
Gift Aid	1,913	-	-	1,913	-
Interest Received	243	-	-	243	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	122,501	52,744	-	175,244	89,518
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	122,501	52,744	-	175,244	89,518
A3 Payments					
Staff Wages / pension	9,555	14,884	-	24,439	23,132
IRIS Payroll	195	-	-	195	95
Phone /Broadband	677	-	-	677	768
Bank Charges	596	-	-	596	25
Fire / electric installation	-	-	-	-	2,079
Trussell Trust	360	-	-	360	360
Warehouse Rent	13,698	5,000	-	18,698	18,026
ExtraStorage		649	-	649	
Eat Well Spend Less		710	-	710	346
Satellite essentials / rent	698		-	698	936
Stationery	885	-	-	885	414
Warehouse essentials	7,046	-	-	7,046	2,444
Sundries	518	-	-	518	197
Home deliveries	41		-	41	-
Clothing	730	-	-	730	474
Training	66		-	66	
Public Liability/ Contents Insurance	230	-	-	230	221
Van (including fuel)	1,922		-	1,922	16,974
Outreach Parcels	118		-	118	-
Extra food		1,178	-	1,178	-
Travel & Delivery costs	-	-	-	-	382
CMA costs	-	3,931	-	3,931	-
Sub total	37,335	26,351	-	63,686	66,873
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	37,335	26,351	-	63,686	66,873
Net of receipts/(payments)	85,166	26,392	-	111,558	22,645
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	47,846	16,183	-	64,029	41,384

23/01/2022

CC16a Receipts and Payments

<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	133,012	42,575	-	175,587	64,029
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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	Reliance Bank Account	79,698	42,577	-
	PayPal	10,048	-	-
	Redwood Deposit Bank	43,243		
	Petty Cash	21	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	133,011	42,577	-
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	<i>W Campbell Edmondson</i>	William Campbell Edmondson	20/01/2022	
	<i>Gerard Doyle</i>	Gerard Doyle	20/01/2022	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Wrexham Foodbank

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1162262

Set out on pages

1&2 attached

(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 / 03 / 2021**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

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

Signed: **FP COLLINS**

Date: 25th January 2022

Name: Francis Peter Collins

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCA Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales

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Section B

Disclosure

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