

# THE HIVE FOOD BANK

England & Wales · Charity number 1162363

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2015-06-24

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

## Contact

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**Address** 13 Halstow Road  
London  
NW10 5DB

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**Website** [www.thehivefoodbank.com](http://www.thehivefoodbank.com)

## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:(A) THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY IN LONDON BY PROVIDING ITEMS AND SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED AND/OR CHARITIES, OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY;(B) THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS AMONG PEOPLE IN NEED LIVING OR WORKING IN LONDON BY PROVIDING SUCH PERSONS WITH FOOD WHICH THEY COULD NOT OTHERWISE AFFORD THROUGH LACK OF MEANS AND IN SUCH OTHER WAYS AS THE TRUSTEES THINK FIT FROM TIME TO TIME.

**Activities:** A food bank: the relief of poverty, financial hardship or distress in London by providing emergency food relief to individuals and families experiencing crisis situations, whether long or short-term.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Islington

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£33,327	£39,128	-	-
2023-12-31	£65,972	£54,235	-	-
2022-12-31	£30,888	£44,551	-	-
2021-12-31	£43,762	£42,885	-	-
2020-12-31	£56,037	£20,301	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Hill		2021-06-12
BRYONY JANE HIRSCH		2015-06-24
Eppie Leese		2023-08-14
NATALIE AMY STEWART		2015-06-24
Rev TAMSIN MERCHANT		2021-06-12

**THE HIVE FOOD BANK**

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# Accounts

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**The Hive Food Bank**  
**(Registered Charity Number: 1162363)**

**Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 December 2024**

**Date of Report: 13 October 2025**

The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 and confirm that they comply with The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

**Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity Name	The Hive Food Bank
Charity Registration Number	1162363
Principal Office	13 Halstow Road London NW10 5DB
Board of Trustees	Andrew Hill Bryony Hirsch Tamsin Merchant Eppie Leese

**Structure, governance and management**

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## **Financial review and results for the period ending 31 December 2024**

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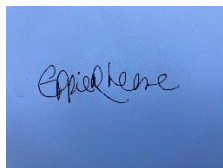
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Eppie Leese  
in her capacity as a trustee of The Hive Food Bank

Charity name: The Hive Food Bank  
Registered Charity Number: 1162363

	Incoming	Outgoing	Balance at 31 December 2024
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**Appendix 2**

**Examiner's Report to the Trustees**



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

## **Independent examiner's report on the accounts**

### **Report to the trustees/ members of**

Charity Name

The Hive Food Bank

### **On accounts for the year ended**

December 2024

### **Charity no (if any)**

1162363

### **Set out on pages**

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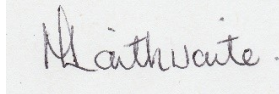
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reached.



**Signed:**

**Date:**

17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Name:**

Margaret Laithwaite

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

ACMA CGMA

**Address:**

Leacroft, Stoke Road,

Maidencombe, Torquay,

Devon. TQ1 4TN

Section B

Disclosure

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**THE HIVE FOOD BANK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1162363

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# Accounts

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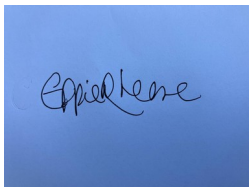
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Eppie Leese, )  
in her capacity as a trustee )  
of The Hive Food Bank )



Andrew Hill, )  
in his capacity as a trustee )

of The Hive Food Bank )

**Appendix 1**  
**Financial Report for Year End 2023**

Charity name: The Hive Food Bank  
Registered Charity Number: 1162363

	Incoming	Outgoing	Balance at 31 December 2023
Hive monies to end of December 2023	£65,972	£54,235	£43,619

Appendix 2

Examiner's Report to the Trustees



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

Section

**Report to the  
trustees/ members of**

Charity Name  
The Hive Food Bank

**On accounts for the  
year ended**

December 2023

**Charity  
no  
(if  
any)**

1162363

**Set out on pages**

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**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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**Independent  
examiner's statement**

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**Signed:**

M Laithwaite

**Date:**

27<sup>th</sup> September  
2024

**Name:**

Margaret Laithwaite

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

ACMA CGMA

**Address:**

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

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No (if any)

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1-Jan-23	To	Period end date 31-Dec-23
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants	-	47,585	-	47,585	9,050
Donations	18,387	-	-	18,387	21,838
Correction (Overpayment)	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>18,387</b>	<b>47,585</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,972</b>	<b>30,888</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>18,387</b>	<b>47,585</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,972</b>	<b>30,888</b>

### A3 Payments

Supplies	3,785	47,585	-	51,370	43,306
Insurance	123	-	-	123	123
Staffing. (ad hoc admin support)	702	-	-	702	972
Accountants Fees	480	-	-	480	150
Utilities	1,560	-	-	1,560	-

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>6,650</b>	<b>47,585</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,235</b>	<b>44,551</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>6,650</b>	<b>47,585</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,235</b>	<b>44,551</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>11,737</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,737</b>	<b>- 13,663</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>31,882</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,882</b>	<b>45,545</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>43,619</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,619</b>	<b>31,882</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		43,619	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>43,619</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>

**B2 Other monetary assets**

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

**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)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

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

St Mary's Hornsey	B1	1,560	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Andrew Hill</i>	Andrew Hill	9/28/2024
<i>Eppie Leese</i>	Eppie Leese	9/28/2024



## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

The Hive Food Bank

On accounts for the year ended

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Charity no (if any)

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Date:

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Name:

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

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# Accounts

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Natalie Stewart,  
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*N. A. Cook*

Appendix 1  
Financial Report for Year End  
2022

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Registered Charity Number: 1162363

	Incoming	Outgoing	Balance at 31 December 2022
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**Appendix 2**

**Examiner's Report to the Trustees**



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 01-Jan-22 To 31-Dec-22

Section A Receipts and payments

Table with 5 columns: Unrestricted funds, Restricted funds, Endowment funds, Total funds, Last year. Rows include A1 Receipts (Grants, Donations), A2 Asset and investment sales, A3 Payments (Supplies, Insurance, Staffing, Accountants Fees), A4 Asset and investment purchases, A5 Transfers between funds, and A6 Cash funds last year end.

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

Table with 4 columns: Unrestricted funds, Restricted funds, Endowment funds. Rows include B1 Cash funds, B2 Other monetary assets, B3 Investment assets, B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use, and B5 Liabilities.

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

N.A. Galt

NATALIE STOWELL

21.09.23



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

The Hive Food Bank

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

December 2022

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1162363

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**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

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**Independent  
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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:

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

**Signed:**

*M. Laithwaite*

**Date:**

21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2023

**Name:**

Margaret Laithwaite

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

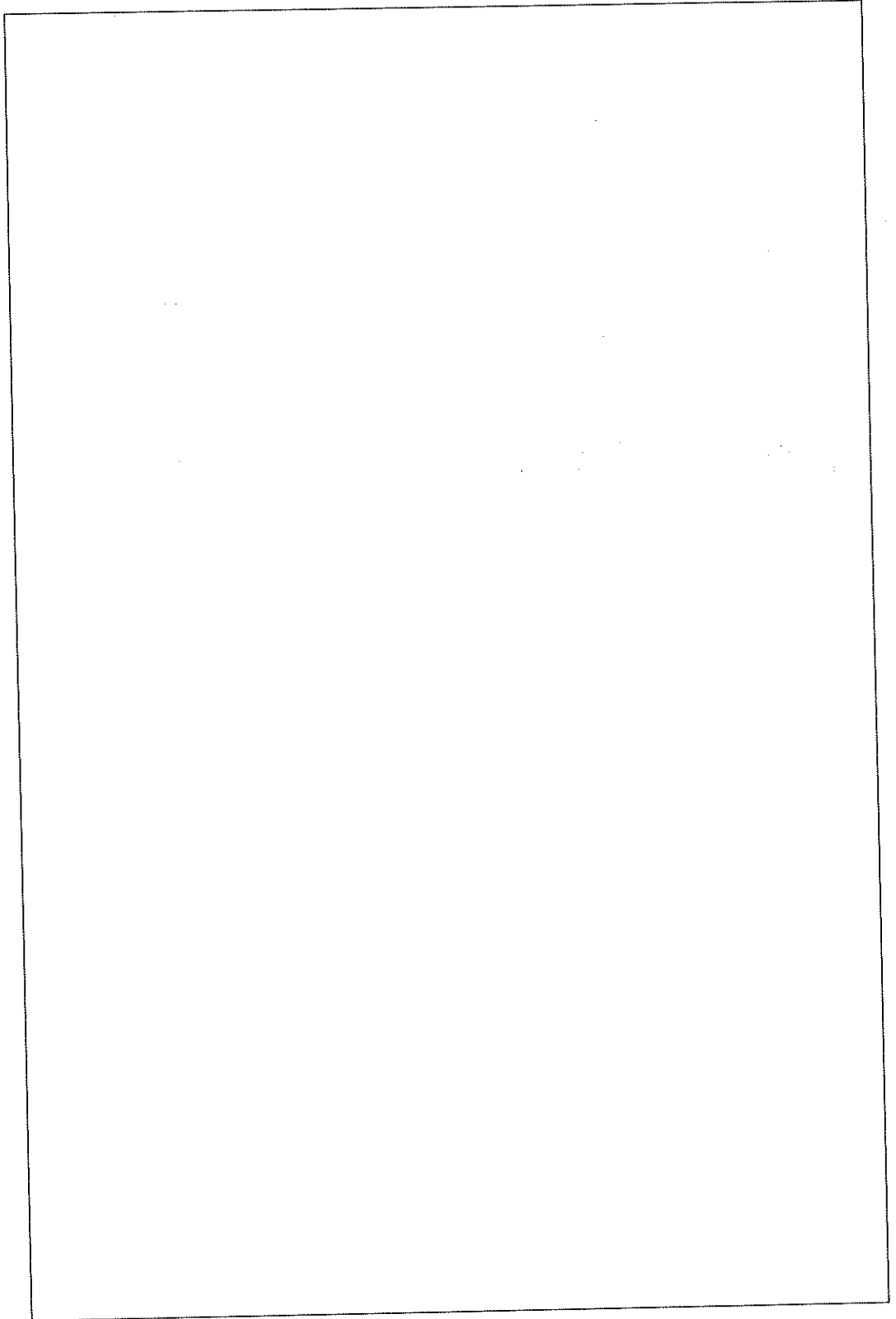
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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



**THE HIVE FOOD BANK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1162363

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# Accounts

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**The Hive Food Bank**  
**(Registered Charity Number: 1162363)**

**Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 December 2021**

**Date of Report: 6 October 2022**

The trustees present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 and confirm that they comply with The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

**Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity Name	The Hive Food Bank
Charity Registration Number	1162363
Principal Office	13 Halstow Road London NW10 5DB
Board of Trustees	Andrew Hill Bryony Hirsch Tamsin Merchant Kimberley Staines-Rebeiro Natalie Stewart

**Structure, governance and management**

**Governing document**

The Hive Food Bank is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission on 24 June 2015. It is governed by a Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees, which was submitted to the Charity Commission on incorporation of the charity.

**Organisational structure**

The charity trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits.

The trustees meet together regularly on an informal basis and have a formal quarterly trustee meeting. They are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to running the food bank and the activities provided by the charity.

## **Recruitment and appointment of trustees**

The Constitution of the charity dictates that there must be at least 3 charity trustees and that the maximum number of charity trustees is 7. If the charity wishes to appoint more trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity. In addition, the charity will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment: (a) a copy of the current version of the constitution, and (b) a copy of the charity's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

## **Objectives and aims**

### **Our aims**

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The relief of financial hardship or distress among people in need living or working in London by providing such persons with food which they could not otherwise afford through lack of means and in such other ways as the trustees think fit from time to time.

### **How our activities deliver public benefit**

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers and duties. During the period the report relates to, weekly sessions distributing food supplies to people in need continued throughout the period. As the COVID-19 has continued, the need for the charity's services remained at a vastly increased level. New volunteers were recruited and trained during the period, in order to assist with both weekly sessions and fundraising activities. Shift managers were also recruited from the charity's existing pool of volunteers, who took on leadership positions with responsibility for running distribution sessions and management of other volunteers. The trustees continued to organise food donations and developed relationships with supermarket distribution centres in order to provide a steady buffer of food supplies for weekly distribution sessions. Relationships with local community service providers who act as referrers were developed and strengthened, with such referrers continuing to identify those in need and refer them to the charity.

### **Achievements and performance**

The charity continued the weekly distribution sessions and provided food supplies to beneficiaries in need. Food donations were also given to the charity during this time, and support

from local charitable organisations enabled the stock of a buffer of food provisions for the charity. Strong relationships were built and maintained with local community organisations, strengthening the support given by the charity to beneficiaries in the local community.

## **Financial review and results for the period ending 31 December 2021**

### **Reserves policy**

The trustees have maintained a reserves policy of £1000.

During the period in question, the charity had income totalling £43,762 and expenditure totalling £42,885. Please see Appendix 1 for the financial statement for the period in question.

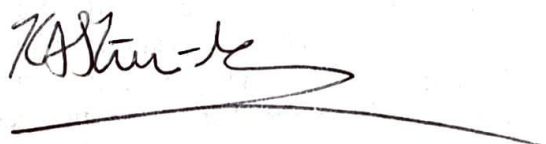
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The examiner's report to the trustees is appended as Appendix 2 to this report.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Kimberley Staines-Rebeiro, )  
in her capacity as a trustee )  
of The Hive Food Bank )

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Staines-Rebeiro', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

**Appendix 1**  
**Financial Report for Year End 2021**

Charity name: The Hive Food Bank  
Registered Charity Number: 1162363

	Incoming	Outgoing	Balance at 31 December 2021
Hive monies to end of December 2021	£43,762	£42,885	£45,545



**Appendix 2**

**Examiner's Report to the Trustees**



**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

The Hive Food Bank

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2021

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(if any)**

1162363

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**Signed:**

*M Laitwaite*

**Date:**

10 October 2022

**Name:**

M Laitwaite

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# Accounts

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Natalie Stewart, in her )  
capacity as a trustee )  
of The Hive )  
Food Bank )



**Appendix 1**  
**Financial Report for Year End 2020**



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Jan-20	To	31-Dec-20
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants	-	22,619	-	22,619	9,540
Donations	33,418	-	-	33,418	1,687
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>33,418</b>	<b>22,619</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,037</b>	<b>11,227</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>33,418</b>	<b>22,619</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>56,037</b>	<b>11,227</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Supplies	-	19,588	-	19,588	7,852
Insurance	123	-	-	123	123
Shelving	590	-	-	590	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>19,588</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,301</b>	<b>8,075</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>19,588</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,301</b>	<b>8,075</b>
<b>Net of receipts/payments</b>	<b>32,705</b>	<b>3,031</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,736</b>	<b>3,152</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>4,827</b>	<b>4,105</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,932</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>37,532</b>	<b>7,136</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,668</b>	<b>3,152</b>

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

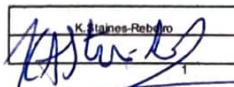
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	37,532	7,136	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>37,532</b>	<b>7,136</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

  
K. Staines-Rebeiro

K. Staines-Rebeiro

26.10.2021

**Appendix 2**

**Examiner's Report to the Trustees**



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
The Hive Food Bank

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2020

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**Signed:**

*S T Blundell*

**Date:**

27 October 2021

**Name:**

S T Blundell

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

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