



# **Annual Report of the Trustees**

**1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

For AGM

18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 8pm

Holy Trinity Church  
18 Lyonsdown Road  
New Barnet  
EN5 1JE

## **About the Charity**

**Charity Commission Registration Number:** 1163042

**Registered Address:** 63 Somerset Road, New Barnet, Barnet, EN5 1RF

**Constitution Adopted:** 09/10/2013, amended on 16/11/2021

### **Charitable Object:**

The prevention or relief of poverty in Chipping Barnet and the surrounding areas, in particular by providing emergency food supplies and support to individuals in need.

### **Overview:**

Chipping Barnet Foodbank is a charity providing emergency food assistance and comprehensive support to individuals and families facing poverty in the London Borough of Barnet.

Beyond distributing food parcels, we offer a range of support services including benefits advice, debt and housing support, employment advice, digital inclusion, and client signposting to other local resources.

We work closely with community partners and engage in advocacy to address the root causes of food insecurity. Our approach is holistic, offering immediate relief while helping people build long-term stability and independence.

We are part of a UK wide network of foodbanks, guided by Trussell, who work to end the need for emergency food.

### **Governance:**

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting by official representatives of the eight local member churches: Barnet Brookside Methodist, Barnet URC Wood Street, Christ Church (St Albans Road), St Gregory's R.C., St James New Barnet, St John's URC, St Mary the Virgin, and St Peter's R.C.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The food bank's operations are managed by the management team under the leadership of Foodbank Manager, Victoria Miller.

### **Independent Examiners:**

BKL Chartered Accountants

## Trustees

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Secretary	Richard Lawson
Safeguarding Officer	Margaret Spillman
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Trustee	Jennifer Robinson-Beswick
Trustee	Edward Dolling
Trustee	Julie Mc Gregor
+ Minute Secretary	Caroline Antoinette

## Management Team

Foodbank Manager	Victoria Miller
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Client Signposting Lead	Jacqui Roeder
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Volunteer Coordinator	Peter McMahon
Volunteer Scheduler	Caroline Antoinette
Minute Secretary	Joanna Forsythe

## **Report for AGM of Chair of Trustees' Board**

As we reflect on the past year at Chipping Barnet Foodbank, I am proud of the remarkable work achieved by our staff, trustees, volunteers, and partners. Our food bank continues to provide essential support to individuals and families facing food insecurity, operating twice weekly and responding to growing demand, with over 7,800 people supported in the past year. Rising costs mean we now spend up to £1,000 per week on food, underscoring the urgent need to strengthen our fundraising efforts to secure long-term sustainability.

I would like to acknowledge the exceptional contributions of key individuals: Victoria, for her outstanding leadership as Manager; Jacqui, for developing and strengthening our Client Signposting Team; Julianna, whose work with Citizens Advice Barnet has directly helped hundreds of clients; and Bob, for his ongoing campaigning work, particularly the “Engage Don’t Enforce” initiative to reduce the use of bailiffs.

This year also marks a personal milestone, as I will be stepping down from my role as Chair of Trustees. I am delighted that Ed Dolling has agreed to take on this role, and I am confident that under his leadership the food bank will continue to thrive.

Our achievements build on the strong foundations highlighted in the reports from Victoria, Jacqui, Bob, Harold, Peter, and Arlette, which show the breadth of our work — from food distribution and signposting, to advocacy, campaigning, digital inclusion, and volunteer development. Together, these activities ensure we continue to meet immediate needs while addressing the underlying causes of food insecurity.

Looking ahead, our priorities include: expanding fundraising and income generation, continuing to strengthen our volunteer training and engagement, continuing to develop our wraparound support, and advocating for systemic change in partnership with local organisations, Citizens UK, and the Barnet Food Partnership.

Finally, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all our staff, volunteers, trustees, donors, partner organisations, and the wider community. Your dedication and generosity make Chipping Barnet Foodbank a beacon of support and hope, and it has been a privilege to serve alongside you.

***Martine Whitaker - Chair of Trustees' Board***

## Manager's Strategy Report

This year has been one of both consolidation and growth for Chipping Barnet Foodbank as we continue to deliver on our '[2023–2028 Strategy to Alleviate Poverty in Barnet](#)'. Our vision remains the same: a borough where everyone can afford the essentials and no one needs to use a food bank.

Collaboration has been at the heart of our work. By working closely with our volunteers, trustees, and referral partners, and through stronger connections with other food banks and community organisations across Barnet, we've strengthened our holistic model of support and helped people facing hardship to move forward with dignity and hope.

### Strengthening Our Wraparound Support Model

Our strategy focuses on supporting people beyond emergency food provision and addressing the interconnected issues of housing, debt, benefits, low income, unemployment, health, and wellbeing that so often drive food insecurity.

Over the past year, we have embedded this model across every part of our service. Clients now receive tailored support from a growing network of partners including Citizen's Advice Barnet, BOOST Barnet, Age UK Barnet, Christians Against Poverty, National Energy Action, Barnet Homes, NHS Talking Therapies, University of Hertfordshire (Legal Advice Clinic), and Shaw Trust. These on-site and referral partnerships ensure that clients can access the right help quickly and easily, all from within a trusted and welcoming environment.

Here is a quote from Beth, Debt Coach at CAP Barnet:

*"It has been great to partner with Chipping Barnet Foodbank to provide a CAP drop-in service for those that need debt help in our area of Barnet. The food bank has been brilliant at looking at the needs of individuals beyond that of food provision and CAP has been able to collaborate and come alongside the food bank and other services, such as CAB, BOOST Barnet and Barnet Homes, to assist individuals with housing, employment and financial needs. CAP has had a number of individuals book in for debt help as a result of having the drop-in service at the foodbank and we have been able to walk alongside these clients to see them find freedom from the burden of debt."*

We have also refined our processes to reduce dependency, with clearer guidance for referral agencies, structured supermarket voucher criteria, and stronger links between our signposting team and advice partners. This joined-up approach is helping more clients move towards stability and independence.

Through the Barnet Food Partnership, which both Bob Bevil and I sit on as committee members, we are also playing a leading role in developing coordinated approaches to food support across the borough.

### Citizens Advice Barnet

Our partnership with Citizens Advice Barnet (CAB) remains one of the most important elements of our wraparound support model. Having a trained adviser embedded within our food bank sessions enables clients to access professional, confidential advice at the very point of crisis, often preventing situations from worsening.

Over the last reporting year of the project (October 2024-September 2025), our CAB adviser has supported 247 new, unique clients.

The top areas of support remain benefits, housing, and debt, with growing demand for help with complex Universal and Tax Credit claims, income maximisation, and energy support.



This service is transformative. It provides not only practical solutions, but also restores confidence and dignity to clients at their lowest moments. CAB estimates that, following advice, 82 people have no longer needed to use the food bank, clear evidence of the lasting impact of this support. The adviser is now an integral part of our operations, working seamlessly alongside our signposting team to ensure joined-up support and shared client follow-up.

CAB's data also plays a vital role in our campaigning and advocacy work, helping us identify policy gaps and influence change locally and nationally.

### **Client Signposting Team**

The development of our Client Signposting Team has been a major step forward this year. Led by Jacqui Roeder, the team now includes eight trained volunteer signposters who work across most sessions to ensure every client has the opportunity to access wider help.

Our signposting team provides both practical and emotional support, helping clients to identify and access the wider help they need. The team focuses strongly on income maximisation, ensuring people are receiving the benefits, grants, and financial support they are entitled to. They make referrals to trusted partner organisations for specialist help and always take the time to listen, offering empathy and reassurance at moments of crisis.

This work plays a vital role in reducing dependency, building client confidence, and helping to relieve pressure on statutory services. Our food bank often acts as an early point of contact for people in crisis, where issues can be identified and addressed before they escalate.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to strengthening and expanding our network of partner organisations, while staying responsive to changes in local need and available funding. This will ensure we continue to offer timely, high-quality, and impactful support for our community.

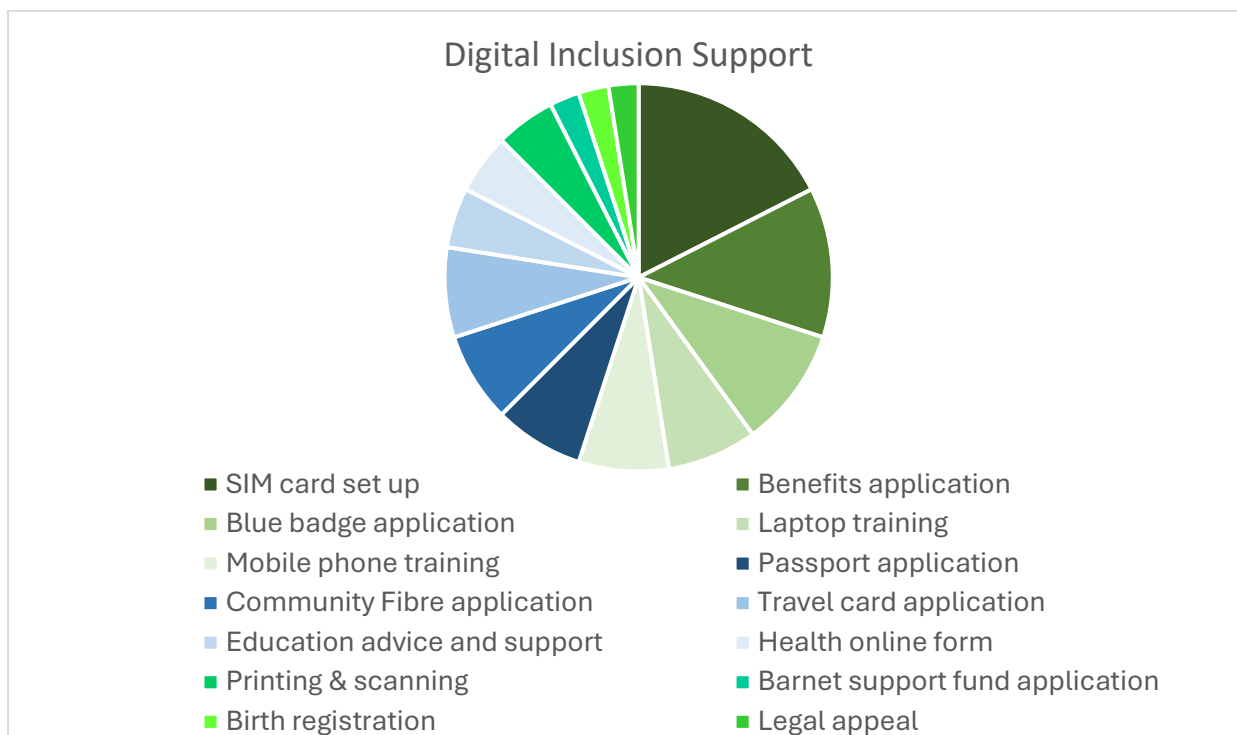
*For further detail on this work, please see Jacqui Roeder's Client Signposting Lead Report below.*

### **Digital Inclusion Service**

Our Digital Inclusion Service continues to be a lifeline for clients who struggle with online access and digital skills. Through our team of three Digital Champions, we have supported people with a wide range of online tasks.

The chart below highlights the wide range of digital support provided, from applying for benefits, travel cards, and blue badges, to accessing health services and staying connected through digital communication.

This service not only improves digital confidence but also enables clients to access the vital services and entitlements they might otherwise miss.



This year we also distributed Chromebooks through the Good Things Foundation, helping clients build digital confidence and independence. These tools are particularly vital for people managing benefits or job applications, or for parents supporting the education of their children.

Our digital inclusion work is now fully embedded in food bank sessions, proving highly effective and remaining a key strand of our holistic model moving forward.

### **Campaigning, Advocacy and Organising**

Chipping Barnet Foodbank continues to play a leading role in advocating for systemic change to reduce poverty in our community.

Following the success of last year's Barnet Food Security Summit, we have remained central to the Barnet Food Partnership Committee and borough-wide discussions on the future of emergency food support. We continue to work with partners across the borough to take forward the recommendations from the Summit, several of which are now being actively explored and developed locally.

Working alongside Citizens Advice Barnet, we have continued to influence local policy, contributing to the creation of Barnet Council's discretionary fund for residents in debt. Our joint "Engage Not Enforce" campaign continues to push for a fairer, more compassionate approach to council tax and debt recovery.



We also joined Citizens UK, a national network of civic organisations working for social justice, which will help us strengthen our voice and collaborate on issues such as the London Living Wage and fairer access to essentials.

Our campaigning is always grounded in the stories and experiences of the people we support. It is their courage and resilience that guide our work and fuel our commitment to long-term change.

*Please see Bob Bevil's Campaigning, Advocacy and Organising Lead Report below for more detailed information.*

### **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)**

This year we have started to make good progress in embedding Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) across all areas of our work. We completed an EDI SWOT analysis and developed an Impact and Effort Matrix to identify clear priorities and next steps. We are reviewing and updating our communications to use more inclusive language and improve accessibility. We have also partnered with Inclusion Barnet to ensure that lived experience continues to inform and shape our approach.

We are also working to diversify our volunteer team and leadership roles so that they better reflect the communities we serve. Our goal is to ensure that everyone who engages with Chipping Barnet Foodbank, whether as a client, volunteer, or partner, feels welcomed, respected, and represented.

A big thank you to Tony Panayiotou, Head of EDI at Trussell, for supporting us with this endeavour.

### **Fundraising and Sustainability**

Over the past year, we have started to strengthen our fundraising capacity and recently appointed two volunteer fundraisers and a fundraising trustee, helping to shape a more strategic approach to income generation.

We are now focusing on developing a long-term fundraising plan to ensure the sustainability of our services. This includes exploring new grant opportunities to help us continue funding our part-time paid roles, while also identifying potential corporate and individual donors who have supported us in the past and reconnecting with them.

We are aiming to increase unrestricted income through local fundraising events, school and church partnerships, and regular giving, while also sharing the real stories behind our work to inspire the local community to get involved. These efforts will help protect our core services and build a sustainable foundation for the future.

**Victoria Miller - Foodbank Manager**

## Client Signposting Lead Report

Over the past year, we have continued to maintain and strengthen our relationships with a wide range of support organisations. These partnerships are central to our work, ensuring that clients are directed to the most appropriate and effective support.

Since October 2024, we have also developed a dedicated volunteer signposting team to strengthen this area of work. The team now includes eight trained volunteers who support clients across our food bank sessions. To build their knowledge and confidence, we have hosted a series of signposting training workshops for volunteers, providing information about both internal and external organisations and the support they offer. These sessions have laid a strong foundation for a sustainable, skilled team capable of delivering consistent, high-quality signposting support.

A key element of this work has been staying up to date with support and funding available locally and nationally. By keeping abreast of new services, initiatives, and opportunities, we can connect clients with the most relevant resources and ensure our support remains responsive and effective.

Last year, we reported that we provided signposting support to clients on 446 occasions. This year, that figure has risen to 695 occasions – an increase of 56%. This significant growth demonstrates both the increasing demand for our service and the effectiveness of our partnerships with other organisations, along with the impact of our new volunteer signposting team.

## Types of Support Provided

### On-site Support (340 engagements)

This covers support provided directly at Chipping Barnet Foodbank, including fuel and supermarket vouchers, SIM cards (119 pre-paid six-month SIMs), Chromebook laptops, stationery, blankets, and other household items, as well as vouchers for local activities.

The table below shows the value of supermarket and fuel vouchers provided between September 2024 and August 2025:

Supermarket & Fuel Support Sept 2024 - Aug 2025			
	No of Households	Supermarket Vouchers	Fuel Vouchers
ALDI & Sainsburys Gift Cards	62	£2,980	
Charis - Chipping Barnet Foodbank	14	£550	£140
Charis - Cadent TT Winter Fund	15	£270	£574
Fuel Bank Foundation	33		£1,825
<b>Total</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>£3,800</b>	<b>£2,539</b>

**Advice Guide (72 engagements)**

Advice was given verbally to clients, discussing possible support options or signposting them to relevant organisations.

**Support Agency Leaflet/Webpage (208 engagements)**

Clients were provided with a leaflet or webpage link related to their area of need. This encourages self-referral and empowers clients to take proactive steps towards resolving or improving their situation.

**Referrals (123 engagements)**

Referrals were made on behalf of clients to a range of partner organisations. Our top referral partner continues to be Sebby's Corner, which provides children's clothing, equipment, and toys. Their expanding offer now includes essential collections, new parent baby packs, a birthday and Christmas club, and school uniform support.

**Drivers of Crisis**

The main challenges faced by our clients continue to stem from financial hardship. The cost of essentials has risen sharply, rents have increased, and these pressures have not been matched by higher wages or benefits. A growing number of people have been made redundant or are struggling to find work that reflects their skills and experience.

We are also seeing more clients who are in work but unable to make ends meet, as rising living costs outpace household income. Benefit delays, sanctions, debt, and high energy costs remain common factors leading people to seek support. Together, these issues create a cycle of insecurity that leaves many residents just one unexpected bill away from crisis.

**Impact of the Cadent Trussell Grant**

Our food bank received access to the Cadent Trussell Grant in November 2024, with a set spending limit to support households experiencing fuel poverty. Through this grant, we were able to assist 23 households, providing a range of support such as supermarket vouchers, heaters, air fryers, duvets, heated blankets, and energy vouchers.

The total value distributed to households through this grant was £1,556.78.

**Good Things Foundation Digital Devices**

In January 2025, we received 10 Chromebook laptops from the Good Things Foundation. These were distributed to 10 households experiencing financial hardship and lacking digital access. The devices have had a significant impact, helping families with children access education, and supporting adults with employment, online applications, and essential communication.

In conclusion, the expansion of our signposting work and the development of the volunteer team have been major steps forward this year. Our ability to offer clients practical support, advice, and connections to specialist services continues to grow, thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and strong partnerships with local organisations.

***Jacqui Roeder - Client Signposting Lead***

## **Campaigning Advocacy and Organising Lead Report**

### **Background**

As a committee member of the Barnet Food Partnership (BFP), Chipping Barnet Foodbank convened a summit on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2024 called “Feeding Barnet – A Food Security Summit.” The summit was opened by Dan Tomlinson MP and was very well attended by residents, community groups, politicians, and council officers.

The event was also an exercise in community co-production which generated six recommendations to alleviate poverty locally and attempt to reduce the need for food banks as per our strategy. It makes sense here to report progress by recommendation as this is at the core of my work over the last year.

### [Feeding Barnet Summit Report](#)

#### **Actively support new models of emergency food provision**

Supporting new models of emergency food provision is important because Barnet heavily relies on the traditional food bank model which is unsustainable considering increasing demand. Research also shows that alternatives like affordable food shops are more robust, sustainable, and offer dignity and choice.

In the absence of any forthcoming funding or venue from the London Borough of Barnet this activity has been undertaken by the committee of the BFP of which Victoria Miller, our manager, and I are members.

The committee of the BFP has worked hard this year looking at different potential venues for an affordable food shop as well as speaking with a series of potential funders including Feeding Britain.

At the time of reporting the BFP committee are confident that a venue has been found for an affordable shop and that funding has been secured to fit it out.

*More details are available upon request.*

#### **Revise the council’s policy on the use of bailiffs as a mechanism to collect council tax debt**

2025 has been a tale of two campaigns, both led in partnership with Citizens Advice Barnet (CAB).

Priority debt, notably council tax debt, is a common client presenting factor to the food banks across the borough and data gleaned from Freedom of Information Act requests (FOIs) and other sources highlight the London Borough of Barnet as having a strict and austere enforcement policy compared to other local authorities.

Towards the end of 2024 it came to light that Barnet Council was planning to cut its Council Tax Support Scheme (CTSS) for 2025-2026 which protects the most vulnerable residents from going into council tax debt. As a part of the consultation process CAB made recommendations to the council about how to configure the CTS to best protect those residents. Unfortunately, like many local authorities short of cash, the council went ahead with its planned cuts.

However, a campaign led by CAB and Chipping Barnet Foodbank, directly referred to by the Barnet Council's Cabinet, was successful in influencing the setting up of a discretionary support fund for residents of £500,000 to support those in most need.

For more information:

[Council Tax Support Scheme 2025/26](#)

[Campaigners Slam Cuts to Council Tax Support Article](#)

The London Borough of Barnet referred its own residents to debt enforcement agents (bailiffs) 22,090 times in the financial year 2023-2024, and the referral rates are still very high compared to other local authorities.

In partnership with a team of colleagues from CAB, I have been leading a campaign called "Engage Don't Enforce" to curtail the use of bailiffs to collect council tax debt across the borough. A costed report and recommendations have been submitted to the relevant Cabinet members and senior officers.

We have also submitted a nationally, regionally, and locally endorsed open letter of support signed by over 200 people supporting the "Engage Don't Enforce" cause.

Due to our approach, we have now met and have direct access to the relevant Cabinet members and senior officers. We have by bi-monthly meetings planned with a view to working together to shape change that is fair to all involved.

Thank you to all who have lent support to this important campaign by signing the letter. The campaign is not over.

*The report, recommendations, open letter, and any further information are available on request.*

### **The council to reflect the strategic importance of food within overall council priorities**

Currently, Barnet Council has one part-time paid officer to oversee food matters and the delivery of the Barnet Food Plan for residents.

[Barnet Food Plan 2022-2027](#)

In the current financial climate, this is unlikely to change. Furthermore, the topic of food does not sit in a single identifiable department which makes it difficult to raise its importance. The council has no role in the provision of emergency food services in the borough.

I have found that the best way to promote the importance of food and food security is by airing the subject wherever it is relevant. To this end I have actively participated in the Food Security Task and Completion Group (which was set up by local councillors after the summit), The Barnet Food Steering Group (led by the council), The BFP, the monthly Food Bank Meetings, questions and presentations to the Health & Wellbeing Board, the Barnet Homelessness Forum, and thorough other ad hoc meeting and opportunities including the authoring of press items.

#### [Barnet Post Article - Food Poverty is a Structural Challenge](#)

As a food bank we also respond to any consultation invitation that impacts upon our service or strategy e.g. the consultation for the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

#### **Proactively promote council opportunities reserved for Barnet residents to food insecure communities**

Over the last year I have built important relationships to facilitate the availability of jobs for food banks clients; not least with BOOST, the council's Senior Section 106 Officer and the Recruitment Officer for Brent Cross Town.

Section 106 opportunities refer to those jobs made available solely to the borough's residents under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. These jobs are agreed with developers and brokered by BOOST Barnet, who have a drop-in at Chipping Barnet Foodbank.

In the last year I have built a large circulation list of clients, residents, community organisations and others who receive the full list of these opportunities weekly as soon as they are made available via BOOST's weekly Bulletin.

Work continues with the Senior Section 106 Officer and Fairview to formally name Chipping Barnet Foodbank within the contract for the Victoria Quarter as an employment partner.

#### **For the London Borough of Barnet to become an accredited London Living Wage Employer**

The London Borough of Barnet remains one of only four London boroughs not yet accredited as a London Living Wage Employer. Low pay, particularly among care workers, continues to be a key factor driving people to food banks.

In mid-2025, we joined the North London Chapter of Citizens UK to support this shared campaign. Through Citizens UK, we helped make the case for Barnet's accreditation at City Hall to Deputy London Mayor Howard Dawber.

Good progress is being made, and we are hopeful that Barnet will achieve accreditation before the London elections in May 2026.

### **For Barnet to become a “Right to Food” Borough**

Work continues on this recommendation with partners. The “Right to Food” has many meanings in practice and the plan is to propose a draft motion to the council. Given the forthcoming elections it’s prudent to focus on the more tangible recommendations.

### **Other Activities**

In addition to working on the various recommendations, the last year has involved other allied activities linked to our strategy. For example:

- Parliamentary lobbying in Westminster – Trussell’s “Guarantee Our Essentials” campaign
- Television and radio interviews
- School assemblies and workshops
- University lectures
- Assisting with academic research
- Organising mayoral, councillor and MP visits
- Updating councillors on service use

### ***Bob Bevil - Campaigning Advocacy and Organising Lead***

## **Operations & Warehousing Report**

Our main source of food for bag packing remains as purchases (predominately from Asda’s on-line shopping system and Aldi in person). Donations via our supermarket collection points are generally steady. For fresh food we are mostly dependent on the Felix Project who deliver to us every week using the Volunteers on Wheels organisation. This arrangement was set up after the Barnet Food Hub closed in October 2024 and we are very grateful to both organisations for this. We have also benefitted from exchange donations with Gratitude in Borehamwood and also some of our local allotment holders have been generous with their excess produce.

We are linked to the Neighbourly scheme and through this Gails Bakery continue to give us baked products twice a week and Aldi a mix of stock once a week.

Harvest Festival and Christmas are a key element of our annual donations received, supplemented by 6-monthly food drives at our local Waitrose stores (September in Whetstone and March in High Barnet).

In March, we undertook a client survey of our standard pre-packed bags; 72 clients responded and this has given us a good feel for what items are liked and not liked. This information, plus a need to reduce our food expenditure, will result in a revised bag packing and distribution regime, which is planned to be implemented early in 2026.



Last year I reported a typical weekly spend of £1000 per week; we aim to reduce this to £750 in order to match our funding position.

In previous years we have completed a stocktake in September, but in order that we can provide a “value of stock” at the end of the food bank’s accounting year, the stocktake has been moved to the end of May 2026 and will then happen yearly at the end of May moving forward.

***Harold Williams - Warehouse Manager***

## **Health and Safety**

There were no accidents to report this year.

The Health and Safety Policy was revised and signed off by the Trustees in July 2025. This reflects minor organisational changes, a better reflection of the management of fresh food and updated risk assessments, particularly managing potentially difficult clients.

We continue to receive the product Safety Alerts from the Food Standards Agency and now also via the Felix Project. Most of these alerts reference food that we don’t hold, but where there is a possibility we do check our stock. Nothing was found this year.

***Harold Williams - Warehouse Manager***

## **Volunteering**

Volunteers continue to be the backbone of our food bank.

We continue to hold volunteer training sessions every three months, in January, April, July, and October. Over the past reporting year, we have welcomed and trained 38 new volunteers.

In July, we piloted a new approach by combining our standard induction session with manual handling and safeguarding training into one extended three and a half hour session held on a Saturday morning. This change has been very well received, ensuring that all new volunteers are fully trained from the outset. Previously, when these sessions were run separately, attendance at the additional training was often low. We will be continuing to use this approach moving forward.

A big thank you to Martine Whitaker, who is also our Chair of Trustees, who trains our new volunteers and Chris Whitaker, who runs our manual handling training.

This year, we undertook an audit of our current volunteers and can now confirm that we have 180 volunteers spread across 4 rotas and ancillary roles.

We are continuing to support Duke of Edinburgh students on a Monday evening, with under 18’s and their parent or guardian helping to weigh, sort and pack our donations.



We have a mixture of bronze, silver and gold award students. Thank you to Richard Moysey who manages our DofE students.

This year, in addition to safeguarding and manual handling training, we have also been able to offer some additional training opportunities to our volunteers:

- Community Organising Training
- Signposting
- Advice First Aid
- Mental Health First Aid Awareness
- Compassion Fatigue
- Managing Suicidal Conversations

In January this year, we had a volunteer 'bring & share' thanksgiving party, where we were able to come together as a volunteer community to celebrate everyone's contributions.

We continue to be ever so grateful to our volunteers, without whom we wouldn't be able to operate the food bank.

***Peter McMahon - Volunteer Coordinator***

## **Referral Agencies**

As the number of referral agencies continues to grow, we have been pleased to strengthen our relationships with those who refer the greatest number of clients to us. We make every effort to visit as many local agencies as possible throughout the year to maintain close communication and collaboration.

We have also welcomed visits from agency managers and staff, giving them the opportunity to see first-hand how our sessions operate and to better understand the support we offer.

In response to the rising costs of running the food bank, we have introduced new guidelines on issuing vouchers, which were presented and discussed with referral partners. Agencies have also been encouraged to raise awareness among their clients about the wide range of wraparound services available at the food bank.

To help keep partners informed, agencies now receive a monthly update highlighting the additional support and advice available at each session. This regular communication has strengthened collaboration and ensures that clients are better connected to the help they need.

***Teresa Williams - Referral Agencies Coordinator***

## **Treasurer's Report**

During the Financial year ended 31/5/25 our tax efficient donations increased by 3.5% while our large donations increased by 52%. The main large donations were from payroll giving, BKL, Aralbridge Limited, Barnet Allotment Society, St Thomas Church Oakwood, the Co-op community fund and individual donations.

We continued to receive grants from Trussell during the year. We received a grant for the Manager's salary of £20K; a grant for the Campaigning and Advocacy lead of £40K; a grant for Citizen's Advice of £41K; a sustainability grant to cover the Sign Posting Lead salary of £10K and the cost of purchasing stock amounting to £21K. We also received grants from Age UK amounting to £15K to cover the cost of feeding the over 55's and a grant of £15K from Barnet Boost to cover the cost of feeding the under 55's.

Overall, our costs have risen by 13% compared to last year. Our main costs being salaries and food. While salaries have increased by 14% this is mostly covered by grants. Food costs have increased significantly by 32% due to increased demand. These costs have partly been covered by the sustainability grant from Trussell but also from the Age UK and Boost grants.

We have continued to distribute supermarket vouchers, and we have benefitted from grant money from the Cadent Foundation to fund winter expenses and fuel vouchers. In addition, we have purchased school uniform vouchers amounting to £5K for clients. We have also maintained regular donations to the following organisations: Solace, New Citizen's Gateway, Support to those leaving care, Underhill Children's Centre, Bevatone House, Noah's Ark Hospice and Jim's Café.

Citizen's Advice costs have also increased as we are now offering extra support to clients, but these have been covered by a Trussell grant.

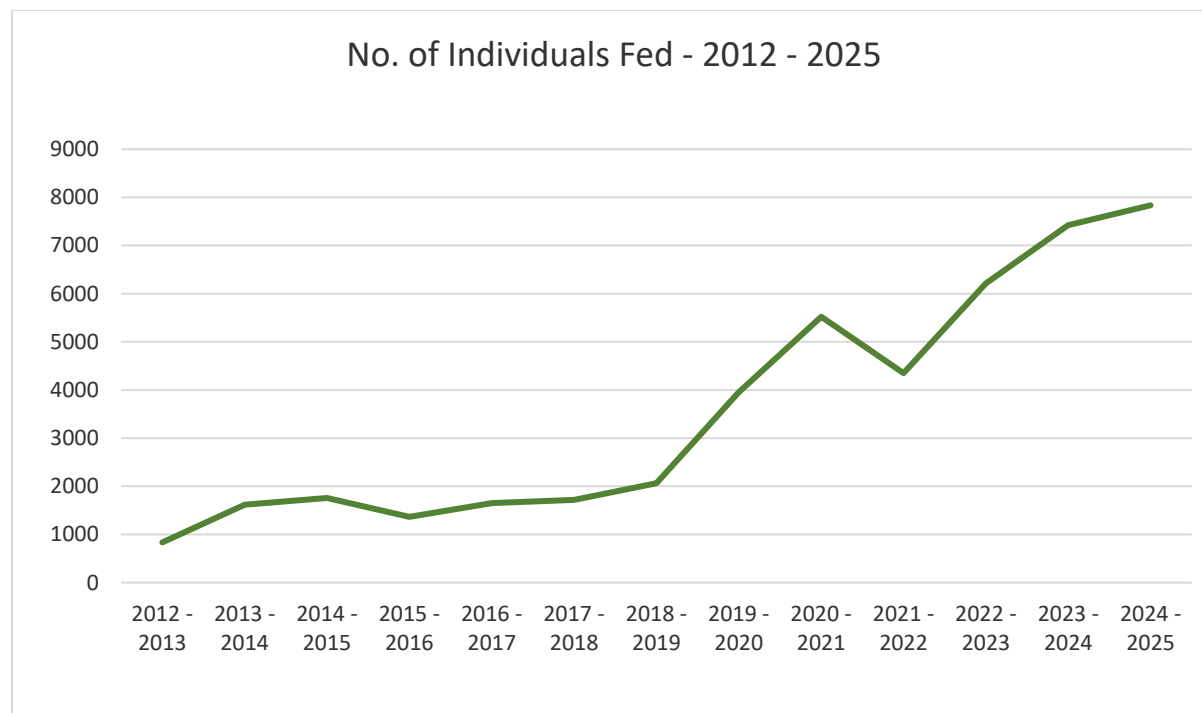
Despite increased food costs we have managed to achieve a surplus of income over expenditure for the year as a result of the increased donations and the grants from Trussell, Age UK and Barnet Household Support Fund.

***Arlette Jennings - Treasurer***

## Statistics

### Number of Individuals Fed

We provided food to 7,835 individuals, which is an increase of 6% in the number of people we have fed through our voucher system.



### Supermarket Voucher Support

We run two supermarket voucher projects each year, at Christmas and at Easter, providing vital support to individuals and families when financial pressures are often greatest. Over the past year, we have distributed £13,860 in supermarket vouchers, helping an estimated additional 700 individuals to access essential food and household items.

These vouchers were provided to the following local organisations to support their most vulnerable clients and families:

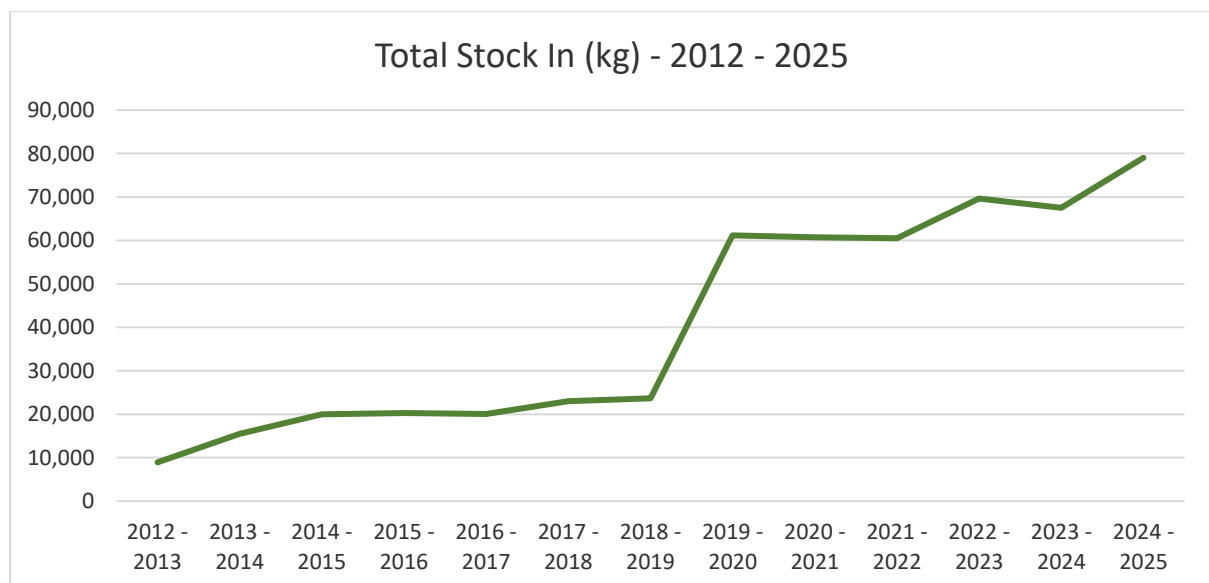
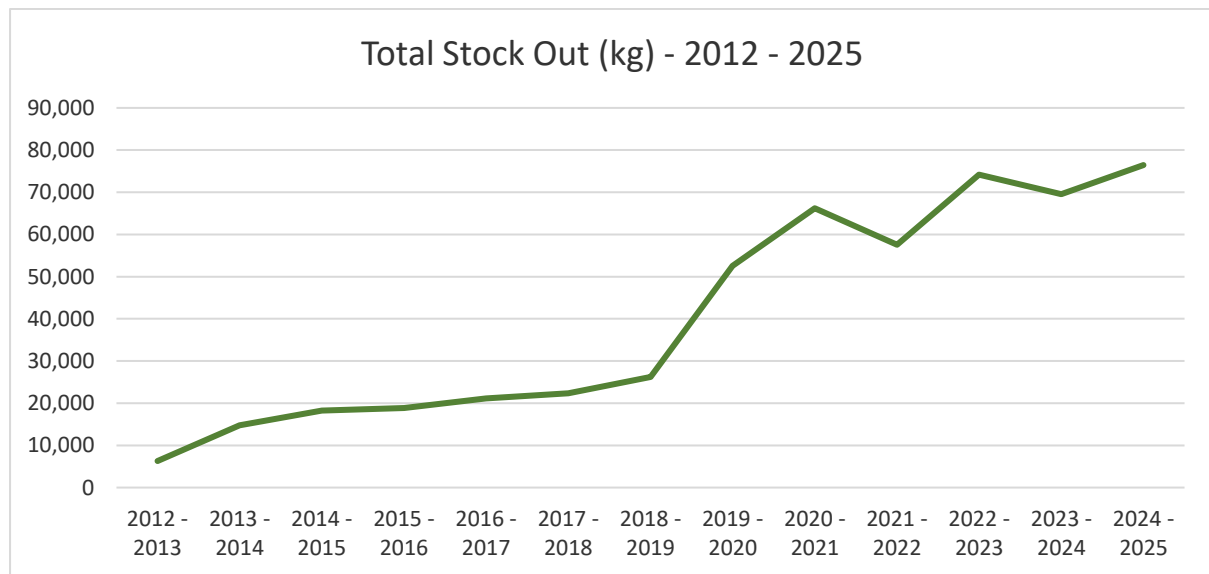
Noah's Ark, Solace Women's Aid, Cromer Road Primary School, Underhill Primary School and Children's Centre, New Citizens Gateway, the Leaving Care Team, Oakleigh School, Oak Lodge School, Bevatone House, Ocean House, CAP Barnet, Jim's Café, BEYA, Friends in Need, the Salvation Army, St Catherine's Primary School, Sacred Heart Primary School, Whitings Hill Primary School, Hope Corner, and the Barnet Good Neighbourhood Scheme.

## Stock Movement

In terms of our stock movement, stock out has increased by 10%.

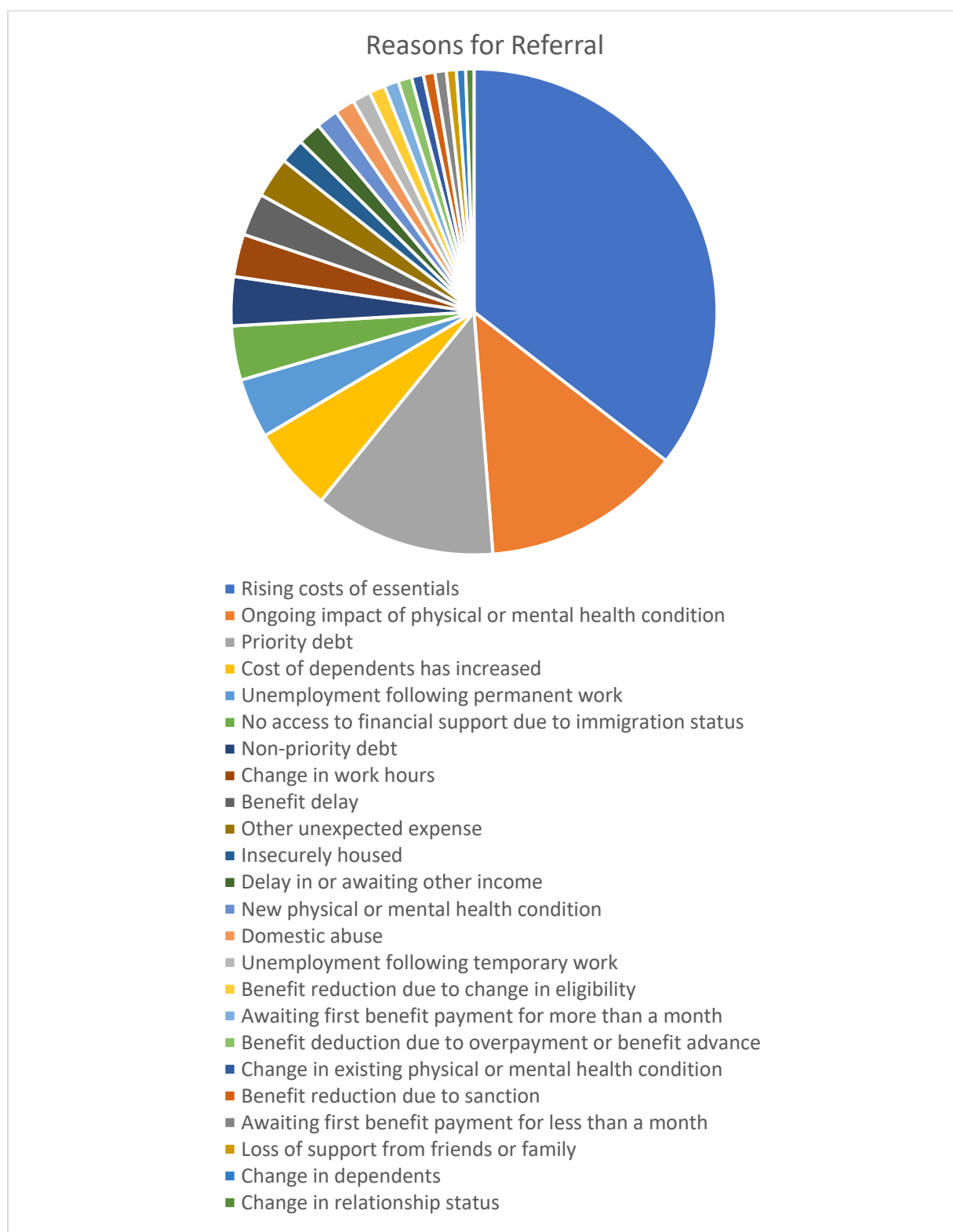
We have continued to support other organisations with food, for example, Gratitude, Solace Women's Aid, The Rainbow Centre, Hope Corner, and Friends in Need, to name a few.

The total stock coming into the food bank increased by 17%.



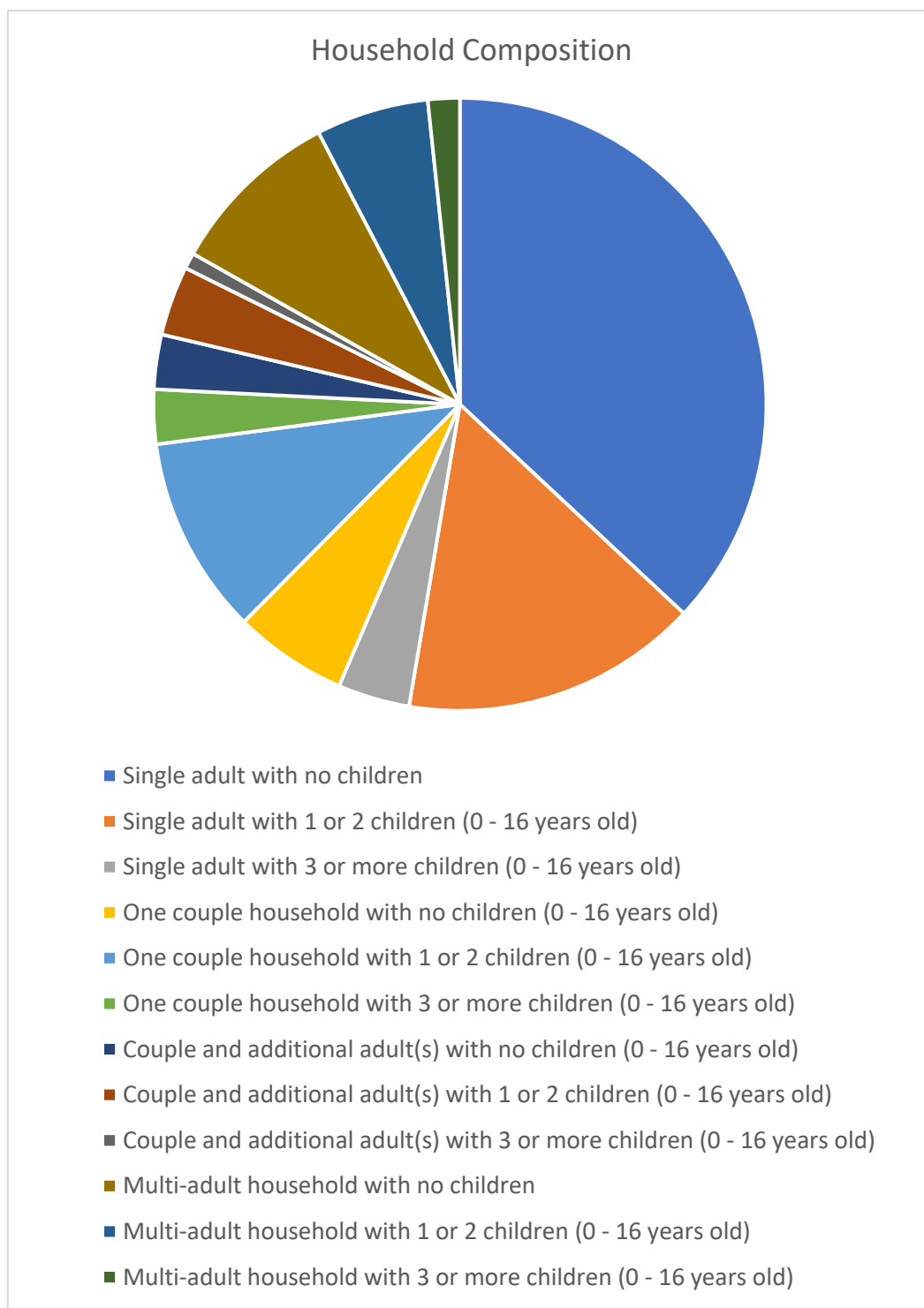
## Reasons for Referral

Rising cost of essentials, physical and mental health issues, debt, low income, unemployment, benefit related issues, and immigration are the most common reasons for people visiting our food bank. Being insecurely housed, domestic abuse, and loss of financial support, are also crises we see frequently.



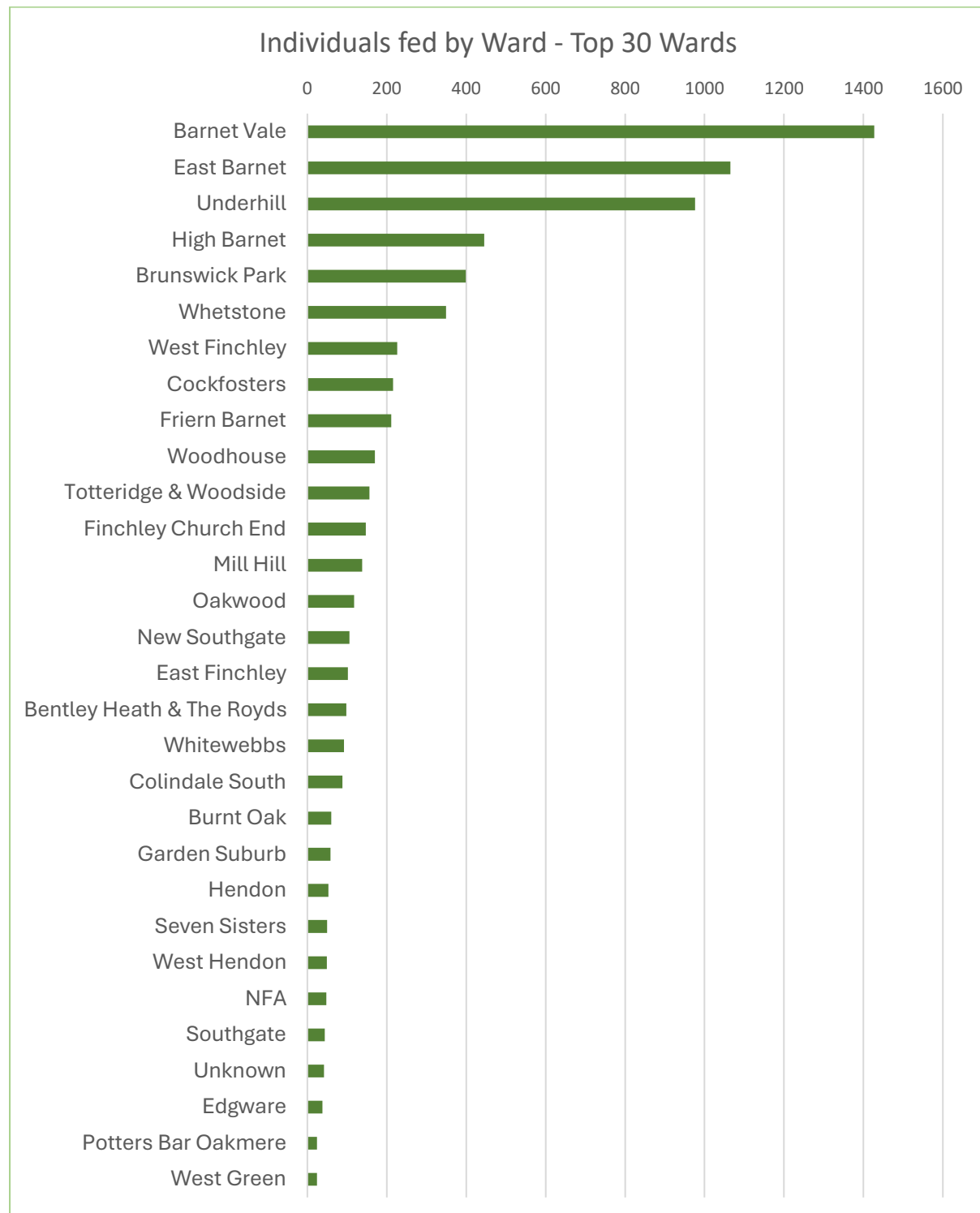
## Household Composition

Looking at family size, we can see that 37% of our clients are from a single adult household with no children and 20% are from a single adult household with 1 or more children. 7% of our clients are from a one couple household with no children and 9% are from a one couple household with 1 or more children. When looking at households with multiple adults (either a couple and additional adults or multi-adult), we are seeing 12% of those with no children and 16% of these households have 1 or more children.



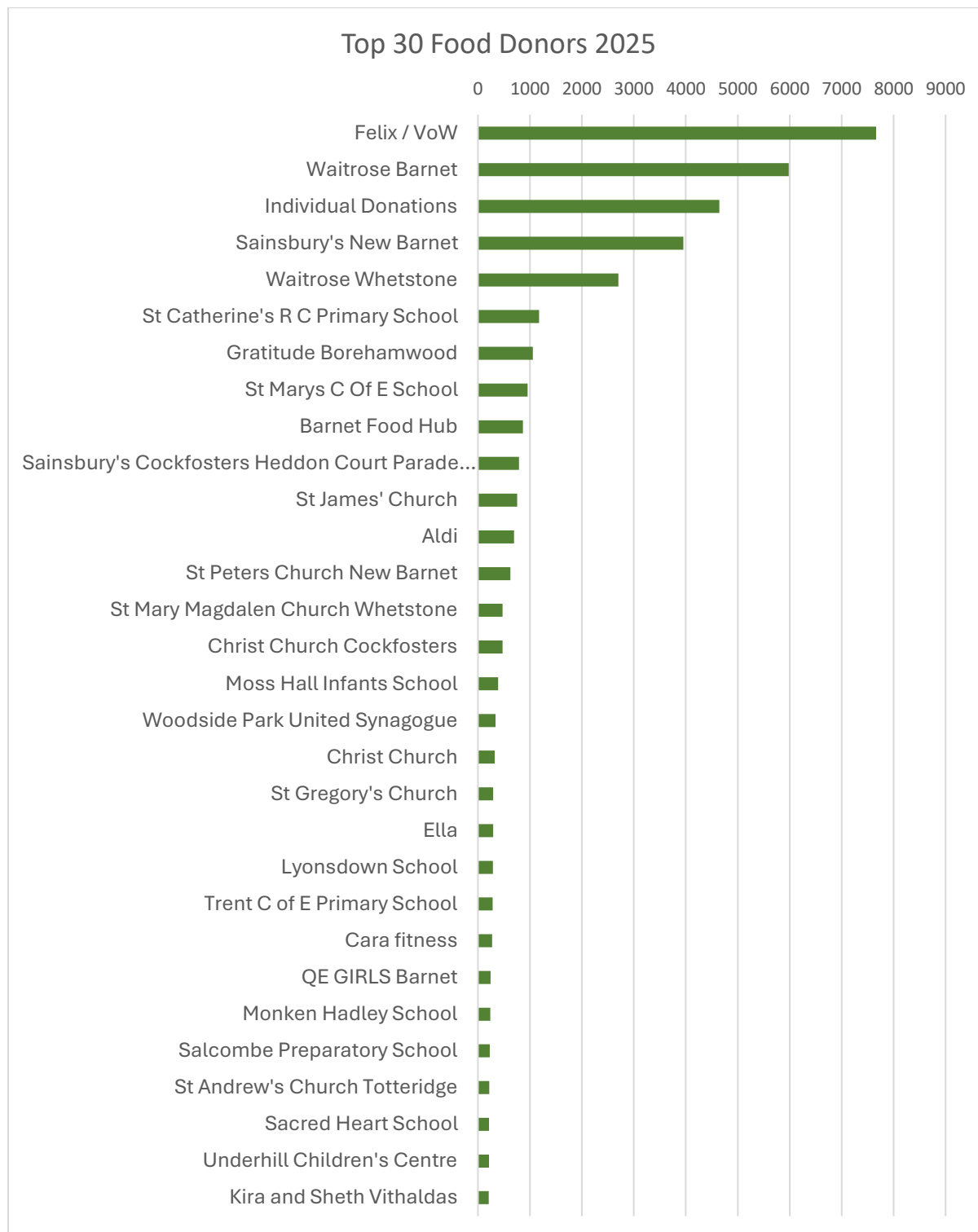
## Wards

When we look at the wards our clients live in, we can see in the bar chart below that Barnet Vale, East Barnet, Underhill, High Barnet, Brunswick Park, Whetstone, West Finchley, Cockfosters, and Friern Barnet are the most common.



## Food Donors

Finally, you can see on the bar chart below our top 30 donors for this year. We are so incredibly grateful to everyone who supports us with food donations.



**Victoria Miller - Foodbank Manager**



## Thank You

- ♥ All volunteers who contributed their precious time and energy to work for the food bank. We are eternally grateful to you all.
- ♥ Young people in the borough who contributed time and donations as part of fundraising activities or Duke of Edinburgh awards.
- ♥ Our generous donors include churches, synagogues, mosques, schools, businesses, local allotments, community groups, other charities, and the many individuals who have offered food and financial support.
- ♥ St. Peter's RC Church New Barnet for allowing us use of their parish centre and hall for our food bank sessions.
- ♥ Adrienne McPherson, Alice Webster, Sophie Clark, Tony Panayiotou, Justin Wylie, and Trussell as a whole.
- ♥ Juliana Fonseca, Victoria Bennett, Nadya Bari and Louise Broadbent at Citizens Advice Barnet.
- ♥ Hamidah Hamid, David Ford, and Leigh Rubins, our Digital Champions, who lead our digital inclusion sessions. Fay Morris at BOOST Barnet who supports us with our digital inclusion offer.
- ♥ Louie Harvey for managing all our social media.
- ♥ Christians Against Poverty, BOOST Barnet, Barnet Homes, Shaw Trust, University of Hertfordshire, NHS Talking Therapies, Ingeus, and National Energy Action, for all doing on-site drops ins with us this year to help support our clients.
- ♥ Joyce Harman and Margaret Spillman for tirelessly inputting all our voucher and stock data.
- ♥ Jim Whitaker for delivering our manual handling training.
- ♥ Pat Caplan for her continued advice and support.
- ♥ Felix and Volunteers on Wheels for their weekly fresh food donations.
- ♥ Kat Carr, Public Health Officer and overseer of The Barnet Food Plan.
- ♥ To our friends in the Barnet Food Partnership.
- ♥ To our local MP Dan Tomlinson, and all our local councillors for their support.
- ♥ Gail's Bakery for a plentiful supply of baked goods.
- ♥ Ursula Stone from Flower Bank who delivers fresh baked goods and flowers to us.
- ♥ Wendy from Incredible Edible for supporting us with growing opportunities.
- ♥ Jean at Potters Pantry Café and her team for their support in the community.
- ♥ The many businesses across the borough who have long provided us permanent or short-term collection points, such as Waitrose in High Barnet and Whetstone, Sainsburys in New Barnet and Cockfosters, Co-Op in Mays Lane and East Barnet, Aldi in East Barnet, and Potters Pantry.
- ♥ Charis, Cadent, and Fuel Bank Foundation for the provision of fuel voucher services.

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**CHIPPING BARNET FOODBANK**

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**UNAUDITED**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025**

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### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

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**Trustees**

Martine Whitaker, Chair  
Julie Elizabeth Mc Gregor, Trustee  
Rev Jennifer Robinson-Beswick, Trustee  
Edward Dolling, Trustee  
Arlette Rose Jennings, Trustee  
Sarah Katherine Edwards, Trustee  
Richard David Lawson, Trustee  
Margaret Maria Spillman, Trustee

**Charity registered number**

1163042

**Principal office**

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**Accountants**

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Chartered Accountants  
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**Bankers**

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London  
E14 5HP

Natwest Bank  
250 Bishopgate  
London  
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### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Chipping Barnet Foodbank for the year 1 June 2024 to 31 May 2025.

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### **a. Policies and objectives**

The objectives of the charity as per its governing document are: "The prevention or relief of poverty in Chipping Barnet and surrounding areas in particular by providing emergency food supplies to individuals in need".

Chipping Barnet Foodbank's strategic plan is a local adaptation of the Trussell's national strategy, focusing on "Changing Communities, Changing Policies and Changing Minds" to create a society without the need for food banks. We work to alleviate poverty in Chipping Barnet and surrounding areas through the provision of food parcels, support services, and advocacy. We aim to address both the immediate needs and the underlying causes of poverty by partnering with other organisations, offering holistic support, and campaigning for policy change.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Guided by a Christian ethos, the charity seeks to alleviate poverty in Chipping Barnet and surrounding areas by providing food parcels and other necessities and services. We are an organisation which seeks to change communities and minds at a national and local level, fostering a deeper understanding of, and coherent response to, the causes of poverty.

We envision a society without the need for food banks, where everyone can afford to purchase sufficient healthy food and other necessities needed to maintain a life of dignity

##### **b. Strategies for achieving objectives**

The charity's strategy is underpinned by the following values:

##### **Solidarity & Empathy**

We engage empathetically with those accessing our services, standing in solidarity with them and putting their wellbeing above everything else. We recognise that for staff and volunteers to live these values, they too need to be supported and valued.

##### **Equity & Inclusion**

We believe we share the responsibility to support one another in our communities. To create change, we must work together for a fairer society. We respect people for who they are, understanding that each person has different circumstances. We allocate resources and opportunities to try to reach equal outcomes for all.

##### **Dignity & Justice**

Believing that it is not right that anyone should face hunger and poverty, we are motivated by a desire to see a more just society. Everyone should have enough income to afford the essentials. We recognise the innate value of each individual person and seek to prioritise their needs and concerns in a spirit of mutuality and friendship, regardless of background.

Our Strategy Steering Group plays an important role in translating our values into action. By bringing together different voices, including trustees, volunteers, staff, and external members, the group helps to shape our

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)  
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**Objectives and activities (continued)**

priorities and ensure we are working in ways that are both impactful and sustainable. It provides space for strategic thinking, monitors progress against our goals, and supports decision-making around new initiatives or areas of focus. This ensures we remain responsive to local needs while staying rooted in our long-term aim of ending the need for food banks.

**c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives**

To achieve the objectives, the foodbank provides emergency food parcels to people in crisis, operating in accordance with Trussell Trust guidelines. Clients are referred through a voucher system, although we also assist those without vouchers by issuing emergency support or directing them to referral agencies.

Alongside food provision, we offer a range of additional services to help clients access long-term support. These include:

- A Citizens Advice service for benefit, housing, and debt support. This service is present at every client session.
- Comprehensive wrap around support with face to face drop ins from a wide range of specialists, for example CAP for debt support, BOOST Barnet for employment support, Barnet Homes for housing advice, and many more.
- Supermarket and fuel vouchers for those in severe financial difficulty or have specific dietary needs.
- School uniform support for local families experiencing financial hardship.
- A signposting service led by our Client Signposting Lead to help clients with income maximisation and connect them with other support services.
- A digital inclusion service, supporting clients with various digital tasks including applying for Healthy Start vouchers, state pensions, child benefits, blue badge applications, scanning documents, and setting up email accounts.
- Advocacy and policy engagement through our Campaigning and Advocacy Lead.

**d. Volunteers**

We have approx. 160 volunteers who work at the foodbank sorting the food which is donated or bought and packing the food parcels which are given out to clients presenting at the food bank on Tuesdays and Saturdays. The volunteers are on hand to welcome clients providing them with hot drinks and offering support and a citizen's advice service, signposting service and support beyond food provision is also available. Overall, during the year our volunteers worked in the region of 7,500 hours and without these volunteers we would be unable to deliver the service we offer to our clients.

**e. Main activities undertaken to further the Charity's purposes for the public benefit**

Over the year we have helped feed and support a huge number of families and individuals. We have secured grants from Trussell, from the Household support fund and from Age UK to feed clients in both the under 55 and over 55 categories. We have used the grants to purchase food, supermarket vouchers, fuel vouchers white goods and supported them with the costs of living. We have also offered Citizen's Advice support to 356 clients over the year dealing with 905 individual issues. The financial gain achieved for clients over the year was estimated at approximately £300K, an outstanding result that reflects the impact of the advice provision.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

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#### Achievements and performance

##### a. Main achievements of the Charity

The charity also continues to make a difference in the community by:

- Highlighting to the relevant stakeholders that the London Borough of Barnet falls behind other boroughs when it comes to establishing progressive models of emergency food provision.
- Launching a formal campaign “Engage not Enforce” with Citizen’s Advice Barnet (CAB) and endorsed by national bodies Debt Justice and Acorn to try to get the council to revise its policy on the use of Bailiffs as a mechanism of debt collection.
- Making sure it is a regular visible presence putting pressure on the Local Authority to consider the strategic importance of food.
- Presenting the case for the London Borough of Barnet to accredit as a Living Wage Employer.
- Proactively promoting employment opportunities held by the council and reserved for Barnet residents.
- Preparing a motion to try and encourage the London Borough of Barnet to become a “Right to Food Borough”.
- Deepening community links and working on new relationships.

#### Financial review

##### a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. The Trustees deem the charity to be a going concern since there are sufficient assets to enable the Charity to settle liabilities as and when they fall due.

##### b. Reserves policy

In order to meet financial standards set out by the charity commission we have continued to have a reserves policy which represents three months of forecast expenditure based on current spending. It is currently set at £54K.

##### c. Review of the year

During the Financial year ended 31/5/25 our tax efficient donations increased by 3.5% while our large donations increased by 52%. The main large donations were from payroll giving, BKL, Aralbridge Limited, Barnet Allotment Society, St Thomas Church Oakwood, the Co-op community fund and individual donations.

We continued to receive grants from Trussell during the year. We received a grant for the Manager’s salary of £20K; a grant for the Campaigning and Advocacy lead of £40K; a grant for Citizen’s Advice of £41K; a sustainability grant to cover the Sign Posting Lead salary of £10K and the cost of purchasing stock amounting to £21K. We also received grants from Age UK amounting to £15K to cover the cost of feeding the over 55’s and a grant of £15K from Barnet Boost to cover the cost of feeding the under 55’s.

Overall, our costs have risen by 13% compared to last year. Our main costs being salaries and food. While salaries have increased by 14% this is mostly covered by grants. Food costs have increased significantly by 32% due to increased demand. These costs have partly been covered by the sustainability grant from Trussell but also from the Age UK and Boost grants.

We have continued to distribute supermarket vouchers, and we have benefitted from grant money from the

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

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Cadent Foundation to fund winter expenses and fuel vouchers. In addition, we have purchased school uniform vouchers amounting to £5K for clients. We have also maintained regular donations to the following organisations: Solace, New Citizen's Gateway, Support to those leaving care, Underhill Children's centre, Bevatone House, Noah's Ark Hospice and Jim's Café.

Citizen's Advice costs have also increased as we are now offering extra support to clients, but these have been covered by a Trussell grant. We are also offering further support to clients supported by various other organisations such as Digital Skills, Barnet Homes giving housing advice, Christian's Against Poverty debt advice, Shaw Trust employment support, Mental Health and Wellbeing Support and Hertfordshire Law Clinic offering free legal advice on a range of issues including employment, consumer and housing.

Despite increased food costs we have managed to achieve a surplus of income over expenditure for the year as a result of the increased donations and the grants from Trussell, Age UK and Barnet Household Support Fund.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### **a. Constitution**

Chipping Barnet Foodbank is a registered charity, number 1163042, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

##### **b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Trustees are elected at the AGM by the official representatives of the eight local member churches: Barnet Brookside Methodist, Christ Church (St Albans Road), St Gregory's R.C., St James, St John's URC, St Mary the Virgin, St Peter's R.C. and URC Wood Street.



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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

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#### Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



**Martine Whitaker**

Chair of Trustees

Date:

07/10/2025

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## CHIPPING BARNET FOODBANK

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### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

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#### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Chipping Barnet Foodbank ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 May 2025.

#### Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity'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 2011 Act.

#### Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

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*Edward Passmore*

13/10/2025

Signed:

Dated:

Edward Passmore

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BKL Audit LLP  
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London  
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# CHIPPING BARNET FOODBANK

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

	Note	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	158,560	186,422	344,982	292,730
Investments	4	-	4,248	4,248	1,386
<b>Total income</b>		<b>158,560</b>	<b>190,670</b>	<b>349,230</b>	<b>294,116</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	5	162,216	165,703	327,919	290,834
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>162,216</b>	<b>165,703</b>	<b>327,919</b>	<b>290,834</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>		<b>(3,656)</b>	<b>24,967</b>	<b>21,311</b>	<b>3,282</b>
Transfers between funds	13	3,656	(3,656)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>21,311</b>	<b>21,311</b>	<b>3,282</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		-	123,272	123,272	119,990
Net movement in funds		-	21,311	21,311	3,282
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>144,583</b>	<b>144,583</b>	<b>123,272</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

# CHIPPING BARNET FOODBANK

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAY 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
		-	-
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	10	9,772	5,469
Debtors	11	382	895
Cash at bank and in hand		153,789	215,478
		<b>163,943</b>	<b>221,842</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(19,360)	(98,570)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>144,583</b>	<b>123,272</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>144,583</b>	<b>123,272</b>
<b>Net assets excluding pension asset</b>		<b>144,583</b>	<b>123,272</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>144,583</b>	<b>123,272</b>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Restricted funds	13	-	-
Unrestricted funds	13	144,583	123,272
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>144,583</b>	<b>123,272</b>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



**Martine Whitaker**

Chair of Trustees

Date: 07/10/2025

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

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**1. General information**

Chipping Barnet Foodbank is an Unincorporated Trust established on 10th May 2012 by Trust deed.

**2. Accounting policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Chipping Barnet Foodbank meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

**2.2 Income**

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donated goods, including food, are recognised as income when received, provided the fair value can be measured reliably, and the charity has control over their use. Donated food is valued at its fair value at the point of receipt, based on estimated average wholesale cost per kilogram. The corresponding expense is recognised when the food is distributed. Where donated goods cannot be reliably valued, no income is recognised.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

**2.3 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.3 Expenditure (continued)**

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**2.4 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

**2.5 Stocks**

Stock of purchased goods is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Donated food held for distribution is recognised as stock at fair value on receipt, based on estimated average wholesale cost per kilogram. Donated food is expensed when distributed. The valuation method has been applied consistently year on year.

**2.6 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**2.7 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**2.8 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation.

**2.9 Financial instruments**

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.10 Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.



# CHIPPING BARNET FOODBANK

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

### 3. Income from donations and legacies

	<b>Restricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>
Donations	158,560	186,422	<b>344,982</b>
	<u>158,560</u>	<u>186,422</u>	<u><b>344,982</b></u>
	<i>Restricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Donations	115,497	177,233	292,730
	<u>115,497</u>	<u>177,233</u>	<u>292,730</u>

### 4. Investment income

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>
Bank interest	4,248	<b>4,248</b>
	<u>4,248</u>	<u><b>4,248</b></u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Bank interest	1,386	1,386
	<u>1,386</u>	<u>1,386</u>

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### 5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

#### Summary by fund type

	<b>Restricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>
Prevention or relief of poverty	162,216	165,703	<b>327,919</b>
	<i>Restricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total 2024 £</i>
Prevention or relief of poverty	115,647	175,187	290,834

### 6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	<b>Activities undertaken directly 2025 £</b>	<b>Support costs 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>
Prevention or relief of poverty	323,119	4,800	<b>327,919</b>
		<i>Activities undertaken directly 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Prevention or relief of poverty		290,834	290,834

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**7. Independent examiner's remuneration**

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	<b>4,800</b>	-

**8. Staff costs**

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	<b>67,351</b>	59,320
Social security costs	<b>6,506</b>	5,473
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	<b>2,639</b>	1,950
	<b>76,496</b>	66,743

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Employees	<b>3</b>	3

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel during the year was £32,911 (2024: £31,450). There is one key management personnel, the Foodbank Manager.

**9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 May 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - £NIL).

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### 10. Stock

	2025 £	2024 £
Donated food for distribution (valued at average wholesale cost per kg)	9,772	5,469

### 11. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Other debtors	-	525
Prepayments and accrued income	382	370
	<b>382</b>	<b>895</b>

### 12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security	845	-
Pension fund creditor	414	382
Accruals and deferred income	18,101	98,188
	<b>19,360</b>	<b>98,570</b>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

### 13. Statement of funds

#### Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 June 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 May 2025 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General funds	123,272	190,670	(165,703)	(3,656)	144,583
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Manager Grant	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
CAB Grant	-	40,691	(44,347)	3,656	-
Campaign and Advocacy Lead Grant	-	39,871	(39,871)	-	-
Sustainability Grant	-	31,108	(31,108)	-	-
Age UK Grant	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Barnet Boost Grant	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Acts 435 Grant	-	1,890	(1,890)	-	-
	-	158,560	(162,216)	3,656	-
<b>Total of funds</b>	<b>123,272</b>	<b>349,230</b>	<b>(327,919)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>144,583</b>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

### 13. Statement of funds (continued)

#### Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 June 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>As restated Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 May 2024 £</i>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General funds	119,840	178,619	(175,187)	123,272
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Manager Grant	-	23,000	(23,000)	-
CAB Grant	-	20,562	(20,562)	-
Campaign and Advocacy Lead Grant	-	35,630	(35,630)	-
Sustainability Grant	-	10,369	(10,369)	-
Age UK Grant	-	18,000	(18,000)	-
Sign Posting Lead Grant	-	7,081	(7,081)	-
Acts 435	150	855	(1,005)	-
	150	115,497	(115,647)	-
<b>Total of funds</b>	119,990	294,116	(290,834)	123,272

### 14. Summary of funds

#### Summary of funds - current year

	<b>Balance at 1 June 2024 £</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Transfers in/out £</b>	<b>Balance at 31 May 2025 £</b>
General funds	123,272	190,670	(165,703)	(3,656)	144,583
Restricted funds	-	158,560	(162,216)	3,656	-
	123,272	349,230	(327,919)	-	144,583

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

### 14. Summary of funds (continued)

#### Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 June 2023</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>As restated Expenditure</i>	<i>Balance at 31 May 2024</i>
	£	£	£	£
General funds	119,840	178,619	(175,187)	123,272
Restricted funds	150	115,497	(115,647)	-
	<u>119,990</u>	<u>294,116</u>	<u>(290,834)</u>	<u>123,272</u>

### 15. Analysis of net assets between funds

#### Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	<b>Restricted funds 2025</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025</b>	<b>Total funds 2025</b>
	£	£	£
Current assets	7,658	156,285	<b>163,943</b>
Creditors due within one year	(7,658)	(11,702)	<b>(19,360)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>144,583</u>	<u><b>144,583</b></u>

#### Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Restricted funds 2024</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024</i>	<i>Total funds 2024</i>
	£	£	£
Current assets	98,188	123,654	221,842
Creditors due within one year	(98,188)	(382)	(98,570)
<b>Total</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>123,272</u>	<u>123,272</u>

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### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

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**Trustees**

Martine Whitaker, Chair  
Julie Elizabeth Mc Gregor, Trustee  
Rev Jennifer Robinson-Beswick, Trustee  
Edward Dolling, Trustee  
Arlette Rose Jennings, Trustee  
Sarah Katherine Edwards, Trustee  
Richard David Lawson, Trustee  
Margaret Maria Spillman, Trustee

**Charity registered number**

1163042

**Principal office**

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London  
E14 5HP

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Chipping Barnet Foodbank for the year 1 June 2024 to 31 May 2025.

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### **a. Policies and objectives**

The objectives of the charity as per its governing document are: "The prevention or relief of poverty in Chipping Barnet and surrounding areas in particular by providing emergency food supplies to individuals in need".

Chipping Barnet Foodbank's strategic plan is a local adaptation of the Trussell's national strategy, focusing on "Changing Communities, Changing Policies and Changing Minds" to create a society without the need for food banks. We work to alleviate poverty in Chipping Barnet and surrounding areas through the provision of food parcels, support services, and advocacy. We aim to address both the immediate needs and the underlying causes of poverty by partnering with other organisations, offering holistic support, and campaigning for policy change.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Guided by a Christian ethos, the charity seeks to alleviate poverty in Chipping Barnet and surrounding areas by providing food parcels and other necessities and services. We are an organisation which seeks to change communities and minds at a national and local level, fostering a deeper understanding of, and coherent response to, the causes of poverty.

We envision a society without the need for food banks, where everyone can afford to purchase sufficient healthy food and other necessities needed to maintain a life of dignity

##### **b. Strategies for achieving objectives**

The charity's strategy is underpinned by the following values:

##### **Solidarity & Empathy**

We engage empathetically with those accessing our services, standing in solidarity with them and putting their wellbeing above everything else. We recognise that for staff and volunteers to live these values, they too need to be supported and valued.

##### **Equity & Inclusion**

We believe we share the responsibility to support one another in our communities. To create change, we must work together for a fairer society. We respect people for who they are, understanding that each person has different circumstances. We allocate resources and opportunities to try to reach equal outcomes for all.

##### **Dignity & Justice**

Believing that it is not right that anyone should face hunger and poverty, we are motivated by a desire to see a more just society. Everyone should have enough income to afford the essentials. We recognise the innate value of each individual person and seek to prioritise their needs and concerns in a spirit of mutuality and friendship, regardless of background.

Our Strategy Steering Group plays an important role in translating our values into action. By bringing together different voices, including trustees, volunteers, staff, and external members, the group helps to shape our

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**Objectives and activities (continued)**

priorities and ensure we are working in ways that are both impactful and sustainable. It provides space for strategic thinking, monitors progress against our goals, and supports decision-making around new initiatives or areas of focus. This ensures we remain responsive to local needs while staying rooted in our long-term aim of ending the need for food banks.

**c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives**

To achieve the objectives, the foodbank provides emergency food parcels to people in crisis, operating in accordance with Trussell Trust guidelines. Clients are referred through a voucher system, although we also assist those without vouchers by issuing emergency support or directing them to referral agencies.

Alongside food provision, we offer a range of additional services to help clients access long-term support. These include:

- A Citizens Advice service for benefit, housing, and debt support. This service is present at every client session.
- Comprehensive wrap around support with face to face drop ins from a wide range of specialists, for example CAP for debt support, BOOST Barnet for employment support, Barnet Homes for housing advice, and many more.
- Supermarket and fuel vouchers for those in severe financial difficulty or have specific dietary needs.
- School uniform support for local families experiencing financial hardship.
- A signposting service led by our Client Signposting Lead to help clients with income maximisation and connect them with other support services.
- A digital inclusion service, supporting clients with various digital tasks including applying for Healthy Start vouchers, state pensions, child benefits, blue badge applications, scanning documents, and setting up email accounts.
- Advocacy and policy engagement through our Campaigning and Advocacy Lead.

**d. Volunteers**

We have approx. 160 volunteers who work at the foodbank sorting the food which is donated or bought and packing the food parcels which are given out to clients presenting at the food bank on Tuesdays and Saturdays. The volunteers are on hand to welcome clients providing them with hot drinks and offering support and a citizen's advice service, signposting service and support beyond food provision is also available. Overall, during the year our volunteers worked in the region of 7,500 hours and without these volunteers we would be unable to deliver the service we offer to our clients.

**e. Main activities undertaken to further the Charity's purposes for the public benefit**

Over the year we have helped feed and support a huge number of families and individuals. We have secured grants from Trussell, from the Household support fund and from Age UK to feed clients in both the under 55 and over 55 categories. We have used the grants to purchase food, supermarket vouchers, fuel vouchers white goods and supported them with the costs of living. We have also offered Citizen's Advice support to 356 clients over the year dealing with 905 individual issues. The financial gain achieved for clients over the year was estimated at approximately £300K, an outstanding result that reflects the impact of the advice provision.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

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#### Achievements and performance

##### a. Main achievements of the Charity

The charity also continues to make a difference in the community by:

- Highlighting to the relevant stakeholders that the London Borough of Barnet falls behind other boroughs when it comes to establishing progressive models of emergency food provision.
- Launching a formal campaign "Engage not Enforce" with Citizen's Advice Barnet (CAB) and endorsed by national bodies Debt Justice and Acorn to try to get the council to revise its policy on the use of Bailiffs as a mechanism of debt collection.
- Making sure it is a regular visible presence putting pressure on the Local Authority to consider the strategic importance of food.
- Presenting the case for the London Borough of Barnet to accredit as a Living Wage Employer.
- Proactively promoting employment opportunities held by the council and reserved for Barnet residents.
- Preparing a motion to try and encourage the London Borough of Barnet to become a "Right to Food Borough".
- Deepening community links and working on new relationships.

#### Financial review

##### a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. The Trustees deem the charity to be a going concern since there are sufficient assets to enable the Charity to settle liabilities as and when they fall due.

##### b. Reserves policy

In order to meet financial standards set out by the charity commission we have continued to have a reserves policy which represents three months of forecast expenditure based on current spending. It is currently set at £54K.

##### c. Review of the year

During the Financial year ended 31/5/25 our tax efficient donations increased by 3.5% while our large donations increased by 52%. The main large donations were from payroll giving, BKL, Aralbridge Limited, Barnet Allotment Society, St Thomas Church Oakwood, the Co-op community fund and individual donations.

We continued to receive grants from Trussell during the year. We received a grant for the Manager's salary of £20K; a grant for the Campaigning and Advocacy lead of £40K; a grant for Citizen's Advice of £41K; a sustainability grant to cover the Sign Posting Lead salary of £10K and the cost of purchasing stock amounting to £21K. We also received grants from Age UK amounting to £15K to cover the cost of feeding the over 55's and a grant of £15K from Barnet Boost to cover the cost of feeding the under 55's.

Overall, our costs have risen by 13% compared to last year. Our main costs being salaries and food. While salaries have increased by 14% this is mostly covered by grants. Food costs have increased significantly by 32% due to increased demand. These costs have partly been covered by the sustainability grant from Trussell but also from the Age UK and Boost grants.

We have continued to distribute supermarket vouchers, and we have benefitted from grant money from the

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

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Cadent Foundation to fund winter expenses and fuel vouchers. In addition, we have purchased school uniform vouchers amounting to £5K for clients. We have also maintained regular donations to the following organisations: Solace, New Citizen's Gateway, Support to those leaving care, Underhill Children's centre, Bevatone House, Noah's Ark Hospice and Jim's Café.

Citizen's Advice costs have also increased as we are now offering extra support to clients, but these have been covered by a Trussell grant. We are also offering further support to clients supported by various other organisations such as Digital Skills, Barnet Homes giving housing advice, Christian's Against Poverty debt advice, Shaw Trust employment support, Mental Health and Wellbeing Support and Hertfordshire Law Clinic offering free legal advice on a range of issues including employment, consumer and housing.

Despite increased food costs we have managed to achieve a surplus of income over expenditure for the year as a result of the increased donations and the grants from Trussell, Age UK and Barnet Household Support Fund.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### **a. Constitution**

Chipping Barnet Foodbank is a registered charity, number 1163042, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

##### **b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Trustees are elected at the AGM by the official representatives of the eight local member churches: Barnet Brookside Methodist, Christ Church (St Albans Road), St Gregory's R.C., St James, St John's URC, St Mary the Virgin, St Peter's R.C. and URC Wood Street.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

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#### Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



**Martine Whitaker**

Chair of Trustees

Date:

07/10/2025

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### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

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#### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Chipping Barnet Foodbank ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 May 2025.

#### Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity'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 2011 Act.

#### Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

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*Edward Passmore*

13/10/2025

Signed:

Dated:

Edward Passmore

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London  
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# CHIPPING BARNET FOODBANK

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

	Note	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	158,560	186,422	344,982	292,730
Investments	4	-	4,248	4,248	1,386
<b>Total income</b>		<b>158,560</b>	<b>190,670</b>	<b>349,230</b>	<b>294,116</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	5	162,216	165,703	327,919	290,834
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>162,216</b>	<b>165,703</b>	<b>327,919</b>	<b>290,834</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>		<b>(3,656)</b>	<b>24,967</b>	<b>21,311</b>	<b>3,282</b>
Transfers between funds	13	3,656	(3,656)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>21,311</b>	<b>21,311</b>	<b>3,282</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		-	123,272	123,272	119,990
Net movement in funds		-	21,311	21,311	3,282
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>144,583</b>	<b>144,583</b>	<b>123,272</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MAY 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
		-	-
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	10	9,772	5,469
Debtors	11	382	895
Cash at bank and in hand		153,789	215,478
		<b>163,943</b>	<b>221,842</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(19,360)	(98,570)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>144,583</b>	<b>123,272</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>144,583</b>	<b>123,272</b>
<b>Net assets excluding pension asset</b>		<b>144,583</b>	<b>123,272</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>144,583</b>	<b>123,272</b>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Restricted funds	13	-	-
Unrestricted funds	13	144,583	123,272
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>144,583</b>	<b>123,272</b>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



**Martine Whitaker**

Chair of Trustees

Date: 07/10/2025

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

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#### 1. General information

Chipping Barnet Foodbank is an Unincorporated Trust established on 10th May 2012 by Trust deed.

#### 2. Accounting policies

##### 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Chipping Barnet Foodbank meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

##### 2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donated goods, including food, are recognised as income when received, provided the fair value can be measured reliably, and the charity has control over their use. Donated food is valued at its fair value at the point of receipt, based on estimated average wholesale cost per kilogram. The corresponding expense is recognised when the food is distributed. Where donated goods cannot be reliably valued, no income is recognised.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

##### 2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.3 Expenditure (continued)**

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

**2.4 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

**2.5 Stocks**

Stock of purchased goods is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Donated food held for distribution is recognised as stock at fair value on receipt, based on estimated average wholesale cost per kilogram. Donated food is expensed when distributed. The valuation method has been applied consistently year on year.

**2.6 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**2.7 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**2.8 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation.

**2.9 Financial instruments**

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

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**2. Accounting policies (continued)**

**2.10 Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

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### 3. Income from donations and legacies

	<b>Restricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>
Donations	158,560	186,422	<b>344,982</b>
	<u>158,560</u>	<u>186,422</u>	<u><b>344,982</b></u>
	<i>Restricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Donations	115,497	177,233	292,730
	<u>115,497</u>	<u>177,233</u>	<u>292,730</u>

### 4. Investment income

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>
Bank interest	4,248	<b>4,248</b>
	<u>4,248</u>	<u><b>4,248</b></u>
	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Bank interest	1,386	1,386
	<u>1,386</u>	<u>1,386</u>

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### 5. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

#### Summary by fund type

	<b>Restricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total 2025 £</b>
Prevention or relief of poverty	162,216	165,703	<b>327,919</b>

	<i>Restricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total 2024 £</i>
Prevention or relief of poverty	115,647	175,187	290,834

### 6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	<b>Activities undertaken directly 2025 £</b>	<b>Support costs 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>
Prevention or relief of poverty	323,119	4,800	<b>327,919</b>

	<i>Activities undertaken directly 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Prevention or relief of poverty	290,834	290,834



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#### 7. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	<u>4,800</u>	<u>-</u>

#### 8. Staff costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	67,351	59,320
Social security costs	6,506	5,473
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	2,639	1,950
	<u>76,496</u>	<u>66,743</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Employees	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The total amount of employee benefits (including employer pension contributions and employer national insurance contributions) received by key management personnel during the year was £32,911 (2024: £31,450). There is one key management personnel, the Foodbank Manager.

#### 9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 May 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - £NIL).

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**10. Stock**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donated food for distribution (valued at average wholesale cost per kg)	<b>9,772</b>	<b>5,469</b>

**11. Debtors**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Other debtors	-	525
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>382</b>	<b>370</b>
	<b>382</b>	<b>895</b>

**12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other taxation and social security	<b>845</b>	-
Pension fund creditor	<b>414</b>	382
Accruals and deferred income	<b>18,101</b>	<b>98,188</b>
	<b>19,360</b>	<b>98,570</b>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

### 13. Statement of funds

#### Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 June 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 May 2025 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General funds	123,272	190,670	(165,703)	(3,656)	144,583
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Manager Grant	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
CAB Grant	-	40,691	(44,347)	3,656	-
Campaign and Advocacy Lead Grant	-	39,871	(39,871)	-	-
Sustainability Grant	-	31,108	(31,108)	-	-
Age UK Grant	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
Barnet Boost Grant	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Acts 435 Grant	-	1,890	(1,890)	-	-
	-	158,560	(162,216)	3,656	-
<b>Total of funds</b>	<b>123,272</b>	<b>349,230</b>	<b>(327,919)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>144,583</b>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025

### 13. Statement of funds (continued)

#### Statement of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 June 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>As restated Expenditure £</i>	<i>Balance at 31 May 2024 £</i>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General funds	119,840	178,619	(175,187)	123,272
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Manager Grant	-	23,000	(23,000)	-
CAB Grant	-	20,562	(20,562)	-
Campaign and Advocacy Lead Grant	-	35,630	(35,630)	-
Sustainability Grant	-	10,369	(10,369)	-
Age UK Grant	-	18,000	(18,000)	-
Sign Posting Lead Grant	-	7,081	(7,081)	-
Acts 435	150	855	(1,005)	-
	150	115,497	(115,647)	-
<b>Total of funds</b>	119,990	294,116	(290,834)	123,272

### 14. Summary of funds

#### Summary of funds - current year

	<b>Balance at 1 June 2024 £</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Transfers in/out £</b>	<b>Balance at 31 May 2025 £</b>
General funds	123,272	190,670	(165,703)	(3,656)	144,583
Restricted funds	-	158,560	(162,216)	3,656	-
	123,272	349,230	(327,919)	-	144,583

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### 14. Summary of funds (continued)

#### Summary of funds - prior year

	<i>Balance at 1 June 2023</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>As restated Expenditure</i>	<i>Balance at 31 May 2024</i>
	£	£	£	£
General funds	119,840	178,619	(175,187)	123,272
Restricted funds	150	115,497	(115,647)	-
	<u>119,990</u>	<u>294,116</u>	<u>(290,834)</u>	<u>123,272</u>

### 15. Analysis of net assets between funds

#### Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	<b>Restricted funds 2025</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025</b>	<b>Total funds 2025</b>
	£	£	£
Current assets	7,658	156,285	<b>163,943</b>
Creditors due within one year	(7,658)	(11,702)	<b>(19,360)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>144,583</u>	<u><b>144,583</b></u>

#### Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	<i>Restricted funds 2024</i>	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024</i>	<i>Total funds 2024</i>
	£	£	£
Current assets	98,188	123,654	221,842
Creditors due within one year	(98,188)	(382)	(98,570)
<b>Total</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>123,272</u>	<u>123,272</u>