

## Introduction by Chair of Trustees, Taunton Foodbank, 2021-22

After wrestling with the challenges of Coronavirus through 2020-21 this year was a little more settled as we adjusted to the new conditions. Distancing continued in the warehouse, which has meant fewer volunteers at a time. We are immensely grateful to those who have borne the load, and mindful that the restrictions have disappointed others.

Demand has dropped to somewhere between 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 levels, but is as unpredictable as ever. In fact the dip surprised us, as we expected certain key points in the year like the end of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (furlough) in September to leave new groups vulnerable, yet the variability bore little resemblance to national events like this. We have concluded that local factors, like the coming and going of community schemes to help neighbours in difficulty, has been more significant, at least during this year.

Public support for the Foodbank has remained high, and we are proud of our many donors who have ensured that we been consistently able to satisfy demand. Our stock levels have remained high, and we had a very strong bank surplus at the year end.

Reflecting on this, the Trustees have been considering the Trussell Trust "Pathfinder" programme, designed to help Foodbanks understand the dynamics in their area and develop strategies that reduce the demand for our services. We are probably best known for our food parcels, but as our objects explain, ((b) below), we are also concerned to use other means to relieve hardship. At the year end we were still evaluating how we can best use this opportunity, but I hope that by our next annual report I will be able to explain how it has developed and promises to enhance our work.



Howard Mathers

11 July 2022

## Objectives & activities

To relieve persons in West Somerset and Taunton and the surrounding area that are in financial hardship in such a way as the Trustees from time to time think fit, in particular, but not exclusively by:

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

## Summary of the main activities

The financial year 2021-2022 showed some return to normal as the country came to terms with Coronavirus through the vaccination programme and social guidelines. The main activities have included:

- promotion of the needs of the Foodbank for donations of food
- receipt and organisation of donations in the main warehouse
- distribution of food from the Taunton warehouse and distribution centres at Wellington and Wiveliscombe, to individuals referred to the Foodbank by recognised agencies
- provision of food to families referred by school support workers during holiday periods
- occasional food support to other charitable organisations, for example the Besom in Taunton (RCN 1152511): annual payment is made to the Trussell Trust (RCN 1110522) for ongoing support as a member of its network of Foodbanks
- additional services, in particular signposting to other social support agencies, have started to re-emerge after the constraints of Coronavirus.

## Public benefit

The Trustees met formally 4 times through the year and were satisfied that all activities remained compliant with the public benefit requirements that we consider to be self-evidence in the charity's objectives (above).

## Main achievements

Donations have been received to satisfy all referrals. Activity was affected by a range of factors, and with the generosity of our supporters we were able to keep our stock level at about 23 te, with a dip to about 16te during the summer and our cash position has continued to strengthen. Distributions in more detail:

	Food distributed (tonnes)	Food parcels distributed	Individuals directly benefitting
2021-22 (this year)	73.7	2707	6807
2020-21	93.9	2974	8243
2019-20	63.6	2636	6355

## Financial review

At the end of the year, the cash balance was £219,712. The Trustees are very much aware that holding this surplus in a bank is not delivering the objects of the Foodbank, and are exploring av-



enues to use it productively to alleviate poverty according to our objects. At the same time, however, by March 2022 we were aware of the growing cost of living crisis arising from domestic energy prices and potential problems from the war in Ukraine, and welcome this cushion to support what promises to be a hard year in 2022-23. It is vastly in excess of the reserves minimum we have now set at £25,000.

#### Structure, governance and management

The trust is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, governed by a "Foundation model constitution".

The trust is part of the Trussell Trust Foodbank Network.

#### Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Taunton Foodbank
Other descriptor	Occasionally recognised as part of the network of Trussell Trust Foodbanks.
Registered charity number	1163094
Charity's principal address	Unit 4, Belvedere Trading Estate, Taunton TA1 1BH

#### Trustees 2020-2021

Diane Bayliss, Paula Clinchant, Jane Cobby, Christopher Cutting, John Dorling, Mary Hart, Stephen Jenkins, Howard Mathers, Helen Wallace

No trustees act as Custodian Trustees. All significant property used by the charity is leased

#### Declaration

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Howard Mathers  
Chair

Date 11 July 2022



# Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 04/01/21	To	Period end date 03/31/22
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## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	112,457	-	-	112,457	140,058
Gift Aid Tax Refund	7,983	-	-	7,983	-
Grants from Trussell Trust	4,621	-	-	4,621	8,263
Interest	211	-	-	211	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	125,272	-	-	125,272	148,322
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	125,272	-	-	125,272	148,322
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Wages	26,934	-	-	26,934	28,996
Rent	18,550	-	-	18,550	10,450
Van Insurance and fuel etc	2,091	-	-	2,091	-
Insurances Property & Liability	1,358	-	-	1,358	1,162
Groceries	1,092	-	-	1,092	2,011
Stationery, Printing ,Postage & IT	929	-	-	929	830
Pest Control	864	-	-	864	816
Telephone & Internet	840	-	-	840	918
Light and Heat	707	-	-	707	641
Sundries	425	-	-	425	53
Business Rates	291	-	-	291	-
Staff Training / Welfare / Uniforms	260	-	-	260	66
Subscriptions	222	-	-	222	35
Bank charges	160	-	-	160	-
Travel, subsistence & Entertaining	145	-	-	145	21
Water Rates	139	-	-	139	66
Software	130	-	-	130	59
Cleaning	125	-	-	125	-
Service charges	117	-	-	117	-
Repairs & Maintenance	98	-	-	98	657
<b>Sub total</b>	55,477	-	-	55,477	46,781
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Equipment	1,197	-	-	1,197	1,335
Building Works	-	-	-	-	66
<b>Sub total</b>	1,197	-	-	1,197	1,401
<b>Total payments</b>	56,674	-	-	56,674	48,182
<b>et of receipts/(payments)</b>	68,598	-	-	68,598	100,140
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	151,114	-	-	151,114	50,974
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	219,712	-	-	219,712	151,114

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash in Hand and Bank	219,712	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	219,712	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Furniture, Computers and printers & equipment	Unrestricted	-	4,000
	Storage equipment, crates, dollies	Unrestricted	-	4,000
	Van	Unrestricted	-	6,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		John Dorling		



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
TAUNTON FOODBANK

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 MARCH 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1163094

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Date:

3.7.22

Name:

Anthony Doyle

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

Accountant

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