

Introduction by Chair of Trustees, Taunton Foodbank, 2022-23

A year ago we were talking about emerging from COVID with more settled conditions. Alas they were not to continue, for while COVID has ceased to dominate our picture, the global economic picture has clearly trickled down to Taunton. Commitments to mortgages and loans where interest rates have skyrocketed alongside living costs of food, energy and the like are widely known to be putting people into critical situations, and this is what we have seen through food-parcel demands that have approached to the level seen at the peak of the pandemic.

Support for the Foodbank continues to be very high among our team of around 100 volunteers, and donors of food and funds. At the end of the year food donations were not keeping up with the sustained high demand, and we have been routinely topping up with purchased food. We have been expecting this situation to develop and maintained a strong bank balance, so it is not an immediate concern but will need monitoring.

In my report last year, I promised an update on our engagement with the Trussell Trust "Pathfinder" programme designed to help Foodbank understand the dynamics in their area and develop strategies to help reduce demand. We have made a start on this by forming a partnering arrangement with Citizen's Advice to locate a cost of living advisor in the Foodbank 3 days per week to help clients more broadly than with food, including discovering sources of income that they may have missed. The early signs of this interagency cooperation have been very encouraging. Other strands have been put on hold to give priority to our day-to-day work, but we remain dedicated to researching future opportunities.



Howard Mathers

28 Sep 23

Objectives & activities

To relieve persons in Taunton Deane, Somerset¹ 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 2022-23 showed a significant increase in demand over the previous year, approaching the peak demand during COVID. 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 Foodbank
- additional services, in particular signposting to other social support agencies, including cost of living advice supplied in conjunction with Citizens Advice Taunton.

Public benefit

The Trustees met formally 6 times through the year and were satisfied that all activities remained compliant with the public benefit requirements that we consider to be self-evident in the charity's objectives (above).

Main achievements

All referrals for food support have been satisfied. Towards the end of the year donations started to fall short of the sustained high demand, so targeted food purchases were made while stock levels fell from about 23 te (tonnes) to about 16 te. At this the end of the year the impact of making food purchases has only had a small impact on our bank balance.

	Food distributed (te)	Food parcels distributed	Individuals directly benefiting
2022-23 (this year)	89.0	3173	7834
2021-22	73.7	2707	6807
2020-21	93.9	2974	8243
2019-20	63.6	2636	6355
The outlying number of parcels against other parameters is attributed to an increase in the proportion of single clients to families.			

¹ To be merged into the unitary Somerset Council on 1 April 2023

Financial review

At the end of the year, the cash balance was £296,370, showing a further increase on the previous year. However if the trend at the end of the year continues to show an adverse disparity between demands and donations, we expect to see this fall. Even so, we believe it to be sufficient to give us time to react to significant shifts in economic trends.

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 Foodbank
Registered charity number	1163094
Charity's principal address	Unit 4, Belvedere Trading Estate, Taunton TA1 1BH

Trustees 2022-2023

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

Declaration

Signed on behalf of Trustees



Howard Mathers
Chair

Date

28 Sep 23



CHARITY COMMISSION
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No (if any)
1163094

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1/4/22

To

Period end date
31/3/23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	120,078	-	-	120,078	112,457
Gift Aid Tax Refund	16,815	-	-	16,815	7,983
Grants from Trussell Trust	-	-	-	-	4,621
Other Grants	9,669	-	-	9,669	
Restricted Funds	-	449	-	449	-
Interest	2,971	-	-	2,971	211
AR)	149,533	449	-	149,982	125,272
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	149,533	449	-	149,982	125,272
A3 Payments					
Wages	29,539		-	29,539	26,934
Rent	11,000		-	11,000	18,550
Van insurance and fuel, etc	2,604		-	2,604	2,091
Insurances, Property & Liability	998		-	998	1,358
Groceries	6,770		-	6,770	1,092
Stationery, Print, Postage & IT	639		-	639	929
Pest Control	768		-	768	864
Telephone & Internet	694		-	694	840
Light and Heat	1,634		-	1,634	707
Sundries	866			866	425
Business Rates	714		-	714	291
Staff Training/Welfare/Uniforms	1,150			1,150	260
Subscriptions	251			251	222
Bank Charges	452			452	160
Travel, subsistence & Entertaining	27			27	145
Water Rates	138			138	139
Software	1,205			1,205	130
Cleaning	-			-	125
Service charges	156			156	117
Repairs & Maintenance	736			736	98
Pathfinder Project	10,131			10,131	-
Equipment expensed	4,202			4,202	
Correction	78			78	-
Sub total	73,324	-	-	73,324	55,477
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Equipment	-	-	-	-	1,197
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,197
Total payments	73,324	-	-	73,324	56,674
Net of receipts/(payments)	76,209	449	-	76,658	68,598
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	219,712	-	-	219,712	151,114

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

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		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Furniture, Computers & printers and equipment	Unrestricted	-	4,000
	Storage equipment, crates, dollies	Unrestricted	-	4,000
	Van	Unrestricted	-	6,000
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B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature *HL MATTHEWS*

Date of approval *28/9/23*

Examiner's Report

For the trustees of Taunton Foodbank

Year ended 31 March 2023

I have examined the records and accounts of the trust for the year under review.

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