

Introduction by Chair of Trustees, Taunton Foodbank, 2023-24

Sadly demand for our help continues to be high, particularly among single people, with various factors lying behind it. We have spent some time this year reflecting on how best we can derive the intelligence on these factors that will signpost ways in which we can help tackle food crises at their source, and expect in the year ahead to be adding a specialist to our staff to help. In the meantime, the support we enjoy from Citizens Advice - Somerset cost of living adviser has continued to be very well received among clients

Food donations have fallen further this year, but financial donations have continued to be strong, so we have a healthy financial surplus from which to buy food as needed for the foreseeable future. Partly related to this, our stock levels have almost halved, which feels disconcerting, but actually allows a more efficient operation with more space in the warehouse.

We continue to enjoy the support of an amazing team of volunteers, and, despite the indicator of food donations, we feel that goodwill from the local community continues to be strong.

In summary, after another year meeting the needs of all clients who come to us, we are well-placed as we move forward to 2024-25.

Howard Mathers

  
30 Sep 24

### Objectives & activities

To relieve persons in Taunton Deane, Somerset<sup>1</sup> 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 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. Food donations have fallen short of the sustained high demand, while stock levels fell from about 16 te (tonnes) to about 9 te. Supplementing stocks with food purchases is now over £10k per year, but remains within financial receipts.

	Food distributed (te)	Food parcels distributed	Individuals directly benefiting
2023-24 (this year)	80.6	3294	7176
2022-23	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.			

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<sup>1</sup> Merged into the unitary Somerset Council on 1 April 2023

### Financial review

At the end of the year, the cash balance was £354,862 showing a further increase on the previous year. This provides a comfortable cushion against economic shocks, but in the latter half of the year the Trustees began looking at how some of this money could be made to work better in delivering the objects, both (a) and (b) above.

### 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.

The trust employs 3 part-time staff.

### 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 2023-2024

Diane Bayliss (until March 2024), Paula Clinchant, Jane Cobby, Christopher Cutting, John Dorling (until April 2023), Mary Hart, Howard Mathers, Helen Wallace, John Salter, Jon Hughes (from February 2024).

### Declaration


Signed on behalf of Trustees



Howard Mathers  
Chair

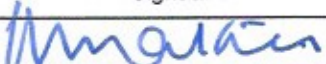
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 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Charity Name TAUNTON FOODBANK		No (if any) 1163094		CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	Period start date 1/4/22	To	Period end date 31/3/23	
Section A Receipts and payments					
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	117,402	-	-	117,402	120,078
Gift Aid Tax Refund	15,807	-	-	15,807	16,815
Grants from Trussell Trust	- 0	-	-	-	-
Other Grants	6,622	-	-	6,622	9,669
Restricted Funds	- 0	50	-	50	449
Interest	7,644	-	-	7,644	2,971
<b>Sub total(Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>147,475</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>147,525</b>	<b>149,982</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 0</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>147,475</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>147,525</b>	<b>149,982</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Wages	34,086		-	34,086	29,539
Rent	14,500		-	14,500	11,000
Van insurance and fuel, etc	2,857		-	2,857	2,604
Insurances, Property & Liability	1,225		-	1,225	998
Groceries	10,593		-	10,593	6,770
Stationery, Print, Postage & IT	750		-	750	639
Pest Control	768		-	768	768
Telephone & Internet	454		-	454	694
Light and Heat	2,607		-	2,607	1,634
Sundries	718			718	866
Business Rates	- 0			-	714
Staff Training/Welfare/Uniforms	1,459			1,459	1,150
Subscriptions	298			298	251
Bank Charges	798			798	452
Travel, subsistence & Entertaining	75			75	27
Water Rates	244			244	138
Software	83			83	1,205
Cleaning	- 0			-	-
Service charges	126			126	156
Repairs & Maintenance	307			307	736
Pathfinder Project	16,464			16,464	10,131
Equipment expensed	621			621	4,202
Correction	- 0			-	78
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>89,033</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>89,033</b>	<b>73,324</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Equipment	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>89,033</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>89,033</b>	<b>73,324</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>58,442</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58,492</b>	<b>76,658</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>- 0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>296,370</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>296,370</b>	<b>219,712</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>354,812</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>354,862</b>	<b>296,370</b>



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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		354,812	50	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	354,812	50	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<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>	Furniture, Computers & printers and equipment	Unrestricted	-	4,000
	Storage equipment, crates, dollies	Unrestricted	-	4,000
	Van	Unrestricted	-	6,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Howard Mathers	30/6/24	

**Examiner's Report**

**For the trustees of Taunton Foodbank**

**Year ended 31 March 2024**

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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention to indicate that

- Accounting records have not been kept in accordance with required standards
- The accounts do not accord with such records

Signed: Anthony Doyle

Accountant

15 September 2024

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Anthony Doyle', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left towards the date.