

HUNSTANTON AND DISTRICT FOOD BANK

England & Wales · Charity number 1164060

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-10-22

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

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE PERSONS IN HUNSTANTON AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THAT ARE IN FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IN SUCH WAYS 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.(B) SUCH OTHER MEANS, INCLUDING (BUT NOT LIMITED TO) THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT OR SIGNPOSTING TO RELEVANT INFORMATION AND OTHER ADVISORY SERVICES.

Activities: The charity acts as a Trussell Trust Foodbank and support centre

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Norfolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£97,827	£93,909	-	-
2024-03-31	£28,238	£22,567	-	-
2023-03-31	£77,634	£25,121	-	-
2022-03-31	£7,167	£12,219	-	-
2021-03-31	£28,393	£6,658	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Carol Vines		2025-06-23
Desmond Andrew Dockerill		2026-06-04
ELAINE COKER		2016-09-01
Garry Langham		2021-10-06
Kelly Louise Stevenson		2024-07-11
Mark Adrian Fuchter		2023-09-05
Rosemary Bell		2026-06-04
SAMUEL ABRAMIAN		2015-10-06
Stephanie Leonard		2026-06-04

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INTRODUCTION

1. Hunstanton and District Foodbank is registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under Charity Number 1164060 and governed by our Constitution dated October 2023. Our official address, which is also our operational base, is St Edmund's Church Halls, Church Street, Hunstanton, Norfolk, PE36 6BE. Our financial year runs from 1 April to 31 March.
2. The following served as trustees during this year:
 - Samuel Abramian
 - Elaine Coker
 - Mark Fuchter
 - Garry Langham
 - Howard John Norman
 - Kelly Stevenson

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND RECRUITMENT OF TRUSTEES

3. Hunstanton and District Foodbank is part of The Trussell Trust's nationwide network of over 400 foodbanks, working to tackle food poverty and hunger in our communities. We are a relatively small foodbank and we cover the northern part of North West Norfolk as far south as Dersingham and West Newton.
4. Trustees are recruited by placing adverts locally, inviting applications from volunteers who are asked to provide information about relevant skills and experience and sign that they meet eligibility criteria set out in our Constitution. No external persons or bodies are entitled to appoint trustees. Trustees review the applications and invite candidates for an informal interview. New trustees are appointed for a term of three years by a resolution at a formal meeting.

During this year:

- Howard John Norman resigned as a trustee on 11 July 2024, but remained as Treasurer;
 - Kelly Stevenson was appointed as a trustee with effect from 11 July 2024.
5. All trustees work on an unpaid and voluntary basis. At least one trustee attends each operating session, ably supported by a total of 15 volunteers who work on an informal rota system.

OBJECTIVES AND KEY ACTIVITIES

6. We aim to relieve people in Hunstanton and the surrounding district who are suffering acute financial hardship by continuing to:
 - provide emergency parcels containing a minimum of three days' nutritionally balanced non-perishable food, plus toiletries and household items where

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needed, to individuals and families who have been referred to us by a support agency. This is managed by a system of foodbank vouchers, issued by that agency and used by us to organise the parcel and for accounting purposes. We will also provide emergency parcels for those who have been unable to obtain a referral but are temporarily in extreme hardship.

- provide top-up funds where clients are facing an imminent loss of their domestic energy supplies. We opened an account with Charis Grants Ltd, a platform for online vouchers that enables us to support clients not on pre-payment schemes. We also accessed £950 of grant funding from the Cadent Foundation for energy support, which was disbursed by the FI support worker as it was to be used in conjunction with providing advice.
- facilitate and work closely with the British Red Cross Financial Inclusion support worker under a 3-year joint Trussell / BRC pilot which started last year. Its aim is for clients to reach a point where their income meets their needs, and they no longer need food parcels. The focus is on clients accessing all entitlements, debt being under control, and money being managed: budgeting, reducing costs and putting aside savings - as well as wider advocacy and support.
- signpost clients to agencies who can provide appropriate advice and support. However, the timely intervention by other support agencies in our area remains a challenge. In practice, the FI support worker can act as a link to further specialist support.
- work with our local primary and secondary schools to support families in need. We provide food vouchers at the end of each school term to the families of local school students in receipt of free school meals, to help with the additional costs over the school holidays. These vouchers are redeemable at two of our High Street shops. In term time we fund the provision of breaktime fresh fruit for the primary school students. Both Hunstanton schools can refer families to the foodbank.
- explore opportunities to provide additional support. In this year we were successful in securing a substantial grant of almost £23,000 from Norfolk Community Foundation's Community-based Hardship Support Fund for a project to support hard-up and barely managing families of students at Hunstanton and Brancaster primary schools over the summer holidays. We used an online voucher scheme to provide grants through the school holidays and a one-off energy voucher during winter that was extended to families of students at Docking school. We also funded some back-to-school uniform and stationery items through this project.
- maintain our agreement with a local charity shop who will provide free clothing for a foodbank client upon receipt of a letter of recommendation from a foodbank trustee.
- maintain close links with Hunstanton Town Council's "Helping Hands Hub". This enables us to refer respective clients to each other and enables clients to access support agencies who regularly attend the Hub. The Hub also included the Coastal Community supermarket, a "pantry" scheme selling

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cut-price groceries, until the service was discontinued in August 2024.

- maintain food collection points in two local supermarkets, in many of our local churches and elsewhere.

RESULTS IN 2023-24

Table 1: Emergency food parcels: summary of latest 3 years

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
Total no of Parcels	508	549	939
- Provided to Adults	338	384	591
- Provided to Children	170	165	348
Stock (nearest Kg)			
- Out	5,753	6,365	10,286
- In	5,466	6,958	9,964

Summary of Activities

7. The number of emergency food parcels continued a downward trend since Covid and the fuel bills crisis of winter 22-23, though the number to children increased slightly. Overall, 66% of the parcels went to households with children. 52% of the households using the foodbank did so for the first time, whilst 59% of households only used the foodbank once in this year. This was the first full year of the BRC Financial Inclusion support, and we believe that this has had a positive effect, reducing the need for some clients to fall back on the foodbank.
8. The top reasons given by support agencies for referring clients to the foodbank mirror the national picture, namely:
 - The rising cost of essentials;
 - The ongoing impact of an adverse health condition;
 - Priority debt reducing money left for essentials;
 - Delays in receiving benefits.
9. Energy top-ups by the foodbank totalled £1,630 (23-24: £970, 22-23: £2,700) in addition to energy grants disbursed by the FI support worker.
10. Ongoing support to local families via schools came to £10,460 in High Street vouchers and a further £931 on daily fruit for primary pupils.
11. The summer support project funded by the NCF grant provided £120 per family in grocery and energy vouchers over the 6 weeks of the summer

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holidays for 131 families, plus a further £2,918 on uniform and stationery. The second phase provided a one-off £25 energy voucher from November 2024 to 148 families at Hunstanton, Brancaster and Docking primary schools. The total cost of both phases, including fees, came to £23,003.

12. We continue to benefit from the sustained generosity of our supporters who donate the food, groceries and money that enable us to operate. Harvest Festival remains an important time and we are grateful for the impressive efforts of local churches and schools in supporting us. Donation of stock, however, continued the downward trend, mirroring a wider picture among foodbanks. We spent £901 this year on purchases to maintain stock levels.
13. We are fortunate to receive significant financial donations from corporate bodies, local businesses and individuals, including those who donate monthly. We also received grants of £2,500 from the Borough Council of KLWN and £560 from Hunstanton Town Council, a donation of £700 from a Sea Shanties evening held at Docking Church in April 2024 and substantial donations totalling £9,280 from Chiplow Wind Farm.
14. Our wonderful volunteers prepare the emergency parcels, ensuring we have a number ready to go out at an instant. In doing so they sort and stack all donations, carefully checking every *Use By* and *Best Before* date and then stacking in date order, as we only distribute in-date food. They also collect the customer in-store donations from Hunstanton Sainsbury's every week.
15. Outreach activities this year included an annual event where we meet a group of social science students from the University of East Anglia, together with Councillors running the Helping Hands Hub, to share our perspectives on rural deprivation and loneliness and how community support can help. Informal talks included one to the Hunstanton Guides group. We also provided regular briefings at the Church of England Deanery Synod to update them on the nature and level of local poverty and our efforts to address it.

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Table 2: Summary of Hunstanton and District Foodbank Accounts (nearest £)

Operations Account	Income		Expenditure	Operating surplus	
2024-25	£97,827		£93,909	£3,918	
2023-24	£28,238		£22,567	£5,671	
Reserves					
Opening bal.	1.4.2024	£65,716			
Closing bal.	31.3.25	£69,634			

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16. The higher receipts and payments figures reflect receipts and payments in relation to the FI support worker. Figures included all restricted and unrestricted funds. Further information is in the attached accounts.
17. The Trustees' reserves policy, updated and approved in July 2024, is to maintain a minimum of £12,000 operating funds for resilience and disaster recovery, ensuring we can still provide ongoing support during unforeseen and catastrophic events. The above balances also include sums earmarked for future payments in relation to the Financial Inclusion pilot.
18. Hunstanton and District Foodbank has no debts. We do not act as custodian trustees in any respect. We have given no guarantees that create an extant potential liability at this time.
19. In managing how the foodbank pursues its aims and objectives set out above the trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.
20. In conclusion, the trustees wish to reinforce our gratitude for the generosity of every one of our donors, of funds and of groceries, and all those who respond so generously to events such as the harvest festivals. Donors' generosity means we can step in when people run out of food, have no money and so face going hungry. Too many people locally remain trapped in poverty, some in poor health. In winter it can be "heat or eat" so providing top-up funds for energy bills has become a normal part of the support we offer. We remain committed to doing our best in support of those most in need in our area.

Sam Abramian

Chair of Trustees, Hunstanton and District Foodbank

15 January 2026

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Receipts and Payments Account for the Year 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025

Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Last Year £
Receipts				
Donations, legacies and similar income				
Donations	20,978	-	20,978	26,623
Gift Aid	1,156	-	1,156	1,057
Sub total	22,133	-	22,133	27,680
Grants				
Trussell	13,058	36,134	49,191	-
Norfolk Community Foundation	-	22,902	22,902	-
Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk	2,500		2,500	
Hunstanton Town Council	560		560	
Sub total	16,118	59,036	75,153	-
Investment income				
Bank interest	540	-	540	558
Sub total	540	-	540	558
Total Gross Income	38,791	59,036	97,827	28,238

Payments

Charitable Payments				
DBS Checks				58
Donations				300
Energy Vouchers	1,630	20,085	21,715	970
Food and Toiletries	901	-	901	550
Food Vouchers	10,460	-	10,460	13,330
General Expenses				416
Information Commissioners Office (ICO)	35	-	35	35
Insurance	330	-	330	244
Phone and Broadband	670		670	806
Printing and Stationery	-		-	18
Red Cross	-	53,212	53,212	12,453
Repairs and Maintenance	75	-	75	240
Rent	2,500	-	2,500	1,830
School Goody Bags		-	-	889
School Snacks	931	-	931	1,579
School Stationery	-	202	202	-
School Uniforms	-	2,716	2,716	-
Training				1,140
Volunteers Xmas Meal	163	-	163	163
Total Gross Expenditure	17,694	76,215	93,909	35,020
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,098	(17,179)	3,918	(6,782)
Cash funds last year end	27,151	38,564	65,716	72,498
Cash funds this year end	48,249	21,385	69,634	65,716

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the year

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Cash funds				
Barclays Community Bank Account	48,249	118	48,366	26,598
Barclays Premium Bank Account		21,267	21,267	39,117
Total cash funds (Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	48,249	21,385	69,634	65,716



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/directors/members of

HUNSTANTON MARSH DISTRICT FOOD BANK

On accounts for the year ended

31 MARCH 2026

Charity no.:

1164060

Company no.:

Set out on pages

1 & 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31/3/2026

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The company's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
• the accounts do not accord with such records; or
• the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
• the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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The following served as Trustees during this year:

Samuel Abramian
Elaine Coker
Martin Edwards
Mark Fuchter
Garry Langham
Alexander James Monro
Howard John Norman
Samuel Staveley

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND RECRUITMENT OF TRUSTEES

Hunstanton and District Foodbank is part of The Trussell Trust's nationwide network of over 400 foodbanks, working to tackle food poverty and hunger in our local communities.

Trustees are recruited by placing adverts locally, inviting applications from volunteers who are asked to provide information about relevant skills and experience and sign that they meet eligibility criteria set out in our Constitution. Trustees review the information and invite applicants for an informal interview. New trustees are appointed for a term of three years by a formal resolution at a meeting of the charity trustees.

During this year:

- Martin Edwards, Alexander James Monro and Samuel Staveley resigned as Trustees;
- Samuel Abramian was appointed as Chair of Trustees in place of Alexander James Monro;
- Mark Fuchter was appointed as a new Trustee.

All trustees work on an unpaid and voluntary basis. At least one trustee attends each operating session, ably supported by volunteers – we have a total of 15 volunteers who work on an informal rota system.

OBJECTIVES AND KEY ACTIVITIES

We aim to relieve people in Hunstanton and the surrounding district who are

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suffering acute financial hardship by:

- providing emergency parcels containing a minimum of three days' nutritionally balanced non-perishable food, plus toiletries and household items where needed, to individuals and families who have been referred by a support agency. We will also provide emergency parcels for those who have been unable to obtain a referral but are temporarily in extreme poverty.
- providing top-up funds where clients are facing an imminent loss of their domestic energy supplies.
- signposting clients towards agencies who can provide appropriate advice and support.
- working directly with our local primary and secondary schools to support families in need. Both Hunstanton schools can refer families to the foodbank and hold a small stock of our emergency food parcels for immediate needs. We fund the provision of breaktime fresh fruit to the primary school students.
- providing food vouchers at the start of school holidays for the families of local school students in receipt of free school meals. This is in partnership with two of our High Street shops and we also have an agreement with a local charity shop who will provide free clothing for a foodbank client upon receipt of a letter of recommendation from a foodbank trustee.
- maintaining close links with Hunstanton Town Council's "Helping Hands Hub", referring respective clients to each other and enabling our clients to access support agencies who regularly attend the Hub as well as the Coastal Community supermarket, which sells cut-price groceries in a "pantry" scheme.
- maintaining food collection points in two local supermarkets and in many of our local churches.

The continuing cost-of-living crisis meant further and deeper financial hardship for an increasing number of people. Hunstanton and the surrounding area is no different from other coastal towns with high levels of poverty and hardship. Without a local foodbank more families would be forced into extreme hardship and destitution. We step in with emergency support when people run out of food, have no money and so face going hungry. As more and more families cannot afford essentials, providing top-up funds for energy bills has become a normal part of the support we offer. It feels to us that we are still a long way from doing away with the need for a local foodbank.

PERFORMANCE AND RESULTS IN 2023-24

Table 1: Emergency food parcels: summary of latest 3 years

	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Total no of Parcels	549	939	593

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- Provided to Adults	384	591	404
- Provided to Children	165	348	189
Stock (Kg)			
- Out	6,365	10,286	7,721
- In	6,958	9,964	6,742

Partnership with British Red Cross: Financial Inclusion

The key development this year was the start of a 3-year pilot under a joint Trussell / British Red Cross initiative to place Financial Inclusion support workers in foodbanks.

Financial inclusion support is about helping clients to reach a point where their income meets their needs, and they no longer need emergency food parcels. The focus is on clients being able to access all entitlements, debt being under control, and money management - budgeting, reducing costs and putting aside savings - as well as wider advocacy and support.

The pilot began in August 2023 when the British Red Cross FI support worker took up post at our foodbank. In the trustees' view she immediately made a difference, being on-hand at every foodbank session to engage real-time with clients – especially important given the pressures on other support services that have reduced their accessibility. She was a regular at the Helping Hands Hub, which is attended by some foodbank clients, and started to build links with other community groups and local schools. By the year-end she had helped a number of our more regular clients to resolve issues around benefits and had disbursed over £2,000 in winter hardship grants to clients and their families who otherwise would have fallen back on direct support from the foodbank.

Under the terms of the partnership, Financial Inclusion activities are managed directly by British Red Cross and are not reflected in the foodbank's figures.

Other Foodbank Activities

As Table 1 above shows, the number of emergency food parcels fell in 23-24, compared to the previous year. Similarly, gas and electricity top-ups were lower this year at £1,010, against £2,700 last year. However, as noted above, this is masked to a degree by the significant extra support available via the Financial Inclusion pilot, underlining the continuing need for support.

We maintained our support to local schools in food and holiday food vouchers to a total of just under £16,000.

We continue to benefit from the sustained generosity of our supporters who donate the food, groceries and money that enable us to operate. We were chosen by Hunstanton Lawn Tennis Tournament to be their 2023 Charity of the Year, raising over £1,000 at the Tennis Week. We continued to receive significant donations from corporate bodies and individuals that are the bulk of our income, as well as a £5,000

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grant from the Borough Council of KLWN. Two thirds of our food and grocery donations were from individuals, whether directly or via supermarket in-store collections and we also benefitted from substantial donations from churches, schools and other community bodies.

We remain very grateful to our wonderful volunteers, who sort and stack all donations and prepare the emergency parcels, ensuring we have a number ready to go out at an instant. In doing so they carefully check every *Use By* and *Best Before* date as we only distribute in-date food.

Outreach activities this year included meeting a field trip of social science students from the University of East Anglia, together with Councillors running the Helping Hands Hub, to share our perspectives on rural deprivation and how community support can ameliorate it. We also provided regular briefings at the Church of England Deanery Synod to update them on the nature and level of local poverty and our efforts to address it.

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2022-23	£26,622		£25,121	£1,501	
Reserves					
Opening bal.	1.4.2023	£21,486			
Closing bal.	31.3.2024	£26,598			
Restricted Account					
Opening bal.	1.4.2023	£51,012			
Closing bal.	31.3.2024	£39,117			

Notes:

- The Restricted account is used solely for restricted funds – i.e. those that can only be used for the given purpose. In this year these funds represent a grant from Trussell to fund the Financial Inclusion project. Hunstanton and District Foodbank has no debts.

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- The Trustees' reserves policy is to maintain a minimum of £10,000 as a baseline in our operations account.
- We do not act as custodian trustees in any respect.

Sam Abramian
Chair of Trustees
Hunstanton and District Foodbank
January 2025

FOOD BANK ACCOUNTS 2023-2024

INCOME	FORD	SLANEY	GREEN	CONNELL	HMRC GIFT AID	DONATION CAF	TENNIS WEEK	CASH (float)	WIND KINGS FARM	LIDL LYNN BC	Sumup PATCH	PURPLE	MONTH TOTAL
APRIL	40	5	40	200	1056.83								1341.83
MAY	40	5	50	200		839.15							1134.15
JUNE	40	5	40	200			500						785
JULY	40	5	40	200		1026.46		110					1421.46
AUGUST	40	5	50	200		500	565						1360
SEPTEMBER	40	5	40	200		675							960
OCTOBER	40	5	40	200		694							979
NOVEMBER	40	5	50	200		1075			8000				9370
DECEMBER	25	5	40	200		700			1425	5000			7395
JANUARY	25	5	40	200		236							506
FEBRUARY	25	5	50	200							0.98		280.98
MARCH	25	5	40	200		1715						161.85	2146.85
													27680.27

EXPENDITURE	PHONE EE BT & TALKTALK	BARSBY	TESCO	ELECTRICITY & GAS VOUCHERS	WITLEY	BUTCHERS	RENT HIRE	TRUST ADVICE	INDIAN	CASH	LIDL	GOODY BAGS	KEMPS	ACCESS INS	ICO	QD	HSE BOOKS	AMAZON	
APRIL	84.55		24.62								20.55								129.72
MAY	78.5	97.76	94.2																270.46
JUNE	78.5	146.64					105			200									530.14
JULY	78.5	195.52				6000	780												7054.02
AUGUST	78.5		80.5	70	150.02			1140	130										1649.02
SEPTEMBER	78.5	178.52																	257.02
OCTOBER	88.5	195.52		120			90			300				244.38					1038.4
NOVEMBER	78.5	146.64		250		770	780					889.02	2500					87.81	£5,501.97
DECEMBER	20.13	178.52		130			45		162.9										£536.55
JANUARY	37.14	97.76	71.18	240			30									35	9		£520.08
FEBRUARY	55.33	146.64															10		£407.53
MARCH	49.13	195.52		200		2020							2040				16.01	151.86	£4,672.52
Totals	805.78	1579.04	270.5	1010	150.02	8790	1830	1140	292.9	500	20.55	889.02	4540	244.38	35	19	16.01	435.23	£22,567.43

COMMUNITY BANK ACCOUNT		Difference	£5,112.84
Opening 01.04.2023	21,485.51		
Closing 31.03.2024	26,598.35		
Difference	£5,112.84		

BARCLAYS PREMIUM BUSINESS ACCOUNT		Red Cross	£12,453
Opening 01.04.2023	£51,012.26		
Closing 31.03.2024	£39,117.16	Interest	£557.90



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees HUNSTANTON AND DISTRICT FOOD BANK

On accounts for the year ended 31st MARCH 2024 Charity no (if any) 1164060

Set out on pages 1 & 2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31.3.2024.

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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

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the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did 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.

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

Signed: [Signature] Date: 7/5/24

Name: MICHAEL B. WARNE

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

A.C.I.B.

(if any):

Address:

Section B Disclosure

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

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

HUNSTANTON AND DISTRICT FOOD BANK

England & Wales - Charity number 1164060

Accounts

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KEY INFORMATION

Hunstanton and District Foodbank is registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under Charity Number 1164060. Our official address, which is also our operational base, is St Edmunds Church Halls, Church St, Hunstanton, Norfolk, PE36 6BE.

The following served as Trustees during this year:

Samuel Abramian
Elaine Coker
Martin Edwards
Garry Langham
Alexander James Monro (Chair of Trustees)
Howard John Norman (Treasurer)
Samuel Staveley

There were no changes.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND RECRUITMENT OF TRUSTEES

Hunstanton and District Foodbank is part of The Trussell Trust's nationwide network of over 400 foodbanks, working to tackle food poverty and hunger in our local communities.

Trustees are recruited by placing adverts locally, inviting applications from volunteers who are asked to provide information about relevant skills and experience and sign that they meet eligibility criteria set out in our Constitution. Trustees review the information and invite applicants for an informal interview. New trustees are appointed for a term of three years by a formal resolution at a meeting of the charity trustees. No Trustees were appointed in this year.

All trustees work on an unpaid and voluntary basis. At least one trustee attends each operating session, ably supported by volunteers – we have 13 volunteers on a rota system.

OBJECTIVES AND KEY ACTIVITIES

To relieve people in Hunstanton and the surrounding area who are suffering acute financial hardship by:

- providing emergency parcels containing a minimum of three days' nutritionally balanced non-perishable food, plus toiletries and household items, to individuals and families who have been referred.
- responding positively where clients are facing particular additional challenges. Where clients are facing an imminent loss of their gas / electric services we will provide top-up funds. And we increasingly see clients who have been unable to

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obtain a referral from a support agency but are temporarily in extreme poverty. As well as providing emergency support, we signpost them towards an appropriate agency that can provide ongoing help and advice. We have an agreement with a local charity shop who will provide free clothing for a foodbank client upon receipt of a letter of recommendation from a foodbank trustee.

- providing all clients with access to information on various advice and support services and initiatives relevant to their needs.
- working closely with our local primary and secondary schools. Both are able to refer families to the foodbank and hold a small stock of our emergency food parcels. We provide breacktime fresh fruit to the primary school students. We provide food store vouchers at the start of school holidays for the families of students in receipt of free school meals.
- maintaining close links with Hunstanton Town Council's "Helping Hands Hub", enabling our clients to access agencies including Norfolk Citizens Advice and adult social services face-to-face as well as make use of the Coastal Community supermarket, which sells cut-price groceries in a "pantry" scheme.
- maintaining food collection points in two local supermarkets and in many of our local churches.

PERFORMANCE, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

In common with other foodbanks, we saw a significant increase this year in demand for support:

- The total number of parcels we issued increased by 59%;
- Parcels to adults increased by 46%, while parcels to children increased by 84%;
- We provided 90 gas or electricity top-ups at a total cost of £2,700 – an increase of 53% and 82% respectively on last year;
- We were able to significantly expand support to our local schools in food and holiday food vouchers to a total of £18,020.

Table1: Emergency food parcels and Top-ups: FY 2022-23 compared with 2021-22

	2022-23	2021-22	Change
Total no of Parcels	939	593	+59%
- Provided to Adults	591	404	+46%
- Provided to Children	348	189	+84%
Gas / Electricity Top-ups			
- Number	90	59	+53%
- Total Cost	£2,700	£1,480	+82%

Public benefit

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There is ample research highlighting how the cost-of-living crisis meant further and deeper financial hardship for an increasing number of people, against a background of a year-on-year widespread increase in food insecurity. Hunstanton and the surrounding area is no different from other coastal towns with high levels of hardship. Our foodbank has stepped in with emergency support when people have run out of food have no money and so face going hungry.

Our substantially increased gas and electricity support this year means that people are able to cook their food and heat their homes.

The significant increase in families facing hardship and turning to the foodbank is striking and it is with a sense of relief and gratitude for the sustained generosity of our supporters who donate food and money that we have been able to increase our efforts on emergency parcels, top-ups and support for our local schools.

We remain very grateful to our wonderful volunteers, who sort and stack all donations and bag up the emergency parcels. In doing so they carefully check every *Use By* and *Best Before* date as we only distribute in-date food.

FINANCIAL REVIEW INCLUDING ANY DEBTS AND DETAILS OF YOUR RESERVES POLICY (IF APPLICABLE)

Table 2: Summary of Hunstanton and District Foodbank Accounts (nearest £)

	Income		Expenditure	<i>Operating surplus</i>	
2022-23	£26,622		£25,121		£1,501
2021-22	£7,167		£12,219		-£5,053
Reserves					
Opening bal.	1.4.2022	£19,985			
Closing bal.	31.3.2023	£21,486		Difference	£1,501

Notes:

- The substantially increased figures in 2022-23 reflected a significant rise in donations including over £9,000 from a local wind farm and a number of other local businesses, whilst we benefitted from the continued generosity of regular and long-term donors – local businesses, churches and individuals.
- Hunstanton and District Foodbank has no debts.

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- In respect of reserves our policy is to maintain a minimum of £10,000 as a baseline.
- We do not act as custodian trustees in any respect.

Sam Abramian

Chair of Trustees

Hunstanton and District Foodbank


January 2024

FOOD BANK ACCOUNTS 2022-2023

INCOME	HANDLEY	FORD	SLANEY	GREEN	CONNELL	HMRC GIFT AID	DONATION	Chiplow Wind Farm	Purple Patch Memory	Burnham Deepdale	Thornham Lunches	Freebridge	TRUSSEL Trust	MONTH TOTAL
APRIL		20	40	5	40	200								305
MAY		20	40	5	40	200	760.51							1065.51
JUNE		20	40	5	50	200		600						915
JULY		20	40	5	40	200		300	7100					7705
AUGUST		20	40	5	50	200		15		23.52				353.52
SEPTEMBER		20	40	5	40	200		1582.52		23.52	171.7			2082.74
OCTOBER		0	40	5	40	200	5.94	1000	2000				5000	8290.94
NOVEMBER		0	40	5	50	200								295
DECEMBER		0	40	5	40	200		3340						3625
JANUARY		0	40	5	40	200		700						985
FEBRUARY		0	40	5	40	200					153.1			438.1
MARCH		0	40	5	50	200		100				166		561
														26621.81
EXPENDITURE	CASH	BT	BARSBY	TESCO	SAINSBURY	RENT	BUTCHERS	KEMPS	ACCESS Insura	ASDA	1CO	LIDL	AMAZON	
APRIL		300	72.2	122.25	136.68									631.13
MAY		200	68.62	331.06		162.42								762.1
JUNE		300	68.62	338.76										707.38
JULY		200	68.62	216.01	69.71	1560	6000							8114.34
AUGUST			68.62											68.62
SEPTEMBER		300	68.62	205.52										574.14
OCTOBER			68.62	212.52	94.72									375.86
NOVEMBER		104	68.62	147.39	69.86	41		550	236	55.2				£1,272.07
DECEMBER		300	68.62	141.39	724.62	825	3000						667.85	£5,727.48
JANUARY		300	68.62	150.39	156.45							35		£710.46
FEBRUARY			68.62	147.89	180.09			250						£646.60
MARCH		250	68.97	129.64		30	5000					52.17		£5,530.78
														£25,120.96
COMMUNITY BANK ACCOUNT														
Opening 01.04.2022				19984.66										
Closing 31.03.2023				21,485.51										
Difference				£1,500.85										
BARCLAYS PREMIUM BUSINESS ACCOUNT														
Opening 15.08.2022				£50,916.25										
Closing 31.03.2023				£51,012.26			Interest received £96.01							

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 **CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES** **Independent examiner's report on the accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

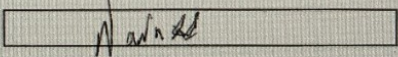
Report to the trustees/ members of HUNSTANTON AND DISTRICT FOOD BANK

On accounts for the year ended 31st MARCH 2023 **Charity no (if any)**

Set out on pages 1

Responsibilities and basis of report
I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/3/23
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").

Independent examiner's statement
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.
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:
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Signed:  **Date:** 26/6/23

Name: MICHAEL B. WARDES

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): A.C.I.B.

Address: 16 HALL CLOSE, HEACHAM, KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK PE31 7ST

IER 1 October 2018

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 Foodbank Annual Report Financial Year 2020-2021

The coronavirus pandemic and its associated lockdowns and adverse effects on employment has had a great impact on everything associated with our foodbank. The statistics given below show a very significant increase in stock movement in the last financial year compared to the one before.

The number of three-day packs given to children increased by 64%, and for adults by 57%. However, these increases were offset by the wonderful generosity of local people increasing their giving in kind by 53%, as well as a large increase in money received during the financial year.

No of 3 day packs issued 2017-18	2020-2021.	2019-2020	2018-19
Children 159	318	193	252
Adults 316	494	313	342
Stock in (kg) 6670	10984	7188	7378
Stock out (kg) 5926	10712	7868	7144

The pandemic has had a great impact on our working practices. We had to stop our café style reception of clients with the offer of refreshments and a chat. Volunteer numbers have been reduced to a maximum of three for each distribution session to maintain social distancing, and the altered lay out of the church hall has also reflected this. We endeavoured to increase the number of deliveries as part of our risk assessment.

Our very useful contacts with the local schools continue. They distribute our vouchers to needy families, and during the past year they have also distributed vouchers redeemable at a local butcher to the children on free school meals to help tide them over holiday periods. We have also helped Hunstanton Primary School to ensure that every pupil is offered a piece of fresh fruit every day.

We are very aware that we are in a rather isolated position on the extreme tip of North-West Norfolk, in a town that has now dropped to the 9th centile of the Churches' Urban Fund index of deprivation. Many work on the minimum wage in the care industry, or on zero hour contracts in seasonal jobs dependent on the holiday trade, which for a time vanished. The nearest Citizens' Advice Bureau and Social Services are in King's Lynn, 15 miles away by bus. We therefore have a number of people, particularly those in short term need, accessing our services without vouchers from referral agencies. In response to this we provide a confidential service to assess peoples' need, giving assistance and advice as well as material help as required. Fortunately ,a grant from the ASDA Foundation to the Trussell Trust has meant that the Trust has been able to supply us with a part-time Citizens Advice worker who we share with King's Lynn Foodbank.

We continue to have a satisfactory surplus of stock and we are very grateful for all our kind donors on whom we rely. Food, toiletries and household products are brought to our sessions in St. Edmund's church hall or left at collection points in local churches, shops and businesses. Our stock levels are such that we do not need to have special collection days at local shops. Indeed, we have sufficient funds to purchase any items that we specifically need.

Stock is kept in "best by date" order on the shelves by our able team of warehouse volunteers so that nothing is wasted. It enables us to be able to offer clients a good choice so that we can tailor what is in their bags to individual tastes, something larger foodbanks do not have time to do. Since the start of the pandemic, our warehouse volunteers have been lone working on a rota basis.

We stopped receiving near date bakery and chilled items from Tesco in Heacham when our distribution dynamics changed at the start of the pandemic, but this has been offset by such items being offered for free to anyone wanting them in the Town Council's "Community Larder" nearby. Interestingly this project has had no noticeable impact on us.

There have been no comings or goings among our trustees during the past financial year.

INCOME	HANDLEY	FORD	SLANEY	Green	FICKLING	FINCH	CONNELL
APRIL	20	40	5	30		40	200
MAY	20	40	5	40	50	40	200
JUNE	20	40	5	40	50	40	200
JULY	20	40	5	50	50	40	200
AUGUST	20	40	5	40	50	40	200
SEPTEMBER	20	40	5	50		40	200
OCTOBER	20	40	5	40	50	40	200
NOVEMBER	20	40	5	40		40	200
DECEMBER	20	40	5	50	50	40	200
JANUARY	20	40	5	40	50	40	200
FEBRUARY	20	40	5	40		40	200
MARCH	20	40	5	50	50	40	200
YEAR TOTAL	240	480	60	510	400	480	2400

EXPENDITURE	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
B.T.	56.46	56.7	55.94	57.34	56.72	62.71	60.1
FOOD PURCHASE	568.73						
RENT							
BOOKS (CROMER)							
RICHARDS(Butcher)							
E.COKER							
MAGPIE							
ICO							
YEAR TOTAL							

FOOD BANK ACCOUNTS

VIRGIN	NORFOLK COMMUNITY	BRANCASTER GOLF CLUB	MAKING A LOCALLY	BORTHWICK	JOHN LINCOLN
2335	1000			235.06	
445			260.91		
1117.5					
215					
115					
925					
716.5					
456.5		1000			
1811.95					552.5
1421.88					
1075.31					
1801.83					
12436.47	1000	1000	260.91	235.06	552.5
NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	MARCH		
60.1	60.1	60.1	120.2		
1040					
	180				
	2000		2000		
		89.77			
		37.7			
		35			

HUNSTANTON METHODIST	CAF	DEPOSITED	MONTH TOTAL
	100	1100	5105.06
		780	1880.91
		1427.21	2939.71
			620
		2165	2675
		245	1525
475		250	1836.5
		325	2126.5
	1115.6		3885.05
			1816.88
	50		1470.31
		305	2511.83
475	1265.6	6597.21	28392.75
			706.47
			568.73
			1040
			180
			4000
			89.77
			37.7
			35
			6657.67
I-E			21735.08
BANK BALANCE	31.3.2021		£25,037.34
	31.3.2020		3,302.26
			£21,735.08
Cash in Hand			235



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

HUNSTANTON AND DISTRICT FOOD BANK

On accounts for the year ended

31 MARCH 2021

Charity no (if any)

1164060

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Signed: [Signature]

Date: 21.6.2021

Name: MICHAEL B. WARDS

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