

HUNSTANTON AND DISTRICT FOODBANK  
TRUSTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2022-23

## 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 breaktime 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*

	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>Change</b>
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	Operating surplus	
2022-23	£26,622		£25,121		£1,501
2021-22	£7,167		£12,219		£-5,053
<b>Reserves</b>					
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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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**

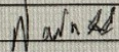
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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:

- 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:** 26/6/23

**Name:** MICHAEL B. WARDES

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

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