



Doms Food Mission
Registered Charity number 1166918

Financial Statement and Trustee Annual Report
For the year ending

31 March 2025

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Independent Examiner

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Trustee Annual Report

This Annual Doms Food Mission trustee report and financial statement spans the period from 1 April 2024- 31 March 2025 and has been prepared in accordance and compliance with the Doms Food Mission's constitution along with guidance from the *Charities act 2011 the statement of recommended practice*.

Full Charity Name

Doms Food Mission

Legal Status

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Registered Charity Number

1166918

Principal Address

Jackson Hall, Portland Place, Hastings, TN34 1QN

Trustees

Dominic Warren - Chair
Joan Kilmartin - Treasurer
Justine Fraser

Bankers

HSBC, Hastings

Independent Examiner

HVA, Jackson hall, Portland Place, Hastings, TN34 1QN

Aims and Objectives

At Doms Food Mission, our heartfelt aim is to prevent surplus in-date food from being wasted, instead redirecting it to individuals and families who face the daily challenge of food insecurity. This not only nourishes our community but also honours our environment by reducing waste.

Governance, Structure and Management

Doms Food Mission operates under rules of its constitution adopted in April 2016.

Doms Food Mission is a Charitable Incorporated Association first registered with the Charity Commission in May 2016. The charities principle aim is to actively collect and distribute surplus in date food throughout Hastings and surrounding areas.

Trustees are elected to the Board of Doms Food Mission at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in accordance and requirements of the constitution. Trustees are elected for a period of three years with retirements on a rolling basis. Retiring trustees are eligible for re-election. All trustees give their time freely and no trustee remuneration are paid during the term for the role of trustee. Trustees are for guidance with the day to day operations executed by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Daily management is under the jurisdiction of Dom Warren (CEO) with tasks and duties carried out by a team of volunteers.

Brief History of Doms Food Mission

Doms Food Mission was born from the compassionate hearts of Dom and Alex Warren, who were deeply troubled by the rising food insecurity in their hometown of Hastings, East Sussex. In May 2015, they embarked on their mission to tackle food poverty, discovering that vast amounts of surplus in-date food were being wasted. They resolved to redirect this food to those in need, thus founding Doms Food Mission.

The founders' vision is inclusive, welcoming everyone regardless of age, status, creed, or colour. They began by creating a Facebook page to share their mission and request food donations. The community responded with overwhelming generosity, enabling Doms Food Mission to provide food for over 100 individuals from the very first appeal.

Doms Food Mission continues to be a pillar of support for the community through our two food hubs located at the Doms Food Mission Hub. Our partnerships with supermarkets and local retailers ensure regular pickups and collections, making it possible to meet the increasing demand.

Doms Food Mission Food Hub

Dom's Food Mission (DFM) was unsuccessful in securing funding from the National Lottery, which significantly impacted the charity's operations. Despite this setback, back in 2020 DFM continued to operate throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, recognising that suspending services during such a critical period would have adversely affected the local community.

During the pandemic, DFM was unable to organise fundraising events due to lockdown restrictions, creating additional financial strain. Many funding bodies were temporarily closed, and competition for available funding increased as numerous charities and organisations applied for limited resources.

Although DFM persevered for as long as possible and actively sought new funding opportunities, the charity ultimately faced challenges that made it unsustainable to continue its food hubs. The daily operations of such a busy and essential service require paid staff, and without adequate financial support, DFM was forced to make the difficult decision to cease running the food hubs.

Message from Dominic Warren founder of Doms Food Mission Charity below.

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Good afternoon all Wow hasn't 9 years gone so fast and we've had the opportunity and pleasure to be able to help so many up! Not only just with food but try to give them some purpose once again! When DFM was set up back in 2015 from just a notepad and an idea it was always meant to try and make a small difference, just something to help another with their weight that they're carrying or a little bit of love shown to tell them people actually care! But if you would of said to us that this would show the pathway to so many organisations, set ups, food deals, groups and charities replicating and working together towards our mission we would of probably said... "could you imagine that!" This decision has been one of the hardest but one that feels like the right time to slowly close Doms food mission in steps continuing to help others along the way with our partnerships being handed to great people and ideas over to many others too! With the lack of funding opportunities coming in and life taking different steps for us all this will end our 9 year run helping hundreds of thousands of meals (if not more) saved from landfill and filling so many communities with everything we have. Dom... I'm super proud and grateful for everything and everyone! Who's supporting, backed and shown love to DFM thank you! Now is time for family time and to see my next adventure. My team and those around me mean the world to me (us) and I'll never forget what we've accomplished together. This isn't the end of helping others as I love my town and I'm looking forward to working on some projects. It's just the right time for this move and whatever knowledge and experience gained over my 9 years will be spent trying to help other organisations along their journey. From the first ever collection 2015 to helping children at Christmas to feeding so many! Super proud. Remember be kind, help others up and thank you all for the support! See you soon   <https://www.facebook.com/domsfoodmission/>
www.domsfoodmission.com Reg charity number 1166918 National Award winning charity doing our best for our community  “

DFM no longer had the DFM Hub. Knowing that many of the community enjoyed the Christmas present give out to many children and families in the community.

DFM teamed up with More Radio once again to help many children as possible feel the magic of Christmas. The gifts were dropped into the community.

DFM also teamed up with Talan and Shyla Tambeth of Talans Toys to help children who may not receive the love that others do around Christmas time.

The chosen partner was the incredible Demelza Childrens Hospice to help try and relieve some pressure from families already going through so much.

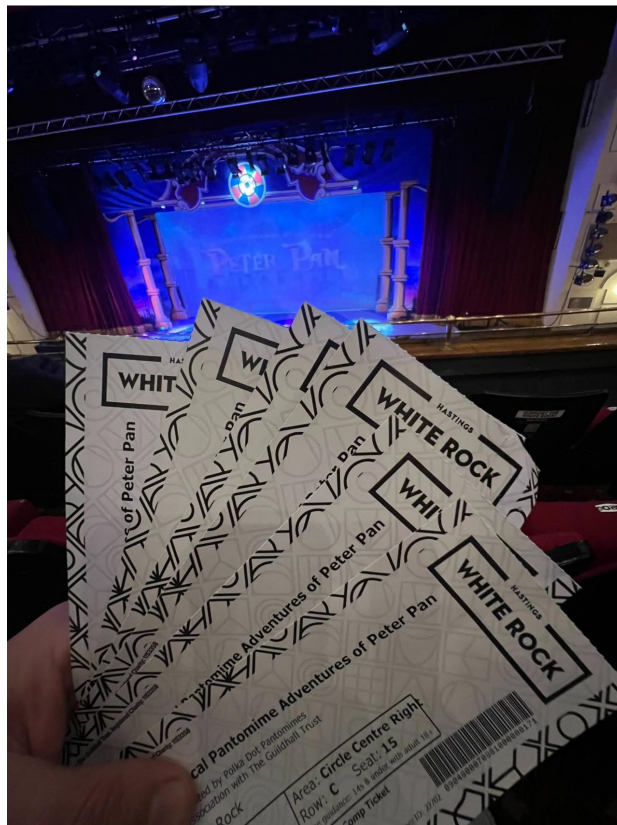
Below are supporting images.



DFM also teamed up with WHITE ROCK THEATRE who gave away pantomime tickets to see Peter Pan.

This fabulous experience handed families some magical memories and took some pressure off those who needed a hand up.

Below the supporting image :



Doms Food Mission 9 year old Achievement



On the 13 May 2024 DFM reached a new milestone of being 9 Years old.

- . 108.074 months of helping others
- . 469.607 weeks of trying our best
- . 3287.25 days of teaching the future of tomorrow
- . 4733640 minutes of trying to restore humanity

MBE

On 13 May 2015, the founders of Doms Food Mission Charity, Dominic Warren and his wife, Alexandria Warren, embarked on a mission to make a meaningful difference in the lives of as many people as possible—especially children—by rescuing surplus food from landfill and ensuring that families in need could eat. Over the years, they have cherished every moment of this journey.

What began as a simple concept sketched on a notepad has grown into an organisation that has secured significant partnerships with major retailers such as M&S, Sainsbury's, Greggs, and many others. Through these collaborations, Doms Food Mission has been able to support children's homes, school projects, halfway houses, women's refuges, and numerous other community initiatives.

Doms Food Mission remains deeply thankful and fortunate for the extensive network of support that has enabled its continued work—and, above all, for the opportunity to help others.

A local Hastings couple, Dominic and Alexandria Warren, were honoured with MBEs presented by Prince William in recognition of their efforts in **reducing food waste and combating poverty.**

Below supporting images:



The Future of Dom's Food Mission

It is with great sadness that we announce the closure of Dom's Food Mission. Despite our continued efforts, the charity can no longer operate without sustainable funding, and unfortunately, the financial support required to keep our services running is simply not available.

This decision has not been made lightly. Over the years, Dom's Food Mission has worked tirelessly to reduce food waste and support individuals and families in need. We are incredibly proud of the positive impact we have made within our community, and we are deeply grateful to everyone—volunteers, donors, partners, and supporters—who has stood beside us on this journey.

While this chapter is coming to an end, the values and purpose behind Dom's Food Mission will live on through the many people we have supported and inspired. Thank you for believing in our mission and helping us make a difference.

Dom's Food Mission

Annual Accounts

for the period

1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025

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Hastings Voluntary Action
Jackson Hall
Portland Place
Hastings
East Sussex
TN34 1QN

**Organisational information for
Dom's Food Mission
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

Name of charity:	Dom's Food Mission
Legal form:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Registration Number:	1166918
Governing document:	CIO - Foundation Registered 04.05.2016
Address:	Jackson Hall Portland Place Hastings East Sussex TN34 1QN
Trustees:	Dominic Warren - Chair Joan Kilmartin - Treasurer Justine Fraser
Bankers:	HSBC, Hastings Branch
Independent Examiner:	Laura Dawson, Independent Examiner HVA, Jackson Hall, Portland Place, Hastings, TN34 1QN
Aims & Objectives	To Promote the conservation and protection of the environment For the public benefit by the promotion of recycling and the elimination of food waste.

Dom's Food Mission

Receipts & Payment accounts

for the period
01 April 2024 to **31 March 2025**

Current Year				Previous Year
	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds	Total Funds
<u>Receipts</u>				
Hire for Hall	-	1,077.50	1,077.50	1,840
Donations	-	3,640.00	3,640.00	27,098
Just Giving	-	507.52	507.52	4,142
Sponsor Donation	-	1,750.00	1,750.00	34,649
Blagrove Trust	-	-	-	-
Helping Hands Project	-	-	-	-
Lottery Grant	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	-	3,424.75	3,424.75	2,602
Stripe Income	-	10,192.74	10,192.74	13,726
Grants Received	-	600.00	600.00	820
Fundraising Activities	-	-	-	1,260
Kindness ambassador	-	-	-	706
Sale of Assets	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	-	-	-	25
TOTAL RECEIPTS	-	21,192.51	21,192.51	86,868
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Accounts	-	1,194.00	1,194.00	4,630
Advertising/Promotional	-	39.00	39.00	118
Bank Charges	-	30.00	30.00	73
Clothing	-	10.00	10.00	232
Computer Costs	-	-	-	-
DBS Checks	-	-	-	18
Equipment & Resources	-	-	-	-
Insurances	-	1,295.93	1,295.93	2,519
Internet	-	-	-	598
Office/General Admin Expenses	-	1,355.81	1,355.81	1,172
Phone Costs	-	2,758.99	2,758.99	2,733
Printing, Postage and Stationary	-	125.15	125.15	529
Training	-	-	-	-
Website	-	-	-	-
DFM Holiday Project	-	-	-	-
Fundraising/Project Expenses	-	770.24	770.24	876
Helping Hand Project	-	-	-	-
Total Motor Expenses	-	4,740.69	4,740.69	8,746
Total Payroll Costs	-	6,812.04	6,812.04	61,999
Total Premises Costs	-	3,730.32	3,730.32	9,578
Total Running Costs	-	3,837.95	3,837.95	3,944
Bookkepping	-	-	-	-
Interest Payable	-	-	-	304
Depreciation	-	2,473.00	2,473.00	6,082
Sundry Expenses	-	102.65	102.65	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	-	29,275.77	29,275.77	104,152
Net surplus/-deficit	0.00	-8,083.26	-8,083.26	- 17,284
Movement in funds			-	
Fund balances b/f 1/4/24	-	10,389.25	10,389.25	27,673
Fund balances c/f 31/3/25	-	2,305.99	2,305.99	10,389

Joan Kilmartin - Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Committee o Dom's Food Mission

I report on the accounts of Dom's Food Mission
for the twelve month period ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on the previous pages.

Respective responsibilities of committee & examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act), and that an independent examination is

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the supporting documentation presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, the following matters have come to my attention:

- Insufficient Physical evidence was produced to conduct an effective examination for a second consecutive year. This was mainly around the 3 Vans that had been purchased. the correct combined cost had been input into their Accounting Software but the physical paperwork was not available to verify the individual costs for each of the Vans. There has been a high turnover of staff responsible for the day to day financial management of the system and it appears that the paperwork has not been preserved during successive handovers. The second van has been sold in this financial year with the final van being disposed of in the next financial year. Support has been offered by HVA.



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Laura Dawson
Finance Manager
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Dated: 23/01/2026