



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2023

To 31st March 2024

Charity name: PANTRY CWMTAWE

Charity registration number: 1167724

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	PANTRY aims to alleviate distress and poverty by providing critical living items to individuals or families residing within the PANTRY area in a timely, confidential, and sensitive manner, and to draw attention to and challenge the root causes of poverty and hardship
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Provision of food and essential household items Provision of vouchers to assist with heating costs Publicising issues around hunger and poverty
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All the trustees have been provided with, and have read, the guidance, which has been discussed as an agenda item in the past year

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Financial grants are not made, as was incorrectly reported last year. Vouchers towards the cost of gas and electricity are offered to users during the coldest months
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The sums of money held in reserve are not suitable for planned investment. However, a significant amount of the reserves is held in the local credit union to offer some further support to local people
	Para 1.38	The entire work of the charity is undertaken by volunteers. There are no salaries or

Contribution made by volunteers		wages, and though there is a clear policy to pay legitimate expenses, no such claims have been made in the past twelve months
Other		PANTRY is fortunate that the Tabernacle Independent Chapel, Pontardawe, provides accommodation free of rent and heating bills. Our expenses include office equipment, telephones, and publicity. Almost 95% of expenditure continues to be on the direct provision to local people Vouchers to assist with the cost of heating bills were introduced in the winter of 2022-23 and has continued this year

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	PANTRY has been providing a service since 2014. Ten years on, we have seen demand for the service rise year on year. We do not have a standard pack of food but encourage service users to "shop" from a pick list of available items, endeavouring to provide enough food for the individual or family for a week. 1,979 people were provided with food sufficient for a week, a 25% increase in the number provided for in 2022-23

Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	A budget is set each year. There is always some uncertainty about this as we must make assumptions about donations and demand. It seeks to gauge demand for the twelve month period, noting the continuing trend of increasing use of the service, and makes assumptions about our expected income based on the experience of the previous year. The management committee reviews this at each meeting and reports quarterly to the trustees. This enables the charity to make judgements about further developments of the service and potential shortfalls
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives	Para 1.41	The local Town Council has committed a "safety net" of £5000 should demand outstrip donations. This has never been needed as the generosity of the local

set		community continues to provide amazing support. However, there are signs that this may not be sustained indefinitely. Should we be unable to ensure our long term financial ability to operate, our clear plan will be to announce an expected date of closure and use our reserves to fund the usual service until then. Statutory services, which will have been given notice of this, will then have to address the issues that arise
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable in our case
Other		Once again, the trustees are obliged to record here their concern that the years of economic austerity, cuts to local services, rising fuel bills and food inflation has hit those people who use our service hard. Services like ours can only offer short term solutions to the challenges more and more people face. Our risk assessment indicates that our service is sensitive to a potential fall in donations, an increase in demand, an inability to attract sufficient volunteers and, in particular, issues that may arise regarding our present accommodation

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Healthy, but reserves are lower than last year, and our finances remain sensitive to local donations and demand
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The year on year demand for services is currently increasing at a greater rate than our income from grants and donations. Our reserves allow us to have a planned exit strategy should funding levels fall or the present accommodation become unavailable
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Held in local Credit Union
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Our current reserves allow us to continue as at present for the coming financial year. This is kept under review by the trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Donations of food from the local community Local authority grants Donations of money from local businesses, including a nearby wind farm Charity events eg auctions and concerts
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	See above
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Demand outstripping income Possible loss of rent free accommodation Inability to maintain a sufficient pool of volunteers
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election by membership

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider		

network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	PANTRY CWMTAWE
Other name the charity uses	PANTRY Foodbank
Registered charity number	1167724
Charity's principal address	PANTRY Tabernacle Independent Chapel 14 Thomas St Pontardawe SA8 4HD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Steve Hayes	Chair		AGM
2	Mo Oliver	Treasurer		AGM
3	Sioned Williams			AGM
4	Colin Hughes			AGM
5	Anthony Richards			AGM
6	John Elwood	Secretary		AGM

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
n/a		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the	n/a

assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

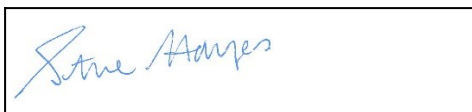
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Steve Hayes

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

11th December 2024

PANTRY end of year accounts 2023 - 2024

Income and Expenditure			
Income		Expenditure	
Donations	13127.29	Admin/stationery/postage	278.62
100 Club	3445.00	Food purchases & other	18104.
Credit Union	52.98	stock	28
Dividends	978.61	100 Club prizes and licence	1527.5
Collection boxes	1637.43	Energy vouchers	0
Fundraising	6800.00	Publicity/fundraising	7284.4
Grants	2366.91	Repairs and equipment	0
Gift Aid		Public Liability Insurance	391.98
		Credit Union fees	2204.5
		Miscellaneous	8
TOTAL Income	28408.42	TOTAL Expenditure	291.41
Excess spend	1734.20		22.50
over income	30142.62		37.35
TOTAL			30142
			.62
Balance Sheet as at 31.03.2023			
Balance brought forward		20481.66	
01.04.2022		<u>-1734.20</u>	
Less excess of expenditure over income		18747.46	
Balance as at 31.03.2023		9525.75	
<u>This balance made up of:</u>		8,376.91	

Lloyd's Bank Account	844.80
Credit Union Account	18747.46
Balance held by Charis	
	<u>2,000.00</u>
Assets	
Donated shares - Awel (Windfarm) (for which no dividend was received during the financial year)	

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