

Chair of Trustees: Nigel Currey
Treasurer: David Busfield
Co-ordinator : Cheryl Whitton



Annual report 1st April - 31st March 2020/2021

Report created by - Cheryl Whitton, Project Coordinator

Aim: To provide food parcels for people in short-term food crisis.
To end hunger and poverty in our community.

Our mission: By working and liaising with other Voluntary Services and Agencies to provide practical help with dignity whilst challenging injustice.

1,336 emergency food parcels were provided to local people from April 2020 to March 2021. These parcels provided food for **2096** adults and **1327** children making **3,423** people receiving food for a minimum of three days or at least **30,807** individual meals.

We have experienced fluctuating need throughout the last twelve months and believe this is due to

lack of access to local services, limited public transport, the introduction of pop-up foodbanks and other Covid support schemes. This has been a situation recognised throughout the Trussell Trust network, outside of major cities.



The Selby District community have constantly donated both financially and with food. Due to these donations, we have been able to support other local foodbanks in Knottingley, Sheffield and York, donating 5.4 tonnes of food. This is a practice commonly undertaken by Foodbanks with the Trussell Trust network. Historically we had been the recipient of

donations from others and it has felt good to be able to support those who have previously supported us. We have also continued to provide milk and cereals to local primary school, ensuring that no child goes without breakfast and to a local

homeless project. In total we have distributed 40.25 tonnes of food and other products.



We continue to share the Trussell Trust concerns around Universal Credit delays for new claimants. As a food bank we support new applicants whilst they await a new claim payment, ensuring people have access to food in the interim period which can take up to 5 weeks. Sadly, although Universal Credit was put in place to support the most vulnerable, often people accessing it find themselves in the most desperate situation.

At the end of July 2020, I was appointed as the new, part time, paid Project Coordinator, to enable the service to move forward following the death of our previous Project Coordinator Bark Barnett. We have continued to recruit new volunteers to ensure we meet the need of local people.

The past year has brought many challenges with almost 50 percent of our volunteers having to shield. We are hugely proud of the volunteer team who have continued to keep foodbank running throughout the pandemic. We have continually assessed, and risk managed the service and at times have adopted “an at the door” model and had much smaller working teams to adhere to social distancing guidelines. We are proud to have had no break in service.

We have continued to distribute food from the 1811 Building on New Lane in Selby whilst food packing and sorting continued at 30 New Lane. The operational and logistical challenges have put volunteers under significant strain, but they continued to show up, week after week with a true strength that epitomises the whole foodbank team spirit.



As we move forward, we are excited to develop a bigger and better permanent space at the 1811 building. We plan to create a new warehouse area and a welcoming client greeting space and office. Although our goal is to end the need for a foodbank in Selby & District, we will continue to support those in need for as long as there is need.

Crisis type

Crisis type	Vouchers	Adults	Children	Total
Benefit changes	77	131 54.58%	109 45.42%	240
Benefit delays	95	152 67.26%	74 32.74%	226
Child holiday meals	29	37 39.36%	57 60.64%	94
Debt	89	137 59.57%	93 40.43%	230
Delayed wages	6	7 63.64%	4 36.36%	11
Domestic violence	12	16 40%	24 60%	40
Homeless	75	108 92.31%	9 7.69%	117
Low income	784	1233 61.19%	782 38.81%	2015
No recourse to public funds	2	4 50%	4 50%	8
Other	94	139 60.17%	92 39.83%	231
Refused STBA	4	6 60%	4 40%	10
Sickness	69	126 62.69%	75 37.31%	201
Total	1366	2096	1327	3423

Household age groups

Age group	Number of people
Adults 17 - 24 years	341
Adults 25 - 64 years	1665
Adults over 65	80
Adults age unknown	10
Children 0-4 years	406
Children 5-11 years	599
Children 12-16 years	305
Children age unknown	17

Family size

Family size	Vouchers fulfilled	
Couple	188	14.07%
Family	301	22.53%
Other	110	8.23%
Single	449	33.61%
Single parent	288	21.56%
Total	1336	

Report of Chair of Trustees – Nigel Currey

As mentioned in the appendix to our Annual Report for 2019/20 and referred to above, Mark Barnett our Manager died on April 1st 2020 from Covid 19. However Mark was already aware that he was otherwise in poor health and responsibility was being transferred to a Management Team and this progressed throughout Dec 2019 to March 2020.

Despite the great loss to Foodbank, in practical terms the Team rose to the challenge and our service to clients continued unchanged. However the effects of Covid 19 were soon felt in other ways early in 2020/21.

Operation from 30 New Lane Selby was only practicable for a few weeks, despite our best efforts, maintaining Social Distancing and the security of our volunteers was not possible.

Selby Town Council when approached immediately offered free use of the ground floor of 1811 building in New Lane, some 150 metres away, with much more space. For the rest of this report year we have operated from two buildings, no. 30 New Lane used as storage and packing, 1811 as our Client interface; gradually we are moving to solely use 1811, with some other warehousing, not at 30 New Lane.

We advertised for a Volunteer Manager/Co-ordinator in May 2020 with no success, and the volunteer Management Team realised even then that asking someone to commit three days per weeks on a voluntary basis was impracticable; Foodbank had expended considerably since Mark Barnett took on the role in 2016.

As Cheryl has mentioned in her report, she was appointed as paid Co-ordinator on a 3 day per week, flexible hours basis, following a proper advertising and interview process. Under Cheryl's guidance the work of Foodbank has continued and has developed as far as is practicable with Covid 19 restrictions. Perhaps the major change for clients has been the move to almost 100% e-vouchers, which eliminates direct contact and reduces administration.

The work of Selby & District Foodbank was impacted during the whole year by the effect of Covid and also by provision of food resources to individuals through the Local Authority and pop-up "foodbanks" and as the latter did not require any referral document they became the preferred option to access food for some; we have no knowledge of how great this affected the number of clients accessing Selby Foodbank, but numbers reduced.

Trustees took the view that most of this alternative provision would be temporary and continued to pursue the lease of the 1811 building, which will need internal modifications from its previous use as a Selby College Learning Centre. (A 5 year lease was agreed with Selby Town Council in April 2021).

Financially Selby & District Foodbank has benefited during the year from some significant "one-off" donations and an increase in regular giving. In the early weeks following the death of Mark Barnett we received one donation of £10,000 in his memory and several others from individuals and groups which appear to have been donated for similar reasons.

Trustees are aware that our funds have built up during then year. We are conscious however that there will be considerable expenditure to make internal changes at 1811 once our lease is live; we now have the ongoing expenditure of a paid Co-coordinator and we need to provide for that in the longer term. In addition it is likely that as the expected after effects of Covid 19 become apparent we will have expenditure on food supplies to top up donations as we have done in previous years.

Taking into account all the issues we have faced, I feel the year's work is something of which we can be proud, although we all wish Foodbank provision was not required in our area. The Management structure beneath Trustees of Coordinator and Management Team supporting that role has served us well.

Nigel Currey

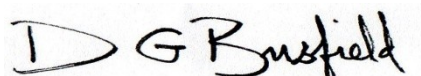
SELBY FOODBANK

Balance Statement 01.04.2020 - 31.03.2021

<u>OPENING BALANCE</u>	01.04.2020	23358.85	
<u>INCOME</u>			
Donations - general		72055.52	
Fund Raising		0.00	
Reserved Donations inc. ACTS 435		6401.70	
Grants		11500.00	
Standing Orders		5866.00	
Trussell Trust		856.93	
Refunds		0.00	
		96680.15	120039.00
<u>COMMITTED EXPENDITURE</u>			
Trussell Trust Fee		0.00	
Printing		0.00	
Supermarket Supplies		139.10	
Mobile Top-up		72.00	
Store Rental		2700.00	
Water & Sewerage		49.22	
Electricity		705.82	
Landline/Broadband		1101.14	
Insurance		219.52	
Stationery		0.00	
ACTS 435 expenses		25.00	
Voucher schemes		0.00	
Client clothing etc.		0.00	
Selby Self Storage		4534.80	
Partner Donations		0.00	
Miscellaneous		16777.87	
<u>TOTAL COMMITTED EXPENDITURE £</u>		26324.47	
<u>TOTAL £</u>		93714.53	
<u>CLOSING BANK BALANCE £</u>		93714.53	

There were no other assets or liabilities as at either 31st March 2020 or 31st March 2021

Statement prepared by: David Busfield (Treasurer)



date: 31/03/2021