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Key actions during 2024-25

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Reserves & Financial Status

Our reserves reflect our aim to maintain a level equal to one year's financial dependency including any planned and projected expansion of our offering that reflects the current and anticipated future demand. The financial position of the charity is briefly reviewed by the trustees at each meeting, as well as more formally annually.

Our financial status is increasingly challenging as costs continue to rise. The Foodbank's main sources of income are donations, grants from Trussell and other providers, and our partnership with Tesco who support our fund raising. The Foodbank does not own or lease any properties. Our activities are significantly supported with storage and distribution space being provided without charge by local churches. Our only assets are cash deposits and food stocks from collections and donations, computers for specific role-holders and our van, which is used to collect and transport our food stock to and from the collection points and distribution centres.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the annual report.

Signed on behalf of all the trustees:

Signature -M Calladine-----

Full name --Rev Matthew R M Calladine-----

Position ---Chair of Trustees-----

Date -----21st January 2026-----

Burnage Food Bank		1169272		CC16a	
Receipts and payments accounts					
For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025		

Section A Receipts and payme

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Donations	18,302		18,302	20,876
Grants	9,296		9,296	21,268
MMManchester Cou	2,098		2,098	3,383
Bank Interest	661		661	467
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		-	-	-
come for AR)	30,357	0	30,357	45,994
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	30,357	0	30,357	45,994
A3 Payments				
Food	5,498	-	5,498	10,266
Fees	1,360	-	1,360	1,685
Expenses	5,525	-	5,525	8,144
Donation Shelter	-	-	-	-
Post	-	-	-	-
/insurance	1026	-	1,026	1,014
Motor	-	-	-	368
Storage Rental	12,028	-	12,028	10,490
Wages	27,649	-	27,649	26,900
Sub total	53,086	0	53,086	58,867
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
tal payments	53,086	0	53,086	58,867
s/(payments)	-22,729	0	-22,729	-12,873
A5 Transfers b	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds	62,433		62,433	-
this year end	39,704	0	39,704	-12,873

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash fund	Bank Account - Current	3,704	0	
	Bank Account - Savings	36,000	0	
		-		-
	Total cash funds	39,704	0	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other mo	Food Stock, weight converted to value	10,000	-	
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investmer	Details	Fund to which asset bel	Cost (optional)	rrrent value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets re				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Details		to which liability r	nount due (option:	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
Signed by one of	Signature		Print Name		Date of approval
	WJOHNSON		William Johnson		10/01/2026

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