

Annual report to the Trustees 2023

The organisation that I manage today is very different to the one I inherited, mostly because of the significant increase in need.

This year our Chair of Trustees, Paul Fletcher retired having seen us through the transition to the new management. We are very grateful for his work, and I personally valued his support. We have been very fortunate that Anthony Clements, who had only just become a trustee was willing to be our Chair pro tem, while we recruit a fresh team of trustees. He has done an exemplary job and I offer him my thanks for his guidance and commitment this year.

Liz Andrews has also retired from the trustees this year at the end of her term and has also taking the opportunity to step back from the deputy manager role. She has also been an enormous help to me and source of wise counsel. I am delighted that she continues to lead sessions for us.

Otherwise, the management team continues the same, with one or two extra session leaders to help cover the increased hours of operation. I am very appreciative of all that this team of people do. It is a cliché but worth repeating, I could not do all this without them. I offer them my thanks.

This year has seen further huge increases in demand. We decided to open on an extra day from May, so we now send out food on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays. This has eased the pressure on Thursday, but it is still by far the busiest day of the week. We have continued to stay ahead of the curve, in that we have matched staffing to requests for food but as demand continues to grow, I am concerned for the future. I am keen that volunteers continue to enjoy their volunteering and have time to chat a little when they are on shift.

Last November we had 80 volunteers in the organisation, today we have 72 today. We have issued 1419 (21-22 1,238) vouchers over the year to 46 (40) organisations and I expect us to be over 4,500 (3,000) clients by the end of November, when the food bank year ends. This is an increase of 1500 people (50%) over last year. Last year saw an annual increase of 50% too. Of particular note is the huge increase in the number of children we are supporting, 84% up with a month to go.

We have continued to experience significant price inflation in our food shopping this year. It is a complex task identifying the best prices and seeking out stock as lines disappear from virtual shelves. Kate Hunt does this task diligently every week and she is very valuable in using our money wisely.

The impact of the war in Ukraine seems to have come to an end for Oxfordshire. We have one or two new families approaching us now – but most are now settled and if they do need help, we ask them to be referred like everyone else.

Over the year we have done the following administrative items

- Safeguarding: work has been done on our safeguarding policy and process. We have adopted our safeguarding policy as a group of trustees and most of our drivers will have attended training by the end of November. I am very grateful to Kate Hunt and Keith Tibbs for their time, expertise, and pragmatic approach to safeguarding in this organisation.
- We have introduced an electronic database for clients. This is the result of considerable work by Anya Ferguson. It is still settling in and adds to the session leaders' work. However, it has many benefits and hopefully will gradually become easier.

During the last two months we have trialled offering supermarket vouchers. This has been positively received by virtually all those offered them. One refused as he struggles to get to shops due to his issues with mobility, another was nervous of the process, but eventually 'gave it a go' and was glad to repeat the exercise, the following week. One or two have been ill and preferred a delivery of food. From the point of view of the food bank it means we have to pack and deliver many fewer bags of food. On a recent Thursday we sent food to 15 households (25 adults and 15 children) and a further 13 supermarket vouchers were issued, (30 adults and 33 children). If we had had to deliver to all those families, we would have had a real problem. Interestingly that Thursday (the one immediately before half term) was also the busiest day outside December in 2022. I've made a note for next year! We review this pilot at the February meeting.

As we look ahead, we must remember to be very grateful for the steady trickle of new, willing volunteers, the continuing financial support from so many, and the flow of food donations at a time when many food banks are desperate for any of these.

Alice Penney
November 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Wallingford Emergency Food Bank	No (if any) 1169402
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 10/1/2022	To	Period end date 9/30/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	64,996	-	-	64,996	43,190
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	64,996	-	-	64,996	43,190
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	69,664	3,800	-	73,464	51,667
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	69,664	3,800	-	73,464	51,667
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,668	- 3,800	-	- 8,468	- 8,477
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	45,217	3,800	-	49,017	57,494
Cash funds this year end	40,549	-	-	40,549	49,017

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	40,549	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		David M Tole	11/7/2023	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

WALLINGFORD EMERGENCY FOOD BANK

On accounts for the year
ended

30th September 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1169402

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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").

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.

Independent
examiner's statement

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:

Peter Neil Willers

Date:

25/7/24

Name:

PETER NEIL WILLERS

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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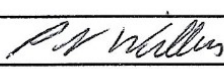
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	40,549	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
B5 Liabilities				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		David M Tole	07/11/2023
		PETER N WILLERS	25/7/2024