

Arnold Foodbank Trustees Annual Report for 2021/22

2021/22 continued the challenge set down for us by the Lockdown year of 2020. It was a year of transition as we tried to establish new routines and processes to meet the needs of our clients.

Our main aims have remained the same. To provide three days' worth of food for households that have been referred to us. Along with the rest of Trussell Trust Foodbanks, we have also been considering how we can move forward on our aim of helping our clients to access other forms of support to help them maximise their income and be more in control of their own finances. Having the dignity of making your own food choices, with your own money, will always be the best option.

It was with this in mind that, when Trussell Trust approached us to consider accessing their Financial Inclusion Grant Scheme, we were very keen to move forward with this option. This grant, and the support offered alongside it, created a Service Level Agreement with our local Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). We would be able to host an advisor at each of our sessions. The grant funding would cover the cost of the advisor and any expenditure associated with their presence, including extra room hire with the Church (our landlord). The aim would be to encourage clients, especially our most long-standing users, to be given the opportunity to have a check on their benefits, look out for grants and to encourage them to look at their budgets. Funding would also go towards a separate Debt Advisor to support those caught in that trap.

All with the aim of reducing and/or eliminating the need for Foodbank use.

For those who have become used to Foodbank as a social connection, we would encourage them to use other social outlets such as community meal programmes, like the Wednesday breakfast group that church runs along with other similar programmes that other local community groups organise.

Our accumulation of stock during 2020 continued to sustain us throughout 2021, with generous donations still coming in through Harvest, Christmas and weekly supermarket donations. Our financial status remains comfortable. We are constantly looking at how best to use donations for clients' benefit and making our position secure. It is with the latter in mind that we agreed to have firmer rental agreement with our landlord, the Church.

We have also set a budget to provide "hardship funds". This would be at the discretion of the manager but could include everything from bus fares, to aid transport home with a food parcel, to support with contributions towards household appliances.

In the Autumn we gathered with Trussell's area manager to look at strategic matters. Trustees and volunteers were invited to make contributions on how we move forward effectively. Some of the actions outlined already we outcomes of this meeting. We also agreed that we needed to find new talent on our trustee board. We particularly required a new Treasurer as our current, long-serving one was standing down. In addition, we needed more support from people with business experience. More sharing of the responsibilities of Trusteeship was essential as was more training for volunteers to gain confidence in their

role, ensuring they had full understanding of the work of Foodbank, their role in that work and being part, as they wanted, of moving forward in creating an organisation that looked for ways to reduce the need for its existence.

Despite this, our need remains constant. Although our overall number of vouchers fulfilled (2309 feeding 4676 people) was lower than 2020/21 (2725 vouchers) and 2019/20 (2717), it was above the pre-Covid 2018/19 year (2159).

We remain engaged with local organisations who refer to us, especially DWP, social services, schools, housing associations, local authorities and charity groups.

Our challenges for the coming year are to establish the Financial Inclusion Project with CAB, build up our Trusteeship and provide more training opportunities for volunteers.

Helen Lloyd

(Chair of Trustees)

CASHBOOK BALANCE

Receipts and Payments. Y/E 31/03/2022

RECEIPTS

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS	27,543	
SUPERMARKETS	5,107	
DONATIONS – CHURCHES	4,455	
JUST GIVING	12,518	
CAF CHARITY	2,050	
DONATIONS – ORGANISATIONS / SCHOOLS		
COUNCILLORS & GBC,NOTTS.CC	1,440	
FUNDRAISERS	5,429	
DONATION VIA legac	2,750	
GIFT AID	3,666	
TRUSSELL TRUST	360	
DONATION - COMPANY / BUSINESS	4,310	
TOGETHER FOR CHANGE	42,349	-
INTEREST	189	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	112,166	-

PAYMENTS

HARDSHIP FUND	113	-
SALARY	15,109	-
CAPITAL ITEMS	1,095	
ADVERTISEMENT / PROMOTION	588	
STATIONERY / STAMPS / PRINTER INK	405	
MISC. COSTS	334	
PHONE	214	
DAYBROOK BAPTIST – DONATIONS	1,500	
TRUSSELL TRUST FEES		
INSURANCE	304	
HOSPITALITY	458	
FOODSTOCK	723	-
CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS	350	-
CORONAVIRUS	371	
GIFT VOUCHERS - FOOD	1,190	
MEAT VOUCHERS	150	-
BANK CHARGES / JUST GIVING	447	
CASH TIN	150	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	23,501	-
CASH CARRIED FORWARD 01/04/2021	115,632	
NET MOVEMENT	88,665	
CASH FUNDS AT 31/03/2022	204,297	

Receipts and Payments Accounts Notes

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
HSBC BANK CURRENT ACCOUNT	36,597	52,513	89,110
HSBC BANK DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	30,003	0	30,003
MANSFIELD BUILDING SOCIETY	85,184	0	85,184
FLOAT	150	0	150
TOTAL FUNDS - AS AT 31/03/2022	151,934	52,513	204,447

RESTRICTED FUNDS

COVID	9,595
TRAINING	461
CO - OP PROJECTS	4,662
FINANCIAL INCLUSION	37,495
VOLUNTEERS - CELEBRATON	300
	52,513

EXPENDITURE

Gift Aid Tokens - Paid by GBC	1,190
Salaries (Manager and Assistant)	15,109
Daybrook Baptist Church - Rent	1,000
Daybrook Baptist Church - Utility	500
Printer	81
Laptop - for Helen Lloyd use	350
Cupboards x 2	240
Trolleys x 12	199
Dehumidifier	225
Settee	140
Electrical Points	210
Roller Banner	99
Claimants Meal	280
SCREENS	420
BANK CHARGES	447
FOOD COST	724
INSURANCE	303
Non itemised costs - Under £50	1,984
	23,501

Arnold Foodbank Charitable Trust

Registered Charity 1170229

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination that give me reasonable cause to believe that:

- Accounting records have not been kept as required by section 130 of the Charities Act
- or
- The accounts do not accord with these records
- or
- The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts as set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination

I would, however, like to document the following comments:

- Until partially through the year, it appears that the Centre Manager was preparing and calculating her own salary. Whilst I can see no errors in her calculations, it is not considered "good practice" and I am please to see that this is no longer the case.
- Whilst looking at the salaries I can see no evidence that the Charity has looked at claiming an Employers Allowance available from HMRC – currently this year small businesses and charities are able to claim up to £5,000 against their Employers National Insurance. If this hasn't already been considered / applied for, I would suggest that this may be beneficial to you.



Lesley Fairclough BSc

21st June 2022