



# YIEWSLEY & WEST DRAYTON FOODBANK ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED: 5 APRIL 2024





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**4574**

people supplied with three-day  
emergency food April 23 - March 24



**THREE**

Our three foodbank distribution  
centres are open for food parcel  
collections



**100%**

Increase in demand across foodbanks  
in our network since 2020

# **Report of the trustees for year ending 5 April 2024**

**6 April 2023 – 5 April 2024**

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS**

Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank present their annual report and audited accounts for the year ended 5 April 2024. We confirm that we have complied with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the trust deed.

Our charity functions under a Declaration of Trust dated 9 January 2017 and a scheme which was sealed by the Charity Commissions for England and Wales on 16 January 2017 which included the regulations for appointment of trustees.

**Charity Name:** Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank

**Registered Charity Number:** 1171141

**Charity's Principal Address:** St Matthew's Church, High Street, Yiewsley, Middlesex UB7 7QH



### **Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the charity:**

1. Mrs Diane Faichney
2. Mr Robert Charrington
3. Mrs Doris Hughes
4. Mrs Louise Young
5. Miss Petrina Raby



**Trustee Chair and Management Committee Chair:** Mrs Diane Faichney

**Management Committee:** Mrs Julia Bennett and Charity Trustees

**Foodbank Manager:** Ms Marianna Bahlay

**Secretary:** Mrs Doris Hughes

**Administrator:** Ms Fiona Blaney

**Accounts:** Mrs Ann Gaffney (until June 2023) Ms Julie Churchyard (fr. July 2023 onwards)

**Auditor:** Mr Lee Mathers

**Warehouse Address (storage):** Space Station, 200 Horton Road, Uxbridge UB7 8HX

**Distribution Centres:**

1. St Matthew's Church, High Street, Yiewsley, Middlesex UB7 7QH
2. Bell Farm Church, South Road, West Drayton UB7 9LW
3. Crown Church at The Living Room, High Street, Cowley, Uxbridge UB8 2DZ

St Matthew's Church

COLLECTION AT FOODBANK ONLY - closed Good Friday and Easter Monday

07462 097357

OPENING TIMES

ADDRESS

Mon 14:00 - 16:00

Tue Closed

Wed Closed

Thu Closed

Fri 12:00 - 14:00

Sat Closed

Sun Closed

St Matthew's Church

Centre

High Street

Yiewsley

UB7 7QH

Bell Farm Christian Centre

COLLECTION AT FOODBANK ONLY - Closed Tuesday 2 April

01895 444406

OPENING TIMES

ADDRESS

Mon Closed

Tue 10:00 - 13:00

Wed Closed

Thu 10:00 - 13:00

Fri Closed

Sat Closed

Sun Closed

Bell Farm Christian

Centre

South Road

West Drayton

UB7 9LW

Crown Church at The Living Room

COLLECTION AT FOODBANK ONLY

01895 233466

OPENING TIMES

ADDRESS

Mon Closed

Tue Closed

Wed 10:00 - 12:00

Thu Closed

Fri Closed

Sat Closed

Sun Closed

The Living Room

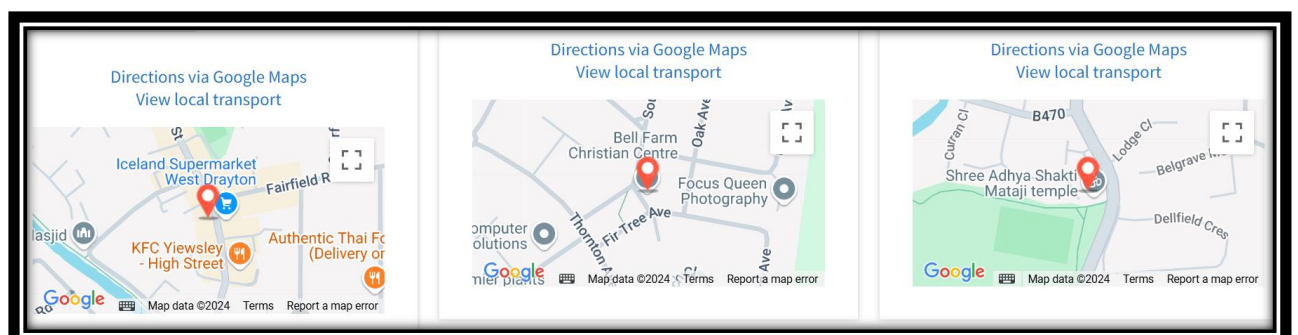
High Street

Cowley

Uxbridge

Middlesex

UB8 2DZ



**Type of governing document:** Constitution adopted on 9 January 2017

**How the charity is constituted:** CIO Association Constitution

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Our Aims and Purposes

Our charity's purposes as set out in the objects contained in the constitution are:

the prevention or relief of poverty in Yiewsley, West Drayton and the Heathrow Villages in particular and the surrounding area but not exclusively by providing emergency food supplies, support and advice, to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty. And where individuals wish or desire, share the Christian faith in a sensitive and appropriate manner.

### Objectives and Activities

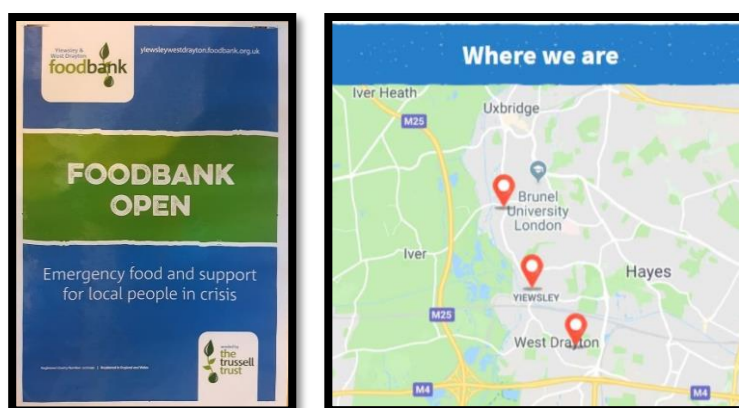
Our main objective for the year is to continue to be committed to relieving persons in Yiewsley, West Drayton and the Heathrow Villages facing poverty and financial hardship in such ways as the trustees see fit, in particular, but not exclusively, by providing three days' nutritionally-balanced emergency food and support to individuals and families, and by collaborating with other charities, agencies and organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

### Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We intend on reviewing our aims, objectives, and activities on an annual basis. The review focuses on what we have achieved and the outcomes of our work from 6 April 2023 to 5 April 2024. This review examines the success of the charity's main activities and the benefits they have brought to those we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes.

### Who used and benefitted from our service?

Our objects limit us to provide services to members of the community in Yiewsley, West Drayton and the Heathrow Villages and the surrounding area. These areas have some of the United Kingdom's most impoverished communities. The number of people accessing the foodbank is estimated at more than **4,601** from 6 April 2023 to 5 April 2024.



### How our activities deliver public benefit

Our main activities and who we try to help are described below. All our charitable activities focus on the prevention or relief of poverty in Yiewsley, West Drayton and the Heathrow Villages, and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

The core process for providing emergency food and support is churches, businesses and general members of the public donating non-perishable, in-date food to the foodbank. Food has also been collected at 'Supermarket Collections'. Volunteers have then organised the food to check that it's in date and pack it into boxes ready to be given to people in need.

Our vision is for 'more than food' – offering emergency food parcels but also a range of other services to help those in need, to address the underlying causes of poverty and hunger. The foodbank works with frontline agencies, such as Doorway Advice Information and Care Service (Doorway), who hold vouchers, which are used to refer people that they assess as facing financial crisis.

### **Foodbank in Action at St Matthew's Church**



## ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

### 1. Helping Local People in Need

The benefit of our purpose to support people in need is to feed individuals and families who for one reason or another may have difficulty in feeding themselves and/or their family. Our service improves the ability of families to care for children and achieve goals of being self-sufficient.

We've provided ongoing support to clients through one-to-one contact, assessing their needs and sign posting to other agencies or organisations who can address underlying issues of their poverty. We've been able to do this by working alongside the Doorway service which operates primarily at the Bell Farm Christian Centre and St Matthew's Church. We also have a distribution centre at Crown Church.





## Foodbank in Action at Bell Farm Christian Centre

The clients who've accessed the foodbank have been referred to an agency – with the vast majority being referred to the Doorway service a project run by Bell farm Christian Centre. As a result, underlying issues affecting the clients and their financial situation were identified including homelessness, debt, loss of employment, low or delayed payment of wages, break-up of a family, delays or changes to benefits, asylum seekers etc. Amongst those referred benefits checks were carried out for clients, this led to resuming or applying for benefits. Advice was given to clients in debt to reduce payments to an affordable level and assistance provided to budget. There are several individuals in the community who has been supported to get them off the streets, to help bring their homelessness to an end. Support has also been given to many asylum seekers by providing food as they're only receiving NASS money, help is also given to progress their immigration case. As the underlying issues were addressed the need to access the foodbank stopped and clients were more easily able to manage their circumstances.



**Doorway**  
Advice, Information and  
Care Services

  
BELL FARM  
Christian Centre

Do you need help with things like...

  
HOUSING

  
FORMS

  
DEBT  
DEBT  
ADVICE

  
BENEFITS

Drop in or call for free, confidential service:

<b>St Matthews Church</b>	<b>Bell's Farm Christian Centre</b>
Monday 2 - 4pm Friday 12 - 2pm	Tuesday 10 - 1pm Thursday 10 - 1pm
93 High St, West Drayton UB7 7QH Phone: 01895 444042	South Rd, West Drayton UB7 9LW Phone: 01895 444406



## 2. Caring for Our Community

Clients struggling with issues such as benefit changes and delays, low income, debt, lack of housing, poor health and unemployment are worked on an individual basis. Their needs and housing circumstances are assessed to signpost them to other services available. This provides a holistic approach including providing hot drinks, food, and showers where available.

Clients were given food to support them through their difficult situations while at the same time referred to other agencies. Many were referred to Doorway where support and help was given to help clients out of their situation. Doorway recorded the impact on the mental health and well-being of the clients by completing questionnaires with the service users. An overwhelming amount of the clients referred stated that their feeling and anxiety levels were reduced due to the support and help provided which had an impact on their mental health and well-being.

Foodbank Centre Summary for 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024 are as follows:

(previous data from 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023)

Foodbank Centre	No. Vouchers fulfilled	Adults	Children	Total
Bell Farm Christian Centre	530 (21.71%) 449 (22.64%)	701 (22.3%) 627 (23.72%)	399 (27.39%) 354 (24.55%)	1100 (23.91%) 981 (24.01%)
Crown Church at the Living Room	355 (14.54%) 288 (14.52%)	446 (14.19%) 385 (14.57%)	185 (12.7%) 214 (14.84%)	631 (13.71%) 599 (14.66%)
St Matthew's Church	1556 (63.74%) 1246 (62.83%)	1997 (63.52%) 1631 (61.71%)	873 (59.92%) 874 (60.61%)	2870 (62.38%) 2505 (61.32%)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2441</b> <b>1983</b>	<b>2643</b> <b>3144</b>	<b>1457</b> <b>1442</b>	<b>4601</b> <b>4085</b>

The foodbank distribution centres are trained to give only one voucher per client and signpost clients to Referral Agents for all subsequent vouchers. However, some clients may return to the foodbank without a voucher. Rather than issue them with a second or subsequent voucher from the foodbank, they should be getting further vouchers from an agency who is working to make a change in their circumstances such as Doorway.

To summarise the previous figures:

From **April 2022 to March 2023**, the foodbank redeemed **1,983 vouchers**, which shows not only an increase in the number of vouchers redeemed but also a significant increase to **4,085** in the amount of people using the foodbank.

Whereas from **April 2023 to March 2024**, the foodbank redeemed **2,441 vouchers**, which shows not only an increase in the number of vouchers redeemed from the previous year but also a significant increase to **4,601** in the amount of people using the foodbank. So, there had been **458 more vouchers redeemed** in comparison to the previous financial year. Overall, there had been a significant increase in three-day emergency food supplied given to people in the 2023-2024 financial year by Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank.

Volunteers do not send them away without any food, so we supply a smaller amount of food to enable them to go to a Referral Agency the next day and then return with a voucher. We record this on a white slip and weigh-out any food provided to ensure our records are correct.

In addition, the foodbank keeps a separate record of client names using a database to avoid abuse of this. The white slips represent a visit to the foodbank by a client and we have, therefore, included them in these figures below for your information.

Vouchers by type for 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024 are as follows:

(previous data from 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023)

<b>Foodbank Centre</b>	<b>Red vouchers</b>	<b>E-vouchers</b>	<b>Code only vouchers</b>	<b>EFB vouchers</b>
Bell Farm Christian Centre	73 63	457 386	0 0	0 0
Crown Church at the Living Room	4 1	351 287	0 0	0 0
St Matthew's Church	56 208	1500 1038	0 0	0 0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>133</b> <b>272</b>	<b>2308</b> <b>1711</b>	<b>0</b> <b>0</b>	<b>0</b> <b>0</b>

Primary reasons for needing more than 3 vouchers in the last 6 months for Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank 4 April 2023 – 3 April 2024 are as follows:

Showing data for all food bank centres <a href="#">Export to CSV</a>				
Reason for needing more than 3 vouchers in the last 6 months	No. of vouchers fulfilled	No. of parcels distributed to		
		Adults	Children	Total
Awaiting first benefit payment	8	9	3	12
Benefit delay or sanction	22	30	14	44
Debt	69	83	28	111
Domestic abuse	25	29	35	64
Drug or alcohol dependency	47	48	0	48
Homelessness	46	50	20	70
Long term health condition	174	217	12	229
Long term unemployment	37	47	16	63
No access to financial support due to immigration status	139	197	114	311
Other - low income	532	667	249	916
Other	29	34	40	74
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1128</b>	<b>1411</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>1942</b>





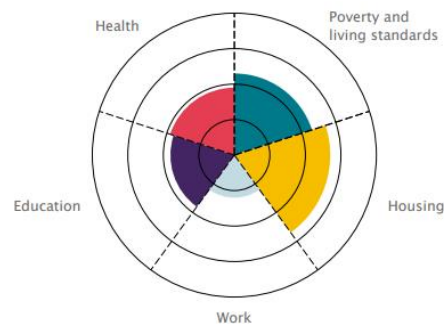
## Hillingdon Statistics on Poverty

# Hillingdon

London's Poverty Profile provides evidence on and insight into poverty and inequality in London. It shines a light on these issues to prompt action from local and national government, the third sector, faith groups, practitioners, experts, businesses, the public and indeed anyone who cares about making London a fairer city to live in.

This factsheet draws together insights specifically for Hillingdon from the wider set of indicators published in London's Poverty Profile.

For details of the data sources and methods used please see <https://trustforlondon.org.uk/data/boroughs/overview-of-london-boroughs/>

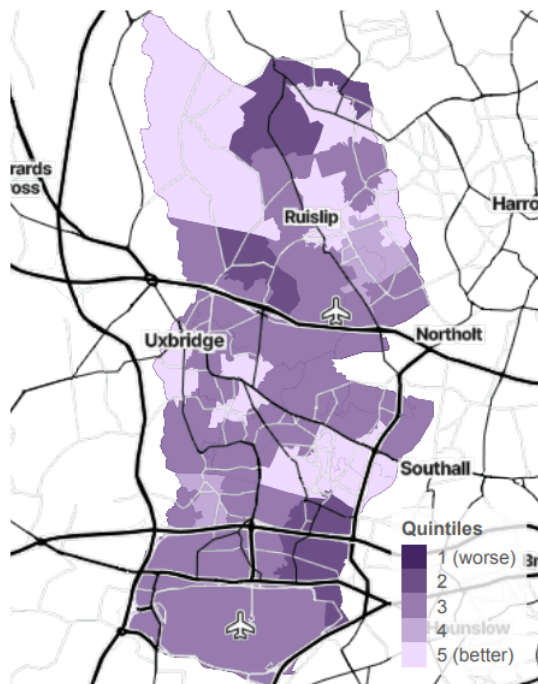


The chart above summarises the boroughs' indicators across each of our themes. The center represents worse performance, outer rings better

### Key Points

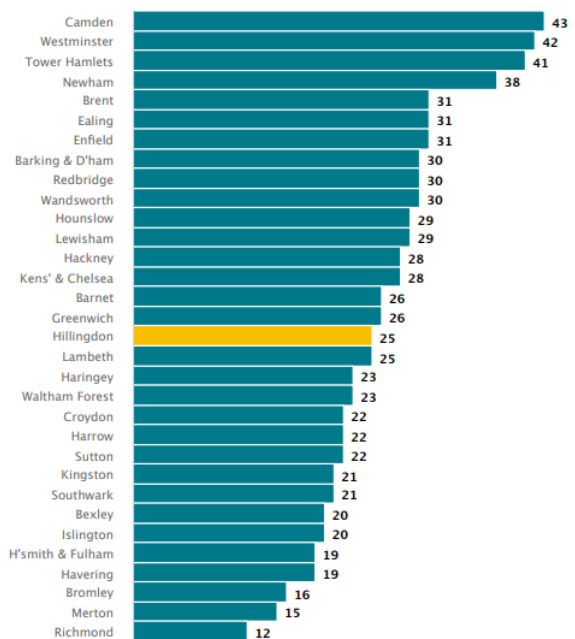
- In 2022/23, 25% of people in the borough lived in households with an income of less than 60% the UK median after housing costs have been subtracted. This was around the same as the average London Borough.
- 30% of children in the borough lived in households with an income of less than 60% the UK median after housing costs have been subtracted in 2022/23. This was around the same as the average London Borough.
- In Hillingdon, 17.8% of residents were estimated to be earning below the Living Wage in 2023. This was around the same as the average London Borough.
- Average rent for a one-bedroom house or flat on the private market was at least 36.5 percent of median pre-tax pay in London in October 2022 to September 2023. This was around the same as the average London Borough.
- There were 9.68 households per 1,000 in temporary accommodation in 2024 Q1, around the same as the average London Borough.
- Infant mortality rates per 1,000 live births in Hillingdon were worse than the average London Borough at 5.4 in 2022
- The unemployment rate for 2024 Q1 was 6.8% in Hillingdon, worse than the average London Borough.

### Income estimates 2020



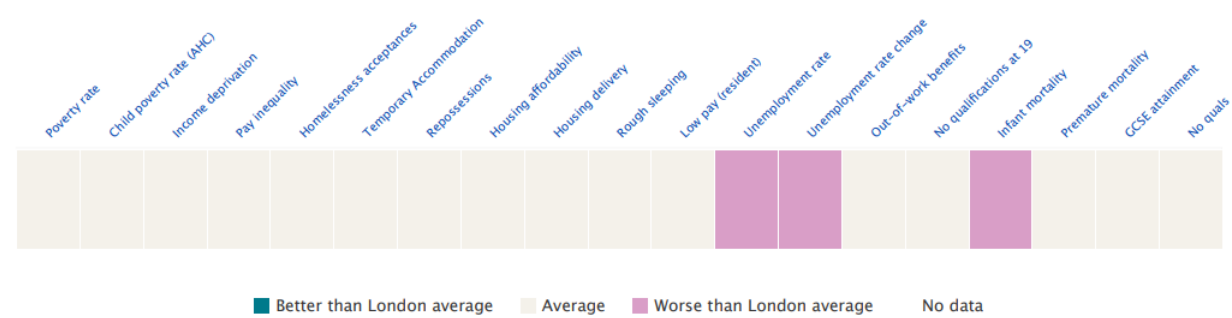
Source: MSAO Income estimates 2020, ONS

### Poverty rate 2022/2023



Source: Households below average income 5 year averages to 2021/2022, DWP

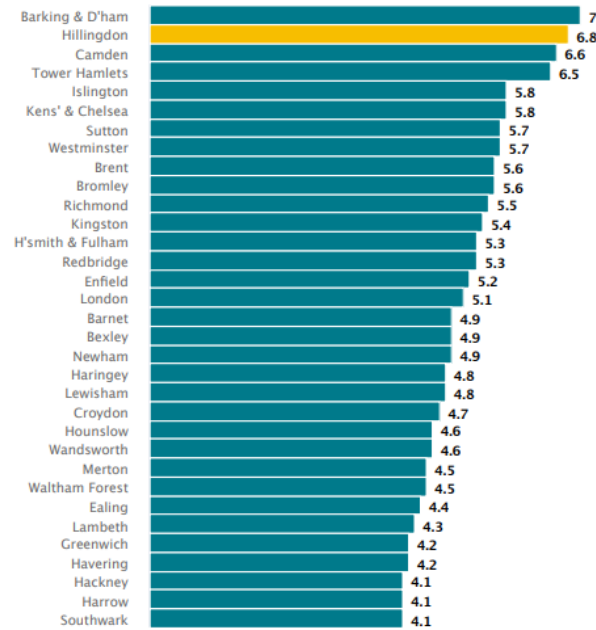
Hillingdon ratings across key indicators



Looking across all the indicators collected at Borough level for the London Poverty Profile, Hillingdon did worst for Unemployment rate by London borough, and best for Rent for a one bedroom dwelling as a percentage of gross pay by London borough.

Worse for:

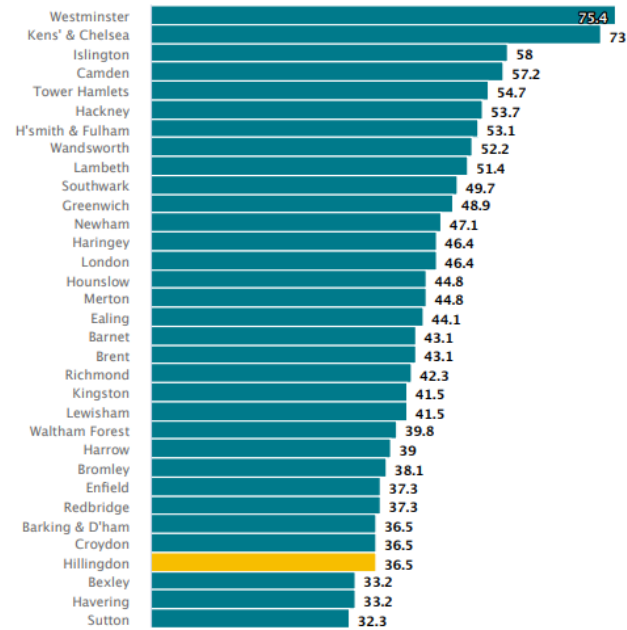
Unemployment rate  
2024 Q1



Source: Model-based estimates of unemployment, via NOMIS, ONS

Better for:

Median rent as a percentage of median pay  
October 2022 to September 2023



Source: Private rental market statistics (October 2022 to September 2023), ONS and Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (2023), ONS via NOMIS

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<sup>1</sup> [https://trustforlondon.org.uk/data/boroughs/hillingdon-poverty-and-inequality-indicators/?comparator=london-plan-area&gad\\_source=1&gclid=EAlaIqobChMike2Q0evAiQMVRjtQBh04PTTrEAAAYASAAEgIC5vD\\_BwE](https://trustforlondon.org.uk/data/boroughs/hillingdon-poverty-and-inequality-indicators/?comparator=london-plan-area&gad_source=1&gclid=EAlaIqobChMike2Q0evAiQMVRjtQBh04PTTrEAAAYASAAEgIC5vD_BwE)



## National Foodbank Statistics

**More than half a million emergency parcels were distributed for children, an 11% increase compared to last year.**

Over the last six months, 320,000 people have had to turn to food banks in the Trussell community for the first time.

Sixty-five percent of all the parcels provided between April and September this year were for families with children.

Low incomes especially from social security, health conditions and issues with social security payments such as delays or sanctions were the main reasons people were left with no option but to turn to a food bank for help.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.trussell.org.uk/news-and-research/latest-stats/mid-year-stats>

# End of year stats

More than 3.1 million emergency food parcels were distributed by Trussell's community of food banks in the past 12 months – the most parcels ever distributed in a year and nearly double the number compared to five years ago.

**3.1**  
million  
emergency food  
parcels

**94%**  
increase over the  
past five years

**1.1**  
million  
emergency food  
parcels provided  
for children

## Key stats

Between April 2023 and March 2024, the number of people that used a food bank for the first time was 655,000.

Table 3: Reasons for referral for people supported by food banks in the Trussell Trust network.

Reason for referral	% of referrals with reason selected
Income or debt	71%
Health	22%
Issue with benefits	18%
Change in work hours or unemployment	8%
Insecure housing	7%
Change in personal circumstances	5%
Immigration status	5%
Domestic abuse	2%

*This data was multiple choice – referral partners could select up to four responses. Data has been recoded to combine categories.*



**Table 4: Reason for referral amongst different households**

Reason for referral	One or more children		Three or more children		One or more pension aged person	
	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Income or debt</b>	68%	76%	70%	78%	71%	77%
<b>Health</b>	26%	16%	23%	14%	22%	28%
<b>Issue with benefits</b>	20%	15%	18%	15%	18%	12%
<b>Change in work hours or unemployment</b>	7%	9%	8%	8%	8%	4%
<b>Insecure housing</b>	9%	4%	7%	3%	7%	3%
<b>Change in personal circumstances</b>	4%	6%	5%	7%	5%	4%
<b>Immigration status</b>	4%	6%	5%	6%	5%	2%
<b>Domestic abuse</b>	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%	1%

Across all households the most common reason for referral was due to issues with income and debt levels. The vital role of the social security system in driving these trends is clear from the fact that the majority (78%) of people referred to food banks were reported to solely have income from the social security system, with a further 8% having earned income as well as income from social security.

**Table 5: Source of income for people referred to food banks in the Trussell Trust network**

Source of income	% of referrals
<b>Benefits, not earning</b>	78%
<b>Earnings and benefits</b>	8%
<b>Earning, no benefits</b>	4%
<b>No income or insufficient access to it</b>	10%

**Table 6: Reason for referral amongst households with different income sources**

Reason for referral	Source of income			
	Benefits, not earning	Earning and benefits	Earning, no benefits	No income or insufficient access to it
<b>Income or debt</b>	75%	82%	75%	38%
<b>Health</b>	24%	19%	17%	14%
<b>Issue with benefits</b>	18%	14%	11%	21%
<b>Change in work hours or unemployment</b>	6%	19%	17%	11%
<b>Insecure housing</b>	7%	4%	5%	9%
<b>Change in personal circumstances</b>	5%	6%	6%	5%
<b>Immigration status</b>	1%	<1%	9%	38%
<b>Domestic abuse</b>	2%	2%	2%	3%

**Table 7: Impact of the Cost of Living Payment Autumn 2023**

Question	A great deal/A fair amount	Just a little/Not at all
Improved current financial situation	29%	68%
Prevented you from falling into arrears on bills	34%	61%
Prevented from needing to borrow money to get by	41%	53%
Improved current ability to afford essentials	40%	56%

**Table 8: Income comparison between people with prior experience of using a food bank and people who used food bank for the first time in 2023/24**

Source of income	First Time referral	People returning to a food bank
Benefits, not earning	70%	80%
Earning and benefits	9%	7%
Earning, no benefits	6%	4%
No income or insufficient access to it	16%	9%

**Table 9: Reason for referral comparison between people with prior experience of using a food bank and people who used food bank for the first time in 2023/24**

Reasons for referral	First Time referral	People returning to a food bank
Income or debt	65%	73%
Health	21%	22%
Issues with benefits	22%	16%
Change in work hours or unemployment	10%	7%
Insecure housing	10%	6%
Change in Personal Circumstances	8%	4%
No access to financial support due to Immigration status	6%	4%
Domestic abuse	4%	2%

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.trussell.org.uk/news-and-research/latest-stats/end-of-year-stats>

### 3. Working with the Local Community

Our charity provides a minimum of three days emergency food and support to members of the community. We've been able to do this by working together with commercial businesses some of which are based near our community. We've managed to maintain a good relationship with these businesses, and further support provided from their staff members.

There are several supermarkets in Hillingdon that has collected food and non-food items from their customers to donate to the foodbank. We've continued to collaborate with ASDA in Hayes where we've collected both food and non-food items to donate to the foodbank. We've also continued to collaborate with our local Tesco Superstore in Yiewsley where customers can leave food and non-food items in a designated area for the foodbank to collect and provide at the distribution centres. We have also held Tesco Collection Weekends which has been well supported by customers. The volunteers had the opportunity to speak with customers and promote the work of the foodbank. We also continue to communicate and work well with staff members from the supermarkets to make this possible.

Continental Tyres have kindly made monetary donations towards our charity. Generous donations were also made to the foodbank from Unite Union Ruislip and Unite Union Air Traffic. In addition, Pepsi at Reading kindly donated stock to the foodbank.

We'd like to say thank you to St Matthew's Church, Bell Farm Christian Centre, Crown Church, and Yiewsley Methodist Church for their contributions. The Rotary Club, Eyewise Opticians, John Penniford, Shop on Iver through the Make a Difference Locally team, and Team Feed for Baby Milk have also provided generous donations. We are always so grateful to our donors for their kindness. The local community continue to provide ongoing support to the foodbank. We are grateful to the local community for their kindness and generosity. We're also grateful for the regular donations online as well as direct donations.

In addition, we were also able to obtain top-up grants from the Trussel Trust via Tesco and Asda donations. We also obtained a grant from the London Borough of Hillingdon.



### Fundraising

Fundraising is vital to helping sustain us as a charity and we've been able to raise funds from several sources. We've received donations from individuals, local churches, local businesses and corporate businesses. We'd also like to say thank you to Space Station for its continuing support and generous contributions to the foodbank.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

In 2023/24, the Trussell Trust's foodbank network distributed almost 3.1 million food parcels to people in crisis – more than ever before in its history with a 94% increase over the past 5 years. Statistics produced from Trussell Trust shows an upward trajectory of foodbank referrals mostly due to low incomes. Also, out of almost 3.1 million food parcels given to people across the UK, 1.1 million went to children. There is a growing number of children who are growing up hungry and are unable to receive a proper daily meal.

Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank plans continuing the activities outlined above in the forthcoming future subject to satisfactory funding arrangements. Plans are also being developed to further the following:

- Continue for the foodbank to be advertised in local community groups to promote and spread awareness
- Continue to advertise the foodbank online, social media, newsletter, leaflets, flyers and large posters in prominent areas such as community boards
- Seek further voucher holders within the relevant areas
- Continue with fundraising
- Apply for funding

Cost of living in the United Kingdom continues to be at an all-time high, with many people struggling to cover their household costs and some even slipping into poverty. People have had to choose between paying their bills or paying for groceries due to the cost-of-living crisis. This continues to be many people's realities and although there is a new government in power, it does not appear that this will be resolved anytime soon. Therefore, it is anticipated that the number of clients seeking help from the foodbank will continue to significantly rise over the next financial year as a result.



## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The organisational structure used for achieving this is a foodbank, based on The Trussell Trust model.

The legal governance and compliances of the foodbank is the responsibility of the trustees who meet regularly. Face to face meetings have now resumed. The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees. In selecting new trustees, we seek to identify people who have the desired skills, knowledge and experience which can contribute to the successful running of the charity. We've selected a diverse range of dedicated and committed individuals who are willing to bring together their abilities and talents. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or any other kind of benefits.

After being appointed, new trustees are introduced to their role and given copies of the constitution – as well as a guide to their responsibilities and the procedures adopted by our charity. Several publications from the Charity Commission are also provided including guidance on charities and public benefit. This ensures that all trustees including the new trustees are aware of the scope of their responsibilities under the Charities Act 2011.

All policy issues are discussed among the trustees before making a decision and relevant available data is used to ensure informed decisions are made. Notably the trustees have access to the foodbank data collection system, which enables them to monitor the utilisation by the public to gauge and measure the success accordingly.

### **Management Committee**

Regular management meetings take place which the trustees also attend. Face to face meetings have now resumed here are also. The management committee also deals with various aspects of planning for services the foodbank provides to its clients. Mrs Julia Bennett and the trustees are members of the management committee. All members of the management committee give their time voluntarily and receive no other kind of benefits from the charity.

### **Foodbank Manager**

Ms Marianna Bahlay has continued as the manager for Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank. Her role involves the day to day running of the foodbank and overseeing all volunteers. She also liaises with voucher holders, agencies and the Trussell Trust including the recruitment of more voucher holders. Responsibilities also include collecting data and raising awareness of the foodbank including publicity. This information is communicated to the trustees using monitoring forms and providing updates at management committee meetings. The process of providing emergency food and support is overseen by the manager. Marianna also works with frontline agencies, such as Doorway, who hold vouchers, which are used to refer people that they assess as facing financial crisis.

We want to thank Marianna for all her hard work and dedication as she continues to work tirelessly on the behalf of the foodbank.

### Volunteers

The foodbank is very involved in the community and relies on voluntary help. Volunteers are often, but not exclusively, drawn from local churches and the local community. That provision of support is guided by Christian values of inclusion, compassion, and concern for social justice, ensuring consistent service for all clients. Volunteers assist at the food collection points and store food in the warehouse. Volunteers meet and greet clients who come into the foodbank. The volunteers also make clients refreshments and generally make them feel at ease. In addition, they also refer clients who attend the foodbank to agencies.

Prospective volunteers need to complete a simple application form which is then followed by an informal interview and checking references. Once a volunteer is selected then some training and an induction is carried out.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make the foodbank run efficiently and competently. We also would like to thank Mr Lee Mathers for auditing our accounts and all the other contributors to the foodbank for their valuable contributions to our charity and for keeping the foodbank running. In addition, we would like to thank Doorway Advice a project of Bell Farm Christian Centre, Bell Farm Christian Centre, St Martins Church, Yiewsley Methodist Church, St Matthews Church, Crown Church, Ms Fiona Blaney, and Mr David Smedley of Space Station.

### **Foodbank Trustees & Foodbank Manager**



To show our appreciation of their hard work and dedication we'd like to take this opportunity thank each volunteer for their grit, commitment, and sacrifice. The foodbank would not have been able to keep running without you.

To demonstrate how grateful we are for our volunteer's time and effort, we make it an annual occasion to personally thank each of them and give them a commendation certificate at our Annual General Meeting.



Thank  
you

## Risk management

Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and has reviewed those risks. We have systems and procedures in place to manage those risks. The trustees are satisfied that systems are in place, or arrangements are in hand, to manage the risks that have been identified. Insurance cover is in place and all relevant persons have undertaken safeguarding and first aid training. As there should be no reason for anyone to be alone with a vulnerable person or child there is no need for Criminal Records Bureau checks to be carried out at this stage.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### Main Sources of Funding

The main sources of funding for the charity came from grants and generous donations from the local community along with local businesses. As a result of increasing constraints on local authority expenditure, the charity must seek funding from a much broader group of agencies, however ongoing funding is being sought.

Generous donations have been provided from several donors some of which are Yiewsley Methodist Church, Bell Farm Christian Centre, Crown Church, and St Matthew's Church. Bell Farm Christian Centre also has the foodbank as one of the charities they support each month. Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank would like to sincerely, express our gratitude for all their contributions.

### Trustee's responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing an annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistency;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;



- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping the proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding their assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees for the purposes of charity law who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 4.

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Yiewsley & West Drayton Food Bank**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Yiewsley & West Drayton Food Bank ('The Trust') for the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the 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 all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;  
or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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	2023/24	2022/23
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Local Businesses	4,240	6,231
The Trussell Trust	698	7,387
Collections and Fundraising Initiatives	2,478	491
Contributions from Local Individuals	10,267	10,650
Government & Council	20,000	410
Other	250	-
Interest	515	55
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b><u>41,622</u></b>	<b><u>28,261</u></b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Catering & Events	195	88
Data Protection	35	35
Equipment	28	77
Food for Foodbank	13,126	7,868
Insurance	470	468
Mobile Phone	168	149
Office & Stationery	572	605
Salary Costs	15,706	14,588
Storage	5,776	5,803
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Gifts	70	-
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<b>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</b>		
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<b>CASH FUNDS</b>		
<b>Represented by:</b>		
Bank - Current Accounts	16,222	32,245
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Petty Cash	18	18
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### DISCLOSURES

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No expenses have been reimbursed to the trustees

The charity's insurance provides trustee indemnity cover

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Registered Charity no : 1171141

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