



YIEWSLEY & WEST DRAYTON FOODBANK ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED: 5 APRIL 2025



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Report of the trustees for year ending 5 April 2025

6 April 2024 – 5 April 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank present their annual report and audited accounts for the year ended 5 April 2025. 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.

Registered Charity Number: 1171141

Names of the Charity Trustees:

1. Mrs Diane Faichney (Trustee Chair and Management Committee Chair)
2. Mr Robert Charrington
3. Mrs Doris Hughes
4. Mrs Louise Young
5. Miss Petrina Raby

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

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our main objective for the year was continuing to be committed to relieving persons in Yiewsley, West Drayton and the Heathrow Villages of poverty and financial hardship. Primarily, but not exclusively, by providing three days' worth of emergency food to individuals and families. We also collaborate with other charities, agencies and organisations to provide support and help prevent or relieve poverty.

This review focuses on what we have achieved and the outcomes of our work from 6 April 2024 to 5 April 2025.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Yiewsley, West Drayton and the Heathrow Villages have some of the United Kingdom's most impoverished communities. The number of people accessing the foodbank from 6 April 2024 to 5 April 2025 is estimated at **4,396**.

Foodbank data for 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025 are as follows:

(previous data from 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024)

| | No. Vouchers fulfilled | Adults | Children | Total |
|--------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Totals | 2371 (2441) | 3026 (2643) | 1370 (1457) | 4396 (4601) |

From **April 2024 to March 2025** the foodbank redeemed **2,371 vouchers** which shows not only a decrease in the number of vouchers redeemed from the previous year but also a decrease to **4,396** in the amount of people using the foodbank. So, there are **70 less vouchers redeemed** in comparison to the previous financial year. Overall, these stats show a slight decrease in the three-day emergency food supply given to people in the 2024-2025 financial year by Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank. However, the data shows that there is still a significant amount of people relying on the foodbank.

We also continue to provide ongoing support to people through one-to-one contact, assessing their needs and sign posting to other agencies or organisations such as Doorway Advice Service who can address underlying issues of their poverty. It's face to face service still operates primarily at the Bell Farm Christian Centre and St Matthew's Church.

As a result, underlying issues affecting 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. Therefore, those accessing the foodbank required assistance with claims for debt, housing, utilities, employment, budgeting, education etc.

Although it has been challenging as many people are facing financial difficulties themselves and finding it increasingly difficult to donate as much as they used to, individuals and businesses have continued to donate, fundraise and support us in any way they can.

Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank has continued to collaborate with Waitrose, ASDA and Tesco where we've collected both food and non-food items to donate to the foodbank. We have also held Tesco Collection Weekends which has been well supported by customers.

DHL in Colnbrook, RWC in Yiewsley and a pet food company called 'Tails' have kindly donated towards our charity. We also continue to receive regular donations online as well as direct donations. We'd like to say thank you to Space Station for its continuing support and generosity. We'd also like to say thank you to St Matthew's Church, Bell Farm Christian Centre, Crown Church, Yiewsley Methodist Church and St Martin's Church for their contributions. We are so grateful for everyone's kindness and ongoing support.

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

FUTURE PLANS

Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank plans continuing the activities outlined above in the forthcoming future. We will continue to promote and spread awareness of the foodbank using different modes of media and advertisements. We will also continue applying for funds and fundraising.

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. All policy issues are discussed among the trustees before making a decision and relevant available data is used to ensure informed decisions are made.

Regular management meetings take place to deal with various aspects of being able to provide a foodbank to clients. Mrs Julia Bennett and the trustees are members of the management committee.

All members of the management committee including trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or any other kind of benefits.

Foodbank Manager

Ms Marianna Bahlay has continued as the manager for Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank. Her role still involves the day to day running of the foodbank and overseeing all volunteers. We want to thank Marianna for all her hard work and diligence as she continues to work on the behalf of the foodbank.

Volunteers

We appreciate and thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make the foodbank run efficiently. We would like to thank Ms Julie Churchyard for helping us organise the foodbank's finances and Mr Lee Mathers for auditing our accounts. We would also like to thank our administrator Ms Fiona Blaney for all her hard work and time. In addition, we would like to thank Mrs Julia Bennett, Doorway Advice, Bell Farm Christian Centre, St Martins Church, Yiewsley Methodist Church, St Matthews Church, Crown Church, and Mr David Smedley of Space Station. We continue to demonstrate how grateful we are for our volunteer's time and effort, by personally thanking each of them and giving them a commendation certificate.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The main sources of funding for the charity came from grants and generous donations from the local community along with local businesses.

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.

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 3.

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 5th April 2025.

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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6th November 2025

Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank

Receipts and Payments Account

Accounts for the period 6 April 2024 to 5 April 2025

| | 2024/25 | 2023/24 |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| RECEIPTS | | |
| Local Churches and Community | 2,012 | 3,174 |
| Local Businesses | 1,800 | 4,240 |
| The Trussell Trust | 29,287 | 698 |
| Collections and Fundraising Initiatives | 2,911 | 2,478 |
| Contributions from Local Individuals | 5,759 | 10,267 |
| Government & Council | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Other | 100 | 250 |
| Interest | 887 | 515 |
| Total Receipts | 62,756 | 41,622 |
| PAYMENTS | | |
| Catering & Events | 157 | 195 |
| Data Protection | 47 | 35 |
| Doorway Advice Services | 25,467 | - |
| Equipment | 388 | 28 |
| Food for Foodbank | 13,484 | 13,126 |
| Insurance | 504 | 470 |
| Mobile Phone | 148 | 168 |
| Office & Stationery | 458 | 572 |
| Salary Costs | 16,482 | 15,706 |
| Storage | 5,229 | 5,776 |
| Transport/Travel Expenses | 13 | 226 |
| Gifts | 32 | 70 |
| Bank charges | 45 | - |
| Governance & bookkeeping | 1,804 | 753 |
| Total Payments | 64,256 | 37,125 |
| NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS) | | |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the year | (1,500) | 4,497 |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | |
| Opening Balance Brought Forward | 61,883 | 57,386 |
| Closing Balance Carried Forward | 60,383 | 61,883 |

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities Accounts for the period 6 April 2024 to 5 April 2025

| | 2024/25 | 2023/24 |
|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| CASH FUNDS | | |
| Represented by: | | |
| Bank - Current Accounts | 4,358 | 16,222 |
| Bank - Deposit Account | 55,525 | 45,638 |
| Petty Cash | - | 18 |
| Vouchers | 500 | 5 |
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No remuneration was payable to any of the trustees
No expenses have been reimbursed to the trustees
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