

# LOVE GLOUCESTER

England & Wales · Charity number 1171406

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2017-02-01

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONG PEOPLE LIVING IN GLOUCESTER BY PROVIDING SUCH PERSONS WITH GOODS OR SERVICES WHICH THEY COULD NOT OTHERWISE AFFORD THROUGH LACK OF MEANS. THE ABOVE OBJECT IS CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH A CHRISTIAN ETHOS.

**Activities:** We share God's love to carry out short term projects that are for public benefit across the City helping people within their communities who need support. This is done through activities such as ? organising food/gift parcels, helping to repair/redecorate properties, offering sign-posting for support, establishing youth groups, supporting homeless or disadvantaged people in the City.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Gloucestershire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£2,031	£1,628	-	-
2024-03-31	£1,394	£988	-	-
2023-03-31	£5	£215	-	-
2022-03-31	£0	£0	-	-
2021-03-31	£0	£0	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr IAN TODD	Chair	2016-09-16
Les Jevins		2023-06-01
Lisa Jevins		2023-06-01
Rev Sarah Todd		2018-07-28
SONYA NEWTON		2017-09-01

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## Love Gloucester Annual Report for 2024-25

During this reporting year, the focus of Love Gloucester, was the Barney's Pantry project set up during the previous reporting year

Barney's Pantry co-ordinates the collection and distribution of free or low cost food to people living in Gloucester. It operates from St Barnabas Church Hall, Stroud Road, Gloucester with the permission of St Barnabas Church Parochial Church Council (PCC). Permission was granted from in December 2023 to use the Jordan lounge and adjoining storage cupboard at no cost. This initial trial period showed that the Pantry was used by many local people and continued use has been allowed.

The Pantry opens on Friday afternoons from 1.30 pm-6pm and total numbers of users increased to around 50 with an average of around 25 individuals using the pantry each week. Each member of the Pantry is able to collect up to 12 items of ambient food each week. Some of these people collected food bags on behalf of other vulnerable people so the number of people benefitting from food distribution is somewhat larger than the number of visitors.

In addition to the ambient (long life pantry) food there is additional free food which is collected from the suppliers, such as Morrisons. Lidl and Marks and Spencer, each week. This consists of a mixture of fresh fruit and vegetables, and baked items such as bread and cakes.

This year Love Gloucester have been collaborating with St Barnabas Church who have been running a donation-based café, called Relax, in the adjacent church hall(s). Relax offers hot drinks and cakes. It also provides a warm welcoming space and a place to talk with others in a friendly, community minded environment. During the summer school holidays there are additional craft and other fun activities provided for families that are often unable to have the resources to go on holiday. This space proved very popular with up to 10 families using this space on a regular basis. The Relax space in collaboration with the Pantry has been able to provide food, safe space and a friendly atmosphere for those in our local community to use regularly.

Plans for the coming year are to consolidate the work at the Pantry and collaborate with more local communities to explore options to provide cooking classes where the free food can be used to make healthy and nutritious meals. We would also like to collaborate more closely with St Barnabas Church in creating a space where other activities, such as arts and crafts are available on a regular basis.

Accounts 01/04/2023 - 31/03/2024

Date		Income	Expenditure	Balance
01/04/2024				£3,268.62
3/04/2024	Pantry Set up		£60.00	£3,208.62
8/04/2024	Beeman Carpentry Pantry Sign		£22.00	
04/09/2024	Freezer		£750.00	£2,436.62
15/04/2024	Pantry Donations	£115.00		£2,551.62
28/06/2024	Beeman Carpentry Storage		£100	£2,451.62

12/08/2024	Donations	£431		£2,882.62
22/08/2024	Morgan Supplies Ltd		£417.76	£2,464.86
13/09/2024	Top up food		£24	£2,440.86
21/10/2024	Donations	£285.00		£2,725.86
20/11/2024	GCC grant	£200.00		£2,925.86
26/11/2024	GCC grant	£1,000		£3,925.86
16/12/2024	Contribution to heating		£200	£3,725.86
25/02/2025	Top up food		£54	£3,671.86
	Closing balance at 31/3/2025			£3,671.86
Total		£2,031.00	£1,627.76	

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## Love Gloucester Annual Report for 2023-24

Since the addition of new trustees in February 2023, Love Gloucester has been able to be more active and start engaging with the local community.

A new initiative was set up in December, 2023 called Barney's Pantry. The premise of this project is to co-ordinate the collection and distribution of free or low cost food to people living in Gloucester. Two of the trustees have much experience in this kind of community project having organised a similar operation in Podsmead, Gloucester.

Barney's Pantry has been set up in collaboration with St Barnabas Church, Tuffley, Gloucester. The PCC of St Barnabas church approved the use of the Jordan Lounge room, part of St Barnabas Halls, for storage and distribution of food. This was permitted, at no cost, initially on a temporary basis for six months, with ongoing reviews, monitoring the use of the Pantry by local people.

The Pantry opened on Friday afternoons from 2pm-6pm and quickly grew in numbers of visitors to an average of around 25 per week. Some of these people collected food bags on behalf of other vulnerable people so the number of people benefitting from food distribution is approximately double the number of visitors.

The plan going forward is to offer fresh fruit, vegetable and bread outside the venue that anyone is welcome to take at no cost. We are also planning on collaborating with the church community to run a pay as you can café in the adjacent room. This will provide a warm space and a place to talk with others in a friendly, community minded environment.

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Date		Income	Expenditure	Balance
01/04/2023				£2,862.54
24/04/2023	Amazon	£5.00		£2,867.54
19/05/2023	Amazon	£13.41		£2,880.95
04/09/2023	Wix		£158.40	£2,722.55
30/11/2023	Storage Cupboard		£252.60	£2,469.95
11/12/2023	Beeman Carpentry Installation of new cupboard		£100	£2,369.95
22/12/2023	Cheltenham Round Table donation	£1,000		£3,369.95
28/12/2023	Printer cartridge		£37.00	£3,332.95
16/1/2024	Beeman Carpentry setup		£100	£3,232.95
23/1/2024	Beeman Carpentry setup		£329.89	£2,903.06
25/1/2024	Donations from pantry	£125.56		£3,028.62
20/1/2024	Top up food		£10	£3,018.62
11/3/2025	GCC grant	£250		£3,268.62
	Closing balance at 31/3/2025			3,268.62
Total		£1,393.97	£987.89	

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## Love Gloucester Annual Report for 2022-23

After a period of inactivity following the Covid pandemic and many of the previous trustees leaving the charity during the covid epidemic, this year has led to a resumption of some activity with Love Gloucester.

Two new trustees joined in February of 2023, Les Jevins and Lisa Jevins who have a lot of experience in the charitable sector, particularly related to community engagement and supporting those in need.

Unfortunately, the existing website has not been accessible due to the trustees leaving and a new website is planned which can be updated and managed. We will also be setting up specific Love Gloucester email addresses to contact key members of the trustees.

The trustees have met and discussed a way forward for the charity with a number of potential projects in the local community, including the opening of a food pantry in association with St Barnabas Church, Gloucester. It is hoped that this will be in operation by the end of 2023 with food being sourced from local supermarkets and other food supply organisations.

The trustees are very pleased that the charity is now in a position to become more active in supporting those living in Gloucester.

Accounts 01/04/2022 - 31/03/2023

Date		Income	Expenditure	Balance
01/04/2022				£3073.10
09/05/2022	Amazon	£5.00		£3078.10
18/08/2022	Wix		£57.16	£3020.94
05/09/2022	Wix		£158.40	£2,862.54
	Closing balance			£2,862.54
Total		£5.00	215.56	

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## **Report on love Gloucester 2021- 2022**

As reported in the previous report, the Covid epidemic had a significant effect on potential activities of love Gloucester and this coupled with the departure of a large number trustees resulted in very little activity. During 2021-22 there was no activity of the charity and no change in trustees.

It was proving difficult to recruit new trustees but potential new trustees have come forward just before submission of this report. We are currently in discussion on a potential way forward for love Gloucester within our constitution, so that we are able to reactivate the charity's activities with new trustees and new motivation and possibilities for the coming year. Once agreement is reached we will add the new trustees to the registration.