



Wisbech

Foodbank

Together with Trussell

Annual Report 2025

Registered Charity 1172525

The Wisbech Food Bank

Registered Charity No.1172525

Annual report of the activity of The Wisbech Food Bank covering the period 1st April 2024 until 31st March 2025

Legal and Administrative Information

The Wisbech Food Bank was set up in 2013 as a part of Churches Together in Wisbech. In 2017, the trustees sought and achieved CIO status.

The Trustees of The Wisbech Food Bank present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 and confirm they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the Wisbech Food Bank constitution and the Trustees Act 2000.

Trustees

The Trustees of The Wisbech Food Bank who served during the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 were :-

Bryan Baker

Chantelle Fiddy

Simon King

Monika Mazeikaite

Catherine Noonan

Jeremy Pallant

David Tew - appointed 22.7.24

Julie White

Address

The correspondence address for the charity is

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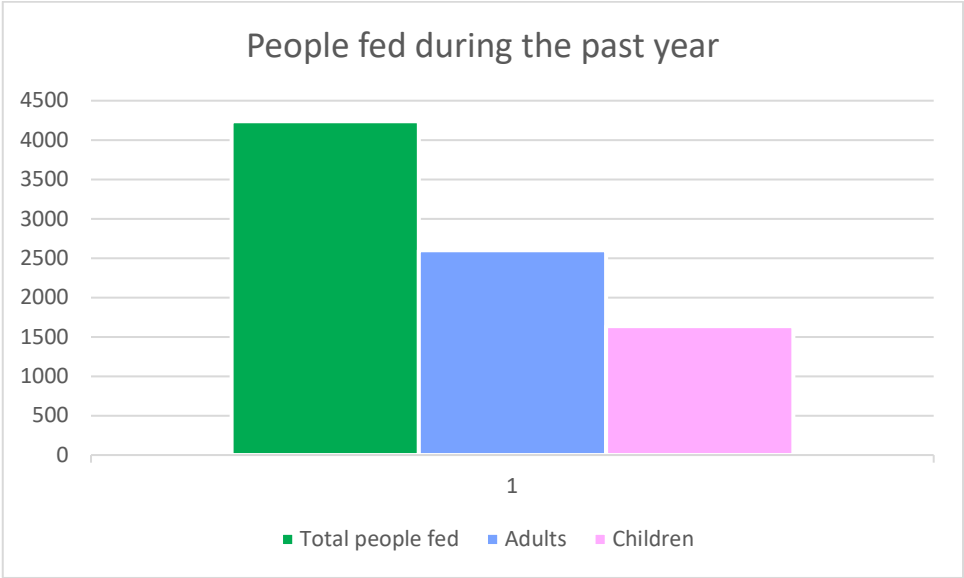
The Objects of the Wisbech Food Bank as set out in the Constitution are:

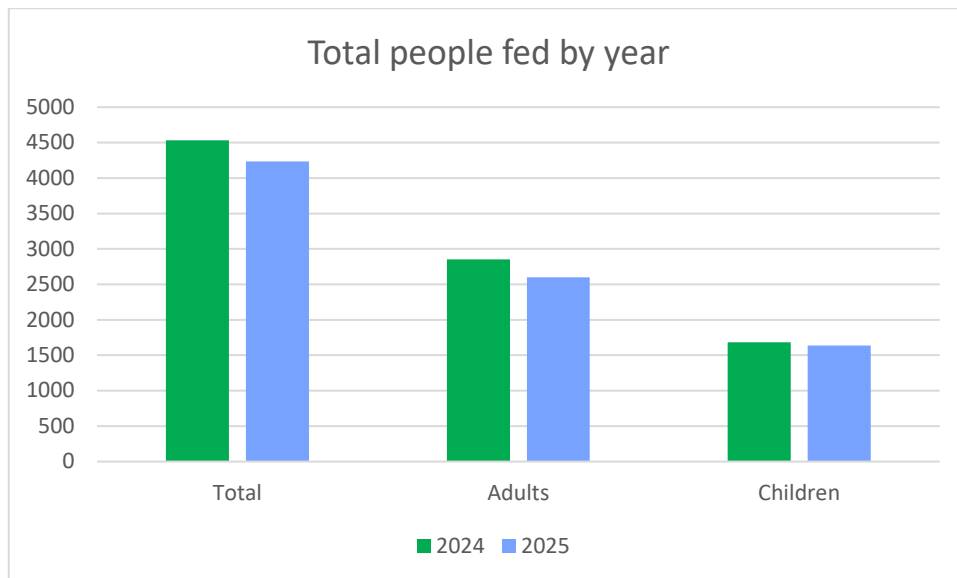
The relief of hardship for people in Wisbech and the surrounding area or in other parts of the United Kingdom in such ways as the Trustees from time to time think fit, in particular, but not exclusively by:

- a) providing emergency food, essential toiletries, and household items to individuals and families in need and / or for distribution by charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.*
- b) such other means, including (but not limited to) the provision of support or signposting to relevant information and other advisory services.*

Review of Activities and Achievements during the year

- The Distribution Centre at the Wisbech Baptist Church was open for two hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. A total of 27,150kgs of food was distributed to 4237 clients, of which 2601 were adults and 1636 were children. Fresh fruit and vegetables and meat vouchers for the local butchers were distributed along with food parcels.





- Due to grants from Trussell we were able to :-
Employ a Citizens Advice advisor and a “buddy” to help maximise our client’s income and minimise their outgoings and support them to achieve this. During this year financial gains for people using this service totalled over £160,000 and 105 people no longer need to use the Foodbank.
Our Assistant Project Manager has been overseeing volunteering and the warehouse. A very successful Volunteers Day was held and a networking lunch for the referral agencies.
- The number of referral agencies has continued to increase and the database of referral agency contacts has been updated to comply with the General Data Protection Regulations.
- Collections have, once again, been arranged in the local supermarkets and the total for all donations received during the year is 30,218kgs. Food distributed for the year came to 27,595kgs
- Trustees have, during the Harvest Festival period, given talks about food poverty to local schools and organisations.
- A new Trustee was appointed: David Tew with responsibility for strategic planning and sustainability.
- The Trustees secured further grant funding of £6,000 per year from the Elizabeth Wright Charity towards the staffing costs.
- The Trustees have renegotiated their relationship with Wisbech Baptist Church in the light of increased Food Bank usage and the associated increase in heating and lighting costs.
- The Trustees held eight quorate, minuted, Trustees’ meetings in order to arrange the collection and distribution of food, to purchase food to balance demand to supply and to deploy our team of volunteers to store, pack and distribute food to our clients.

- The charity regularly entered data on the Trussell management information system to allow monitoring of the supply and demand for food and to understand the needs of its clients.
- The Trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in their administration of the charity.
- The Trustees have reviewed their policies for Health and Safety and Safeguarding and associated Risk Assessments.

Future Plans

The Trustees will:-

- consider options to expand the service and to maximise the impact for beneficiaries;
- explore grants to enable the Citizens Advice project to continue;
- explore the potential for new partnerships with the County Council and other statutory agencies;
- develop additional signposting materials;
- organise training and support for volunteers and Trustees; and
- continue to update the volunteer and client records to ensure compliance with GDPR.

Financial Position

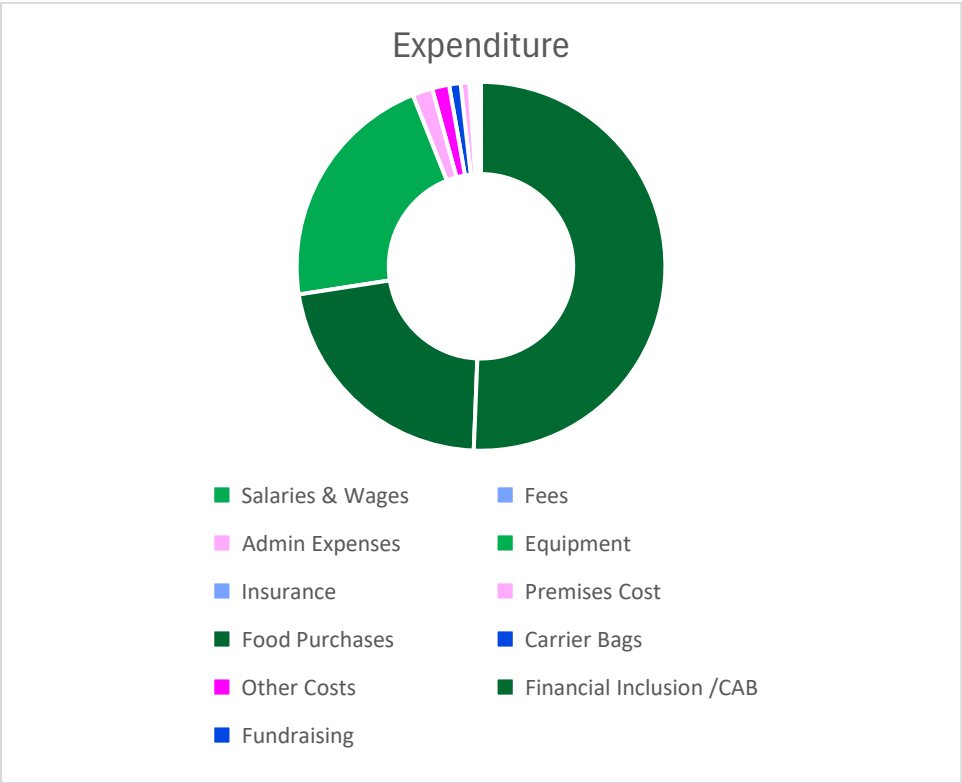
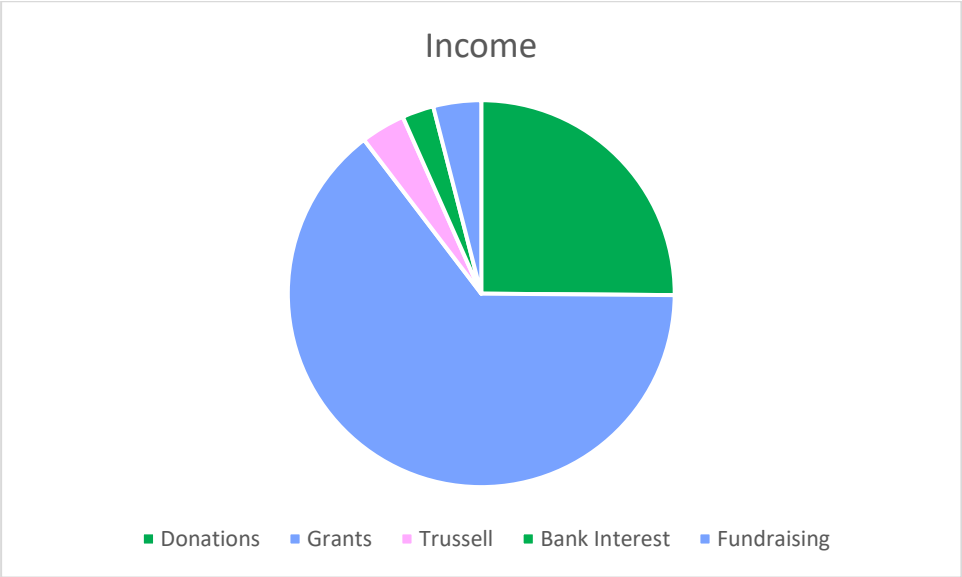
The trustees believe that the charity's financial position is strong. The accounts show income of £87,917 set against expenditure for the year of £88,691 resulting in a deficit of expenditure over income for the year of £774 and total funds held of £86,517.

The main sources of income are donations from supporters, either on a regular basis through standing orders, or in one-off donations, online giving via Give.net, grants from local charities, and donations from Tesco plc and Asda Stores Ltd based on the quantity of food collected at their stores through a scheme run by the Trussell.

The main areas of expenditure are food, meat vouchers, salaries, rent, insurance, and administration costs.

The charity continues to benefit greatly from free use of storage facilities at the Remo Eco Superstore and from the use of facilities at Wisbech Baptist Church at minimal cost.

The charity holds sufficient reserves to provide alternative facilities for warehousing and distribution whilst they seek alternative sources of funding, should the need arise.





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Wisbech Food Bank

On accounts for the year
ended

March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1172525

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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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:

T. Brown

Date:

1/7/25

Name:

Mr T Brown

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

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Wisbech Foodbank

No (if any)
1172525

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2024	To	Period end date 31/03/2025
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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					
Donations	21,869	-	-	21,869	22,488
Gift Aid	1,014	-	-	1,014	1,086
Grants	6,500	49,336	-	55,836	60,963
Trussell Trust	3,213	-	-	3,213	4,277
Bank Interest	2,293	-	-	2,293	1,935
Other Income	119	-	-	119	10
Fundraising	3,463	-	-	3,463	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	38,471	49,336	-	87,807	90,759
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	38,471	49,336	-	87,807	90,759
A3 Payments					
Salaries & Wages	9,998	8,961	-	18,959	17,471
Fees	460	-	-	460	280
Trussell Trust	-	-	-	-	-
Admin Expenses	675	-	-	675	1,116
Equipment Purchases	-	99	-	99	168
Insurance	157	-	-	157	331
Advertising	-	-	-	-	-
Premises Costs	1,560	-	-	1,560	1,040
Food Purchases	19,422	-	-	19,422	14,196
Carrier Bags	895	-	-	895	594
Other Costs	650	564	-	1,214	8,282
Financial Inclusion/CAB	-	44,836	-	44,836	44,835
Fundraising	304	-	-	304	-
Sub total	34,121	54,460	-	88,581	88,313
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	34,121	54,460	-	88,581	88,313
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,350	- 5,124	-	- 774	2,446
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	63,851	23,439	-	87,290	-
Cash funds this year end	68,201	18,315	-	86,516	2,446

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	NatWest Bank	17,206	-	-
	Redwood 35-day Deposit	36,475	18,315	
	Redwood 95-day Deposit	14,295		
	Stewardship	60	-	-
	Cash	165	-	-
	Total cash funds	68,201	18,315	-
(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

The Trustees would like to record their thanks to the following:-

Our team of hardworking volunteers
Trussell
Margaret Gibbs and Derek Carter
Wisbech Baptist Church
Nikki & Marcus from Remo Eco Superstore
Cadbury's
Earth Breeze
JS Holmes
Terry Brown
Dave Gibbs
Julie Bush
Aija Zemdega
Alla Saunders
Citizens Advice Rural Cambs
The Trustees of the Elizabeth Wright Charity
The Paragon Charitable Foundation
Cubico Sustainable Investments
The Lodge of United Good Fellowship 809
The Masonic Charitable Foundation
Mark Broadhead from the Horsefair Shopping Centre
The Royal Blue Meat Company
Our network of donors, collectors and referral agencies
Asda, Heron Foods, Morrisons, Tesco, and Wisbech Library.