

ALNWICK DISTRICT FOOD BANK

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 2022/2024

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1173294

Objectives and Activities

Alnwick District Food Bank exists to alleviate food poverty in Alnwick and surrounding areas.

The Food Bank opens twice weekly to provide staple food items to residents in need of food support who are referred through agencies such as the DWP, Citizens Advice Bureau, Social Workers and Communities Together. Clients seek an initial referral from these agencies which is revised after six months.

The charity runs a satellite Food Hub from Rothbury to provide clients in the Coquetdale area with food which is delivered each week to support clients experiencing poverty in rural areas.

The charity has regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Alnwick District Food Bank is not a grant giving concern. The Charity has no paid staff and is run and staffed entirely by volunteers at both the Alnwick and Rothbury sites.

Management is by a Trustee Board consisting of four Trustees, a Treasurer and a Chair which meets bi-monthly.

Main Achievements

In March 2023, Alnwick District Food Bank moved premises to a local refurbished Community Hub and much of our work in this financial year has been towards this aim. This enabled the Food Bank to operate on a different model, so that rather than giving a prescribed 'parcel' of food, clients are now enabled to choose from a list of foods to suit their family, giving our people the dignity of choice. The move and a donation of fridge and freezer equipment from Northumberland Estates also enabled the provision of fresh and frozen meat and vegetables, and chilled dairy goods which have proved very popular. The move also enabled a closer support relationship between volunteer 'shoppers' who assist clients round a premises that looks a little like a corner shop, which has been welcomed by both.

The move has enabled Trustees to re-evaluate its work during the Covid Pandemic, when wider support was offered, and to re-examine criteria for referral and for use of the Food Bank. The cost-of-living crisis has meant that we are supporting a larger number of clients than before the pandemic. It is useful for the Food Bank to be located in the Community Hub alongside housing, CAB and Community Support provision. Referral and support is easier and we have seen a steady churn of clients as they regain work, get out of debt or see their benefits level out.

Our main objective for the past financial year was to smoothly execute our departure from one building and our entry to a new building with a significantly different method of working, and this has been extremely successful.

We are fortunate to operate in a compassionate community and to have originally been set up as part of a Churches Together initiative, which has maintained fundraising and volunteering at a steady level. We enjoy good support from customers of local supermarkets and from food producers. Although costs of food, especially fresh food, have increased substantially over the period, we currently have few concerns about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Alnwick District Food Bank
Lindisfarne Community Hub
Lindisfarne Road

Alnwick NE66 1AX

Charity Number: 1173294



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Alnwick District Food Bank

1173294

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/07/2023

To

30/06/2024

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	46,015	-	-	46,015	89,639
Gift Aid	1,946	-	-	1,946	1,233
Refunds	31	-	-	31	80
NCC and Other Grants	35,000	-	-	35,000	-
Deposit interest	225	-	-	225	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	83,217	-	-	83,217	90,952
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	83,217	-	-	83,217	90,952
A3 Payments					
Food	75,400	-	-	75,400	50,299
Rent	4,380	-	-	4,380	1,500
Donation	200	-	-	200	465
Admin/running costs	5,853	-	-	5,853	17,060
Miscellaneous Expenditure	1,299	-	-	1,299	-
Petty Cash Expenditure	891	-	-	891	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	Insurance	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	88,023	-	-	88,023	69,324
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	88,023	-	-	88,023	69,324
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,806	-	-	- 4,806	21,628
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	78,600	-	-	78,600	-
Cash funds this year end	73,794	-	-	73,794	56,972

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	Lloyds Bank	13,460	-	-
	The Charity Bank	60,225	-	-
	Petty Cash	109	-	-
	Total cash funds	73,794	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Gift Aid Manual Claim	1,133	-	-
	Gift Aid ia CAF	3,092	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

Alnwick District Food Bank

On accounts for the year ended

30th June 2024

Charity no (if any)

1173294

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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD30/06/2023 / MM / YYYY.

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:

Date:

2nd September 2024

Name:

Jean Barr

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

Address:

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Alnwick

Northumberland NE66 2NH

Section B

Disclosure

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.