



Annual Report
1st April 2024- 31st March 2025
Registered Charity Number 1174880

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 March 2025

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATION

Charity Trustees

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Lynne Frost – Project Manager (Part-time)

Anna Potgieter- Food Bank Manager (Part Time)

Mel Wallace-Community Campaign Organiser (Part Time)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

The organisation was formed and granted charitable status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 28 September 2017 and with the charity number 1174880.

The charity is governed by a constitution which was adopted on 24 August 2017.

Related Parties

Llandrindod Foodbank is a member of The Trussell Trust (Registered Charity no 1110522, and Registered Company No 05434524). The Foodbank also works in partnership with local churches and organisations.

Trustee Selection Method

Trustees are appointed by the existing charity trustees for a 3-year term. The number of trustees shall be not less than 3 and no more than 9.

Risk Review

The trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure they still meet the needs of the Charity.

Serious Incident

During the year ended 31 March 2025 no serious incident arose within the Charity that could significantly harm its work, beneficiaries or reputation.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The relief of poverty amongst the people of Llandrindod Wells 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:

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

In furtherance of the above, the Charity supplies to beneficiaries, either directly or through agency partners approved by the trustees, tinned, non-perishable and fresh foods to ensure a healthy and nutritious balanced diet for up to three days. Vouchers are issued by frontline professionals, including doctors, health visitors, social workers, probation, schools, drug and alcohol charities, refuges and other agencies. Vouchers are then exchanged for food at our distribution centre in Llandrindod Wells and at satellite centres in the surrounding area.

The Charity also keeps some clothing, household and personal hygiene items to help where needed. At its base at Oasis the charity also provides showers and laundry facilities for people without such amenities. It also, importantly, signposts people to other agencies that may be able to help with the crisis that they find themselves in, and offers help with budgeting and other personal finance issues. A number of these agencies are hosted at Oasis.

PUBLIC BENEFIT REPORTING REQUIREMENT

The trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. In particular, we are seeking to ensure that our vouchers are available via a suitable range of organisations and that we provide a network of food distribution centres across the area we seek to serve, so that our services are accessible to people in need. In addition to the provision of emergency food and other basic essentials we endeavour to provide help and advice to improve the chances of sustainable independent living for individuals and families. The following section ('Achievements and Performance') gives a detailed account of the activities undertaken to fulfil the Charity's objectives during the year 2024/25.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Chairman's Foreword

2024/2025 has been another year of development for the Llandrindod Foodbank Charity as we continue to contribute to the alleviation of poverty in our town and a wide surrounding area.

2024/25 saw the completion of the Oasis Building Renovation project.

Since the completion of Phase 1 of our development project we have been operating from a purpose-built food bank and warehouse for the reception and distribution of emergency food and other essential items. The new office, toilet and shower facilities and laundry are also being well used.

As you will see from the data in this report the demand for emergency food remained high, but we were able to cope, again thanks to the commitment of our staff – particularly our Foodbank Manager Mrs Anna Potgieter-and volunteers and the generous support of the community.

With the completion of Phase 2 and the whole building project we have been able to significantly further develop the Advice and Support service at Oasis in partnership with a number of support agencies- both voluntary and statutory.

We continued to gather information from our users and partner agencies and others to inform us how we can best support people in need.

Llandrindod Foodbank owes its foundation and subsequent development to Mrs Tessa Bradley, with its beginnings in a food cupboard way back in 2009. Tessa retired as Project Manager in 2024, and I and many have paid tribute to her achievements. Oasis Advice and Support Centre and Foodbank is her legacy. I and all at Oasis and in our wider community are delighted that Tessa agreed to become a Trustee of the Charity and is able to continue her invaluable contribution to our work.

We have also been blessed by the appointment of Mrs Lynne Frost as our new Project Manager. She has already demonstrated excellent leadership and shown to be a worthy successor to Tessa in that role- no mean achievement!

As part of our continued involvement with our community and to address aspects of poverty, towards the end of last year we appointed, in collaboration with Trussell, Mel Wallace as Community Organiser.

As an organisation we believe in accountability, openness, accessibility and engagement with our communities. We see this Annual Report as playing a part in that as well as being a regulatory requirement. In addition to our Website and Facebook page we encourage people to visit Oasis to see what we do. A number of open days and visits were arranged throughout the year.

Regular outreach is provided by the presentation of talks to various community organisations, to improve understanding of what we do and encourage support.

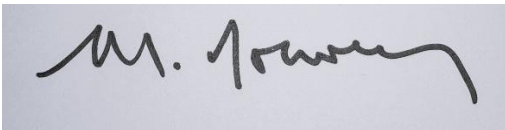
As you will see from the accounts included in this report our finances remain sound. Indeed, we were especially blessed by a very generous endowment of over £200,000 from Cefnlllys Trust to enable us

to continue the ethos and aims of that, now-closed, charity. We have no plans at present to use this donation for capital purposes but to use it as a protected investment to generate regular income to part-fund our ongoing expenditure. We continue to pursue financial sustainability for our developing Oasis through the generosity of our supporters and grant funding.

I must extend heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Trustees to our Project Managers- Tessa Bradley and her successor Lynne Frost - and our volunteers for their hard work, adaptability and dedication in a challenging environment.

I also extend heartfelt thanks to our partner agencies, our umbrella body the Trussell Trust, local supermarkets and stores who have supported us, as well as grant-aiding bodies, our Town and County Councils, local churches and particularly the wider local community who have contributed food and finance to the Food Bank and Advice and Support Centre to ensure its continued operation.

Finally, thank you again to my fellow Trustees, our advisers and our Hon. Treasurer for managing the organisation and its development over the last year. Diolch o galon.

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light blue background. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'M. Nosworthy'.

Martin Nosworthy, Chair of Trustees

Foodbank Project Manager's report for 2024 – 2025

Foodbank Project Managers Report for 2024 - 2025

This year has been both busy and challenging for the Foodbank. Demand for support has continued to grow, while ongoing cost-of-living pressures have affected the level of community giving. As a result, food donations have declined slightly as many donors have understandably reduced their contributions. At the same time, the need for assistance has continued to rise, and donations are not keeping pace with this increasing demand.

Over the year, we distributed 1,049 food parcels, 35% supporting households with children, an increase on last year. While the overall volume of ambient food distributed has decreased due in part to diminishing stock levels, the volume of fresh food collected from supermarkets has increased, ensuring families and individuals continue to receive a balanced variety of items. In addition, the two town-centre collection points introduced last year have proved both popular and well used.

To supplement community donations, we have again purchased additional supplies. We are particularly grateful to Powys County Council, whose financial support for food costs enabled us to continue offering Christmas Hampers to the most vulnerable members of our community. Given the rural nature of our area, we have also continued to deliver food parcels to households unable to access our distribution points.

In July 2025, we were delighted to complete building works, enabling us to open as a fully functioning Foodbank and Advice Centre. Alongside essential food provision, we now offer shower and laundry facilities for those without access to these basics at home. The new premises have also expanded the services available through the Oasis Advice and Support Centre, where we host partner organisations including Citizens Advice, Pobl, Energy Advice, Powys Money Advice, Private Housing Advice, Community Employment Mentors, and Age Cymru. These partnerships are already demonstrating positive outcomes, with many clients requiring support only three to four times before being able to manage independently.

During the coldest months, we opened our doors as a community “warm space,” offering refreshments, companionship, activities such as flower arranging, Lego building, puzzles, reading, and internet access, alongside simple lunches. These sessions were very well received, and we aim to provide this service again in winter 2026.

Our volunteer base has grown, and we continue to seek volunteers with specialist skills to strengthen the development of the Oasis Advice and Support Centre. Staff and volunteers have also taken part in training and development opportunities, particularly in safeguarding, while attending conferences, networking events, and community showcases to raise awareness of our work.

We remain grateful for the ongoing encouragement of local government officers, Town Councillors, and Welsh Government representatives, whose visits and support have been invaluable. Above all, we extend our thanks to our volunteers, donors, and partner agencies, whose steadfast commitment enables us to continue meeting the needs of our community during these challenging times.

Statistics for Llandrindod Foodbank 2024/2025

Statistics for Llandrindod Foodbank 2024/2025 and 2023/2024

People helped

Year 24/25

Vouchers Issued	1049
Adults	1495
Children	832
Total of people	2327

Year 23/24

Vouchers Issued	1038
Adults	1500
Children	786
Total no. of people	2286

<u>Reason For Voucher</u> <u>Year 24/25 (highest first)</u>	<u>Reason For Voucher Year 23/24 (highest first)</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Rising cost of essentials· Ongoing impact of mental health condition· Cost of dependents has increased· Priority Debt· Other unexpected expenses· Long Term Unemployment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Rising cost of essentials· Ongoing impact of mental health conditions· Insecurely housed· Priority debt· Benefit delay· Unemployment after permanent work

Stock Report (Kgs)

Year 24/25

Stock in	15176
Stock out	13127

Year 23/24

Stock in	14183
Stock out	14046

The number of individuals supported this year has increased compared with last year, while the overall volume of stock distributed has shown a slight decrease, reflecting the need to manage carefully the amount of food allocated per person. Although donations remain significantly lower than in previous years, we are encouraged by early signs of recovery, with contributions beginning to rise. This is particularly notable given the ongoing financial pressures faced by many in our community. Support for the foodbank remains strong, and we are deeply appreciative of the continued generosity and encouragement from our local supporters.

Financial Review

The total receipts for the year amounted to £479,493 compared to £253,538 in the previous year.

The total payments for the year amounted to £268,743 compared to £268,792 in the previous year.

The movement in funds for the year were net receipts of £210,750 compared to net payments £15,254 in the previous year. The large difference between the outcome for the year was due to the significant donation of £227,814 from Cefnlllys Trust.

During the year Grants were received totalling £222,069 as follows:

	£
Powys County Council	12,393
CF in Wales Warm	
Space	3,765
Trussell Trust Financial	
Inclusion	44,812
National Lottery	37,592
Benefact Trust	33,000
Powys Regeneration	90,507

At the end of the year the total balance of funds was £294,061, comprising unrestricted funds of £284,884 and restricted funds of £9,177.

Reserves Policy

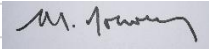
The trustees aim to manage the finances so that there are unrestricted reserves in hand sufficient to fund at least 6 months running costs-primarily the costs of employing our foodbank manager, redundancy, premises and other essential overheads- should operation (as a going concern) cease. As a result of a substantial donation from the Cefnlllys Trust we intend to invest £200,000 to provide regular investment income to part-fund ongoing expenditure.

LLANDRINDOD FOOD BANK				
Charity Number 1174880				
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT				
FOR THE YEAR ENDED TO 31 MARCH 2025				
	2025			2024
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Grants & Donations:				
Grants	25,972.09	196,096.77	222,068.86	215,103.51
Donations, individual regular giving	7,670.00	-	7,670.00	7,410.00
Donations, churches	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	4,215.95
Donations, businesses	-	-	-	250.00
Donations, Trussell Trust	1,088.56	-	1,088.56	3,588.77
Donations, Tesco cash collections	1,703.49	-	1,703.49	2,607.10
Donations, Enthuse	3,178.06	-	3,178.06	2,988.93
Donations, other	227,814.17	-	227,814.17	10,471.75
HMRC - Gift Aid	2,338.55	-	2,338.55	2,431.70
Charitable Activities:				
Fundraising	3,140.96	-	3,140.96	1,908.11
Rental Income	6,300.00	-	6,300.00	-
Investment Income	1,690.80	-	1,690.80	1,983.83
Other:	-	-	-	579.20
Total receipts	283,396.68	196,096.77	479,493.45	253,538.85
Payments				
Charitable Activities:				
Salaries	38,627.99	-	38,627.99	31,685.16
Food purchases	9,859.50	1,000.00	10,859.50	4,952.71
Travel	-	-	-	-
Insurance	1,338.99	-	1,338.99	1,047.75
Heat & Light	5,146.49	-	5,146.49	2,545.61
Water Rates	1,245.42	-	1,245.42	851.21
Refuse Collection	1,046.60	-	1,046.60	356.14
Repairs & Cleaning	530.35	-	530.35	84.21
Communications	1,725.41	-	1,725.41	962.04
Office Cost	2,093.11	-	2,093.11	667.89
Franchise & other licences	719.86	-	719.86	475.20
Payroll services	360.00	-	360.00	90.00
Conference fees	-	-	-	-
Consultancy - CAB	-	34,827.00	34,827.00	36,949.16
Loan Repayment	-	-	-	-
Other	822.19	-	822.19	650.90
Oasis, refurbishment costs	-	166,035.99	166,035.99	187,012.65
Equipment	3,364.48	-	3,364.48	461.97
Total payments	66,880.39	201,862.99	268,743.38	268,792.60
Net of receipts/(payments)	216,516.29	(5,766.22)	210,750.07	(15,253.75)
Transfer between funds	(25,107.26)	25,107.26	-	-
Net receipts/(payments) after tranfers	191,409.03	19,341.04	210,750.07	(15,253.75)
Total Funds brought forward	93,474.73	(10,163.52)	83,311.21	98,564.96
Total Funds carried forward	284,883.76	9,177.52	294,061.28	83,311.21

LLANDRINDOD FOODBANK

Charity Number 1174880

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

		2025			2024
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Cash funds					
	Cash at bank	284,883.76	9,177.52	294,061.28	83,311.21
	Total cash funds	284,883.76	9,177.52	294,061.28	83,311.21
Other monetary assets					
	Grant - PCC Transforming Towns			-	16,061.54
	Gift aid claim			2,812.03	2,308.00
				2,812.03	18,369.54
Assets retained for the charity's own use					
	Oasis Building	Donated		66,000.00	66,000.00
	Oasis Refurbishment costs to date	Cost		544,926.20	378,890.21
	Computer equipment	Cost		3,912.98	3,912.98
	Office equipment	Cost		1,446.94	990.94
	Oasis Furniture & Fittings	Cost		955.48	-
	Kitchen equipment	Cost		2,697.74	1,386.24
	Store room equipment	Cost		3,412.06	2,770.56
	Display materials	Cost		136.20	136.20
	Washing/Hygiene	Cost		773.98	773.98
				624,261.58	454,861.11
Liabilities					
	HMRC Paye			-	449.04
				-	449.04
The Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees on 11/11/25 and were signed on its behalf by:					
					
	<u>Martin Nosworthy - Chair</u>				

Independent Examiner's Report

The Llandrindod Wells Foodbank

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 45(5) 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed.....

M Price

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20/10/25
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Dated

Mrs M Price, Drostre, 49 Parc Pendre, Brecon, Powys, LD3 9ER