



Blackwood and District Foodbank

Registered Charity CIO No: 1175604

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

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Legal and Administrative Information



Charity Name and Number

Blackwood and District Foodbank: registered charity number 1175604
Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered on 7th November 2017

Trustees

Mrs Donna Lower
Miss Ruth Steele
Mrs Susan Steele

Chairperson

Mrs Susan Steele

Principal Office

Oasis Christian Centre
Bryn Road
Blackwood
NP12 3LY

Independent Examiner

Mr Dene Caple ACCA

Bankers

Lloyds Bank Plc
112 High Street
Blackwood
NP12 1YJ

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

The trustees present their report along with their financial statements of the charity for the 12-month period ended 31st March 2025.

Constitution and Objects

Blackwood and District Foodbank is a registered charity CIO No. 1175604, registered on 7th November 2017.

The objects of the charity are the provision of three days' supply of emergency food and support to local people in crisis.

Organisation

The trustees who have served during the period under review and since the period end are set out on page 3.

Achievements and Performance

The objectives have been satisfactorily achieved during the year.

Blackwood and District Foodbank is open on a Thursday from 10 am – 12 noon staffed by volunteers, giving away food and essential household groceries and are supported by the general public, schools, churches and many local businesses.

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems and policies have been established that enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen the risks.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's state of affairs during the financial period and of its financial position at the end of the period.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statement comply with the Charities Act 1993.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Dated: 30th April 2025

BLACKWOOD AND DISTRICT FOODBANK FOODBANK MANAGER'S REPORT FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

Clients Fed

Thanks to the generosity of the local community Blackwood and District Foodbank have been able to feed 1667 people comprising of 1087 adults and 580 children. This equates to 15,003 meals. In doing so we have supported 481 different households throughout the area.

Stock Movement

Donations of food provided by the local community amounted to 13,846 kg. 14,607 kg of food donations have been distributed to people in food poverty. We are grateful for the donations of food collected from local businesses the permanent trolleys at Asda in Blackwood, Tesco in Caerphilly and Pets at Home in Blackwood. Local businesses have arranged collections and the Harvest collections from local schools and churches have ensured food is available to provide to those in need.

Financial Donations

Money has been received from fundraising, business and individual donations. We are grateful for the support of local businesses and individuals for regularly supporting the work of Foodbank.

Events

Fund raising opportunities were not taken advantage this year as they are normally co-ordinated with Churches Together which has not recommenced events since Covid.

Future Plans

In the next year working with Churches Together we aim to increase our fundraising efforts to raise more funds and food donations to reach more people in the community suffering from food poverty.

We would like to thank our dedicated team of volunteers who give up their time; their commitment and hard work enables the foodbank to operate. We would like to thank all donors and referral agencies who refer clients to the foodbank. Through our continued partnership the work of the foodbank in Blackwood will continue to grow.

Signed:



Jeremy Steele
Foodbank Manager

BLACKWOOD AND DISTRICT FOODBANK TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Trustees Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' 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 give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting principles and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provision of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps or the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Susan Steele

Dated: 30th April 2025

**BLACKWOOD AND DISTRICT FOODBANK
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 2025**

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met: or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding on the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *D Caple*

Mr Dene Caple ACCA
Independent Examiner

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

Statement of Comprehensive Income 2024 2025

Income

Trussell Top Up	1802.43
Fundraising	1563.03
Corporate Donations	2880.00
Church Donations	2056.17
Grants	880.00
Collections	336.99

Total Income **9518.62**

Expenditure

Wages / Payroll	12466.59
Food Purchases	1821.29
Consumables	490.89
Insurance	338.77
Misc	18.70
Local Giving Membership	180.00
ICO Registration	35.00

Total Expenditure **15351.24**

Net Movement in Funds -5832.62

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES:

Signed:

Susan Steele

Mrs Susan Steele

Treasurer

BLACKWOOD AND DISTRICT FOODBANK NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2025

1. Accounting Policies:

Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on an accruals basis.

Expenditure

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are donations, fees income and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the organisation without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

2. Creditors and Accruals

As at 31st March 2025 there were no accruals or prepayments for the financial year 2024/25.

3. Food Purchases

Cash donations given to Foodbank are used for purchasing food items where stocks are running low. All donations are paid into the bank account. A debit card is in used to purchase food from these donations.