

# TRURO FOODBANK

England & Wales · Charity number 1176281

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2017-12-14

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1) THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY IN TRURO AND SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOODS BY PROVIDING ITEMS AND SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED, AND TO CHARITIES OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY, IN SUCH WAYS AS THE TRUSTEES THINK FIT. IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS, TO SUPPLY TO BENEFICIARIES, EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH AGENCY PARTNERS APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES, FOOD BOXES CONTAINING PRIMARILY TINNED OR DRIED FOODS, ENSURING A HEALTHY, BALANCED AND NUTRITIOUS DIET, SUFFICIENT FOR UP TO THREE DAYS.2) TO ENGAGE IN ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES CONSISTENT WITH THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND OTHER ADVISORY SERVICES.

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## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Cornwall

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£199,797	£136,221	-	-
2023-12-31	£237,727	£109,242	-	-
2022-12-31	£145,702	£59,672	-	-
2021-12-31	£109,495	£54,442	-	-
2020-12-31	£155,447	£88,626	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Jonathan Paul Stone</b>	Chair	2019-06-03
Joanna Craze		2025-01-23
Rev JILL EDWARDS		2017-12-14
Riaan Agenbag		2025-07-15
Wendy Elizabeth Joy Vincent		2020-01-27
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- **Dignity:** We believe that every individual person matters and has innate worth. We seek to meet our customers’ needs regardless of background. We seek to address each person’s need for material provision, and just as importantly the need for self-worth.

As last year, we continue to experience a reduction in the donation of food items through supermarkets and direct giving. We have seen an increase in the donation of money. Need over the last 12 months has not increased, but has remained largely static: As previously, we continue to feed customers at high levels. We continue to buy food direct from supermarkets and wholesalers to meet specific food item needs. Customers are able to choose which items they require so that we are providing food that individuals want.

## Staff

Our staff team remains unchanged at present.

## **Volunteers**

As in previous years, our volunteers remain absolutely essential and we could not operate without their hard work and dedication. We are fundamentally a volunteer run organisation, with the roles of our staff largely focussed on organising such a large group of willing volunteers.

## **Premises**

Our premises in Threemilestone continue to meet our current needs. We are actively looking for suitable affordable premises that we could purchase, to include more space to meet customers so that we can provide confidential benefits advice. There are very few premises available and we have not yet found something suitable. In the meantime, our rented premises meet our needs very well.

## **Finances**

Despite the need to spend increasing amounts on purchasing food, our income still exceeds our regular outgoings. The provision of food is core to our objectives, and the trustees remain committed to funding the purchase of as much food as is required to stop our customers going hungry.

It also remains the case that in order to meet the needs of customers we have overheads including staff and accommodation costs.

We continue to hold a significant amount of capital with a hope to be able to buy our own premises. That capital is treated as a designated reserve fund.

## **Policies**

We continue to review policies on a timely basis to ensure that they meet the needs of the organisation, and that they reflect current best practice.

**Jo Stone**

**Chair of Trustees**

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I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 5/6.

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## Staff

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## **Premises**

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## **Finances**

We continue to be in a fortunate financial position: our income still exceeds our regular outgoings, but the increasing need to buy food may require us to use capital reserves, and the Trustees have already determined that we must do so without hesitation: money is primarily donated to provide food, and we must do so.

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We continue to hold a significant amount of capital with a hope to be able to buy our own premises.

## **Policies**

We now have a regular programme of policy reviews, and of ensuring that we comply with the policies we have in place.

**Jo Stone**

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## Our Vision

Our vision is not only to meet the immediate needs of those who are hungry by provision of food, but to address the causes of poverty by provision of advice and assistance.

This reflects the Vision of The Trussell Trust which is “to end the need for foodbanks in the UK”.

## Our Values

Our values are the fundamental driving principles that encapsulate the passion and motivation for our work. They have strong roots in Christian teaching and practice, whilst also being accessible and meaningful for people, whatever their background.

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Despite our overall aim that we should no longer need to exist, the demands on us as a charity are ever growing. Over the last 12 months we have continued to collect, sort and deliver more food to local hungry people than ever before – about double pre-pandemic levels. There is no sign given the economic predictions that demand will do anything but continue to increase. How much of that increase is a result of increased need and how much as a result of increased awareness of the service Truro Foodbank provides is difficult to discern.

Despite that increase we have not significantly altered our staffing or premises structure. However, the marked increase in demand has some profound consequences for us as an organisation. As Trustees we need to reflect on where we are, and how we need to adapt as an organisation.

The Treasurer's Report and Simon's weekly reports provide all the relevant facts and figures and I will not repeat them. This chair's report is intended to focus our minds as trustees strategically.

Our proposed business plan sets out how we intend to address some of the recognised challenges over the next 3 years. The key issues where as trustees we need to think strategically are as follows:

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## **Staff**

Our staff team - Simon, Nick and Tracey - could not be more dedicated, willing or selfless. However, they are also tired: the amount of physical lifting involved is significantly greater simply because of the amount of food coming in and going straight out again. The amount of emotional interaction and energy that requires in dealing with people in dire straits cannot be ignored.

We therefore need to reflect on the role of our staff and ask ourselves some searching questions:

- where we are consistently paying a staff member overtime just so that they can meet the demands of the role, should we commit to an increase in basic hours?
- Do we need to consider any additional members of staff?
- Are there any adjustments we need to make for them (for example, providing access to massage or counselling)?

## **Volunteers**

Our volunteers remain absolutely essential and we could not operate without their tireless assistance. To see the way that our staff enable them to work together as a team is extremely impressive.

Again, the increased demands mean that we need constantly to review our volunteer engagement and offering:

- How can we recruit volunteers who are not only willing but have the skills (often including physical strength) required?
- Do we expect too much from volunteers (some of whom are considerably past state pension age)?

## **Premises**

Our current premises were only intended to be short term. The increased demands have highlighted that they are not fit for purpose: they can only be accessed via steps or a slope; there are internal steps.

The Trustees met at the start of January and agreed to rent suitable premises as soon as some can be located. There is very little available and so far nothing that meets our needs.

## **Finances**

We are in the fortunate position that month on month our income exceeds our outgoings. That has enabled us to agree to commit to finding new premises knowing that assuming our income remains stable we can (just) afford a market rent in suitable premises, with a capital fund to cover rent for if funding letters dropped, and to pay for installation and set up costs.

We have accepted as trustees that whilst our preferred option is to purchase a suitable premises, we are not currently in a financial position to do so and the need to find new accommodation is pressing.

Historically as an organisation there has been some unease that we spend money on staffing (and soon premises) where perhaps donors consider that their gifts are spent on food. We need to accept that as we grow, part of the cost meeting the needs of local hungry people is paying for staff and accommodation to provide the service.

Increasingly we are spending significant sums on buying food to make up the difference between supply and demand. Last financial year we purchased 19kg of food; this year that has risen markedly to 1841kg. That comes at a considerable financial cost, and we need to ensure that we maintain sufficient reserves to meet those peaks in demand. As an indication of need, in 2021 we supplied 59 tons of food; in 2022 we supplied 75 tons.

## **Policies**

As we grow the need to have appropriate policies in place is ever greater, creating in its turn a greater need for administration: compliance, reviews of existing policies, and financial checks and balances.

A Trustee or volunteer to assist with administration of the charity (as opposed to the day to day organisation carried out by our manager) is a growing need.

**Jo Stone**

**Chair of Trustees**

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TRURO  
CORNWALL**

**CHARITY NUMBER 1176281  
REGISTERED IN ENGLAND AND WALES**

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## **Chair's report 2021**

We have seen some key changes to staff and the position around our premises.

### Staff

We have employed a replacement Warehouse Coordinator for our stores following retirement of a long serving stores manager. The handover process was smooth and successful.

We are in the process of recruiting a new Customer Services Coordinator and have appointed subject to positive references.

We should have in place a strong staff team.

### Volunteers

We remain hugely indebted to our volunteers without whom we simply could not operate. Whilst we have 3 staff members, annual leave and sickness means that there are significant proportions of time when we need volunteers to step up and coordinate sessions. 4 volunteers have recently been trained to oversee distribution. We need a similar number to be trained to oversee sorting in the store.

We have had a healthy number of expressions of interest from people seeking to volunteer. We held an intake session in the Autumn and one in January this year.

### Trustees

Following the retirement of 2 trustees we have a need for some new members. 3 people have expressed an interest. We have prepared an information pack that we can share with potential trustees together with a copy of our constitution and a simple application form. We will send that out to potential trustees shortly. The intention is that we look at the skills of applicants and try to appoint new trustees with skills in areas where we are currently weak.

## Premises

We had expected a local church to commence their building project to include a bespoke space for us. That looks increasingly unlikely. We may be offered a space, but not one that is large enough to be our main store.

Our current premises are short term: the fixed period of the lease ends in March 2022, and the Council could give us notice from then on. The chances of that are low.

The premises are not ideal: access for deliveries is via steps (although a slope is available to use). The building has a significant damp problem. Whilst we were assured that our contribution towards the maintenance costs would be about £3,000 per year, there is a risk that if Cornwall Council seeks to deal with the damp problem (which involves repairing the walkway above the premises) they may seek a much higher contribution from us. If so the premises do not represent value for money.

It is increasingly apparent that we will need to rent or buy premises on a commercial basis. Suitable properties will cost a significant sum. We continue to hold a significant amount of capital (see below) which is earmarked for the provision of suitable accommodation if and when a property can be identified.

## Finances

We continue to receive regular income. Our income has exceeded our expenditure and we have accrued significant capital, but that is intended to part fund the purchase (or long-term rent) of suitable premises without which we cannot continue to operate.

Jo Stone

Chair 31.1.22



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## Treasurer's Report 2021

### Accounts for the Year - 1st January to 31st December 2021

	2020	2021
	£	£
Bank balance brought forward	14,752	81,573
<u>Income</u>		
Total individual donations	98,614	
Donations - GA claimable		22,015
Small donations - GA claimable (GASDS)		869
GA claimed	4,802	3,613
GA not claimable		5,793
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Grants	27,229	235
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Interest	50	
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Wages (incl pension)	31,449	40,111
Office expenses	3,857	3,148
Equipment (incl uniform)	6,199	2,372
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Bank balance carried forward	81,573	136,626

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	Perranporth Fund	1,500	1,000
	Sembrador Fund	1,790	0
	Van (Sinking fund)	2,000	4,000
T	T Covid Grant	444	0
	Strategic Resources Grant	0	3,100
	General Reserve	73,614	128,526

After a first 'Covid' year in 2020 which took the bank balance from £14,752 to £81,573, 2021 has seen a further increase to £136,626.

This is split between the Coop Business Banking account, a Virgin Money savings account (£8,000) and a very small balance in a second Coop account which still receives some standing order donations which have not been transferred to the new account.

I have split the donations down this year to show a little more detail in how the money was received.

The majority of the income is now coming from the CAF 'button' on the website. This currently receives 65 regular monthly donations totalling £1,710 plus the gift aid where applicable.

There are 32 monthly standing orders paid direct to the bank account on which we can claim Gift Aid and 13 on which Gift Aid is not reclaimable. These total £1,100 per month.

This shows a reduction in the total donations, and therefore the Gift Aid reclaimed, from the previous year. I would guess that this may be due to the additional giving sparked by Covid in 2020.

The schools, businesses and churches giving has also shown a reduction. Any fundraising by schools and churches is included in the above.

There has also been a reduction in the donation from Tesco which is based on the quantity of food donated.

The only significant grant for this year has been the Strategic Resources Grant.

There will have been a little interest payable on the Virgin Savings account, but we are still working on the transfer of access for me to be able to view this.

Due to Covid the Trussell Trust refunded the payments made for affiliation to the charity.

The wages have increased from 2020 due to additional hours, new staff training time, pay increases and Strategic Resources Grant expenditure. There was however a further furlough payment received (see income).

Office expenses include insurance, mileage paid, office sundries, rates, water, mobile phone etc.

Equipment for 2021 includes uniform (supported by Coop) and stores storage equipment.

Rent remains the same as previous year.

Van expenses increased slightly due to remedial work being required and a hire van being needed for the time the van was in the garage.

The food purchased was almost entirely fruit and veg and covered by the Sembrador donation - see below.

The WRAP grant has been fully used and reported on.

The 'Perranporth Fund' - An estimate of costs attributable to the delivery of food to Perranporth Parish suggests that it would be reasonable to write this down by £500 for the 2021 year.

The 'Sembrador Fund' - The costs of providing the fruit and veg vouchers has entirely used up this fund in 2021. Maybe the future provision and funding of these vouchers needs discussion.

In order to plan for the replacement of the van at some point in the future it might be considered prudent to add another £2,000 to the van 'sinking fund'.

The Trussell Trust Covid grant has been used up during the year.  
£6,000 of the Strategic Resources Grant has been used.

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Catherine Thomas (Treasurer)

1/2/2022

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT**

### **TO THE TRURO FOOD BANK**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 Dec 2021.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner**

The Charities Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts Charities Act 2011.

#### **Basis of independent examiners report**

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## **Chairman's report 2020**

The challenges presented by Coronavirus have made my first year as chair more daunting than it might have been, but also confirming: we have a fantastic team of staff, volunteers and trustees.

### **Operational Impact of Coronavirus**

Some volunteers (and one staff member) have had to take a break on medical advice. We look forward to welcoming them back as soon as the situation permits.

Those that have been able to continue have found the working environment very different: social distancing has required us to use a much bigger space for sorting and distribution. We are so grateful for All Saints Highertown Church's patience and generosity in providing us with use of their hall in addition to our "usual" space.

Our staff have been superb at rising to the ever-changing challenges and putting into place systems and policies (and making sure they are followed) to keep us as safe as possible.

Sadly, that has meant that our opportunities to meet face to face and care for our customers have been limited. Our usual activities in signposting customers to other services have been limited.

### **Demand**

Demand has increased significantly, which can only be a consequence of the financial impact of lockdown. I set out the figures below. In short, we gave out almost twice the amount of food in 2020 to 2018, and about one third more than in 2019. We have not yet seen the impact of the end of the furlough scheme.

We have made arrangements with a local shop so that in addition to food we can fund electricity key meters for those customers who cannot afford it.

We were pleased to be able to distribute 100 hampers at Christmas in addition to our usual provision.

In the summer we met demand for 83 requests from local schools to help meet holiday hunger.

A number of local Food Larders have been established through central government finance. We believe that the food provided to local customers in need by those Larders insulates us from the full force of the level of need locally.

## Staff

Our distribution manager Andy has been absent due to Covid restrictions, and Janet has re-joined us on a temporary basis to help out.

Bob continues to organise the stores and has put into place a plan for when (and if) we can move to bespoke premises at All Saints Church.

Bob has made no secret of his intention to retire in the foreseeable future and we will then need to recruit for a replacement.

Simon continues to help us grow in terms of organisation and compliance, as well as building connections with other local services.

## Income and expenditure

The generosity of our funders locally is enormous: whilst demand is up, our income has increased to meet it. We are carrying a capital reserve, aware that we may need to fund premises on a temporary basis whilst All Saints Church is developed. We plan to use that capital to equip a kitchen where we can teach customers how to cook the food we provide.

Our treasurer Peter will finish at the end of this year, and we are in the process of finding a suitable willing volunteer to continue his hard work.

We successfully applied for grants from Cornwall Community Fund, WRAP to help meet the costs of shelving, trolleys and storage, and a grant from Trussell Trust to help meet the additional expenses associated with the increase in demand resulting from Covid.

## Premises

We remain extremely grateful to All Saints Church Highertown and to the Methodist Church. Both enable us to use their premises to store and distribute food. When All Saints is developed, we will need to arrange a separate store, and are looking at various options, including a former shop unit in Truro.

At present we rent two storage containers. We hope to be able to dispense with the need for those once we have alternative accommodation to keep all food under one roof.

Jo Stone

## Treasurer's report 2020

<b>Opening balance at 1.1.20</b>	<b>14752</b>
Plus Income	
Individual donors	98614
Gift Aid	4802
Churches/schools/businesses	17343
Grants	27229
Fundraising	1464
Interest	50
Tesco	2815
Furlough	3046
Mobile cashback	84
<b>Total income</b>	<b>155447</b>
Less Expenditure	
Building	37500
Rent	4839
Staff	31449
Office expenses	3941
Van expenses	2153
Fruit/veg vouchers	885
Trussell Trust	360
Food purchases	1230
Equipment	6199
Client fuel	70
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>88626</b>
<b>Closing balance at 31/12/20</b>	<b>81573</b>

2020 was an exceptional year and comparisons with previous years would give huge variances. The response to the pandemic required additional expenditure on staff with one staff member on furlough for health reasons and a limited expenditure on food for the first time in our history. Grants became available from a variety of sources and some specifically underpinned increased expenditure on COVID cleaning and the purchase of new handling equipment.

However the increased need was more than met by an unprecedented response in donations from the public, local businesses and churches. The response from individual donors came in through our own Donate button on the website and a number of third party charitable donation sites. The Donate button alone raised £69613 of the £98614 from Individual donors. Many signed up as regular donors and the future finances of the Foodbank are now on a much stronger footing.

The year also saw us prepare for the building work at All Saints Highertown with a move out to a temporary storage facility pending return to the new Lifehouse building which will offer us a much improved facility.

To understand the position at the end of the year we need to adjust the closing balance of £81573 by the following:-

- £2225 - the balance of the WRAP bid
- £1500 - the balance of the Perranporth legacy
- £1790 - the balance of the Sembrador grant for fruit/veg vouchers
- £2000 - suggested for the van sinking fund (but could be higher?)
- £876 - the balance of the second TT grant for COVID

These total £8391 leaving £73182 as our underlying reserves. Given the uncertainty of the situation and the increased costs for next year for storage, I do not believe this can be seen as unacceptable but it clearly leaves room to spend on new initiatives that may arise from the strategic planning.

Peter White

5 January 2020

# **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT**

## **TO THE TRURO FOOD BANK**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 Dec 2020.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner**

The Charities Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts Charities Act 2011.

### **Basis of independent examiners report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiners statement**

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe there is any material shortfall in the accounting records.
- 2) to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Neil Bridle Lowath Chy An Dowr, Penpol, Devoran, TR3 6NW

31/01/2021