

MORECAMBE BAY FOODBANK

England & Wales · Charity number 1176579

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-01-09

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Activities

Objects: MORECAMBE BAY FOODBANK HAS BEEN SET UP FOR THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONG PEOPLE IN MORECAMBE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY: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 POVERTYBY OTHER MEANS INCLUDING (BUT NOT LIMITED TO) THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT OR SIGNPOSTING TO RELEVANT INFORMATION AND OTHER ADVISORY SERVICES

Activities: Morecambe Bay Foodbank has been set up for the relief of need and hardship among people in Morecambe and the surrounding area by providing emergency food, essential toiletries and household items to individuals and families in need and for the provision of support or signposting to relevant information and other advisory services in the area.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£287,538	£485,522	-	-
2024-08-31	£370,006	£269,243	-	-
2023-08-31	£390,950	£266,064	-	-
2022-08-31	£258,282	£281,142	-	-
2021-08-31	£407,452	£211,559	-	-
2020-08-31	£328,260	£118,396	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ROGER LESLIE GITTINS	Chair	2017-11-20
Alison Fisher		2025-09-22
Hayley Pritchard		2024-01-08
Helen Greatorex		2017-11-20
Ian John James Dewar		2020-03-23
JOHN ENTWISTLE		2017-11-20
Jeremy Edward Bebbington		2025-09-22
Mark Thornton Thomas		2021-01-01
Patrick Louis Francis Hunt		2020-03-23

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Accounts

I have been involved with Morecambe Bay Foodbank for over 13 years now, and some of you have been involved even longer, right back to the founding in one room at the back of the Gym Church. Foodbanks were set up to provide food for those who couldn't manage in the lean years after the financial crash, and intended to be a short term project. They expanded rapidly during the many years of austerity, then the shock of covid, followed by the cost of living crisis started by the effects of the war in Ukraine. Now we are about to enter yet another cost of living crisis caused by another war, this time in Iran. Remember the initial purpose of Trussell, "to end the need for foodbanks". Sadly we are further away from that than ever.

To meet these challenges we have had to adapt and grow. From that initial one room we are now on a ten year lease in this very large space. From being run solely by volunteers under the auspices of the Methodist Church we now have paid staff (but still also a magnificent set of volunteers) and an active Trustee Board. From being just a supplier of emergency food we now do huge amounts of work to provide wider support to help clients tackle the underlying causes of food poverty in their lives.

We cannot do much ourselves to change the causes of poverty in our society today, such as the pernicious effect of ever rising rents whilst the Local Housing Allowance fails to keep pace. Many families receive Universal Credit because their income is thought to be inadequate to live on. Approximately half of these families have one or even two adults in work. Universal Credit in itself is not enough to live on properly as the "essentials campaign" run by Trussell and the Joseph Rowntree Trust has shown. Despite this they are expected to find what can be hundreds of pounds a month to top up their rent because even if they are on maximum Housing Benefit this does not cover their rent. Trussell nationally however do lobby Government and we should celebrate the occasional improvement such as the recent abolition of the "two child benefit limit", and the uprating of the minimum wage.

Our primary purpose has always been to provide emergency food for those in need. Last year we distributed approximately £250,000 worth of food to almost 3000 households. Each household receives enough food to provide three meals a day for three days for everyone in that household as a minimum. Within those households we supported almost 4000 adults and almost 2500 children, including over 600 aged 0-4. We mainly rely on donations of food through our donation bins in supermarkets, organised collections at schools and churches, and collections through other events organised locally such as at Morecambe FC. These donations can vary from a shopper putting a tin in the supermarket bin to a club organising a collection and delivering a car load of food. Every tin is appreciated. The ever increasing price of food has made it difficult for our donors to keep pace with demand. Up to three years ago we rarely had to buy food in, now we spend on average £1000 a week topping up our supplies. We are very grateful to those who donate money to enable us to continue, from those who donate monthly through standing orders, those who put money in our tins when we are collecting at a supermarket or the football, and those organisations and individuals that regularly send us money. More on this in the finance report later.

Over many years now it has become clear that for many of our clients their need for emergency food is not short term but an ongoing part of their lives. To this end we have developed a model of providing wider support to clients through partnership with Citizens Advice North Lancashire to attempt to solve the underlying issues causing the need for emergency food. With the help of Trussell nationally we set up the Schools Project in April 2023. This initially involved using funding provided by Trussell through the Pathfinder programme to commission one full time CANL advisor to deal with referrals from schools and give intense support to clients, many of whom had multiple issues causing financial hardship. This project was so successful that we used our own

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financial resources to employ another full time advisor, and then to continue the project for another year beyond the initial two year Trussell funding. The impact has been astonishing. Over the last three years we have invested £100,000 from Trussell and £135000 of our own resources in this project. The financial benefits for clients in our local community have been almost £2.5 million. This is £10 of benefit to the local community for every £1 invested. I will be circulating a full report on the three years of this project separately. I would like at this time to pay tribute to the pioneering work of Jeni Meadows on this project, and the brilliant work of Charlotte Harvey from CANL. Sadly however this project is now at an end, as we cannot continue to fund it ourselves at the level of cost indicated. I do know however that CANL have made successful bids for resources to continue a similar project themselves.

Our partnership with CANL was recognised by Trussell and National Citizens Advice in April 2025 when we were chosen to be one of only five partnerships in the country to be awarded funding for a similar project targeted at those with children aged 0-4. This project was also hugely successful, with an investment of £100,000 leading to community gains of over £800,000, £8 for every £1 spent. Sadly once again funding for this project has dried up after just one year.

We are virtually unique within the well over 400 Trussell Foodbank Network in being a delivery only service. This means that unlike before the pandemic we do not meet clients so have no opportunity to signpost them to further support. For the last three years therefore we have funded from our own resources the "Foodbank Project", where another commissioned CANL advisor contacts clients to offer advice and support to tackle their underlying problems in a similar way to the other projects. This has resulted in gains of over £300,000 in the last year for clients, a return of £6 for every £1 invested. I am pleased to say that Trustees have agreed to meet the cost of this project from our own budget and it will continue.

I have more detailed reports on each of these projects and will be circulating them at a later date.

Our final preventative project is our magnificent Uniform Project. The cost of uniform is a considerable burden on parents and there is precious little support available. Despite recent Government legislation in this area a number of our local schools continue to make unreasonable demands on parents through changes in uniform, requirements for blazers and PE kit with logos, even at Primary School. I have spoken about this on local radio more than once in recent years, and Citizens Advice North Lancashire produced an excellent report on this two years ago, but the excessive demands of a minority of schools continue to cause problems. Last year we gave out almost 1000 sets of school uniform, saving parents upwards of £200,000. Our volunteer uniform team, led by Angela, are just magnificent.

Our primary purpose is to provide emergency food to people in need. Sadly, however, this is frequently just a sticking plaster that tackles the effects rather than the causes. I am pleased therefore to say that the combined effect of all the preventative measures I have described here has been to enable financial gains in our local community in the last year of over £2 million. This has led to us being one of the very few foodbanks in the Trussell network to have reduced demand for food, although I suspect demand will start to go back up again in the next 12 months as we enter another cost of living crisis.

At this point I would like to say that none of this would have been possible without the magnificent efforts of our staff, our Trustees and especially our wonderful volunteers. Let's give everyone a well deserved round of applause.

Finally I will turn to the elephant in the room. You will notice that I have covered things in this report that would normally be in the Manager's report, and that Briony is not with us today. Despite

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a number of personal and health issues over the last year she has kept going and done a wonderful job. Sadly however she has reached the stage where for her own personal health she has decided to go back to Ireland. I regret to inform you that Briony is currently off sick and will finish her employment with us on May 8th. Most of us have known Briony for many years and cannot fail to have been impressed by her devotion to improving the lives of people in our local community. She started at Morecambe Bay Foodbank as a volunteer at Westminster Road and took over as Manager at a very difficult time in 2021. Over the last five years through her hard work and vision she has helped transform the foodbank into the success it is today.

Whilst Briony is irreplaceable as a person she would want us to make sure that the foodbank continues to thrive and support those most in need in our local community. To this end I will be working with Trustees to ensure that the post is filled by the best candidate available. This process will take time, so I will be supporting staff and volunteers by being at the foodbank myself every Tuesday and Thursday from early May. I know you will all continue the wonderful work that you are doing.

Thanks to you all, staff, trustees, donors, and especially volunteers. It is your dedication that enables us to be so supportive of our local community.

Roger Gittins Chair of Trustees Morecambe Bay Foodbank

R Gittins - CHAIR 19/05/20

MORECAMBE BAY FOODBANK

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

DATE PREPARED:

06.11.25

Relating to: 01.09.24 - 31.08.25

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	Previous Year £
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS					
Donations/Legacies By Standing Orders	95424.13			95424.13	97866.12
Donations/Legacies GIFTS	129852.69	43809.62		173662.31	252144.91
Bank Interest	18451.65			18451.65	19994.60
Income from Activities				0.00	0.00
Total Income & Endowments	243728.47	43809.62	0.00	287538.09	370005.63
EXPENDITURE					
Raising Funds				0.00	0.00
Charitable Activities	420796.64	64725.00		485521.64	269243.06
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	420796.64	64725.00	0.00	485521.64	269243.06
Net Gains/(losses) on investments				0.00	
Net Income/ (Expenditure)	-177068.17	-20915.38	0.00	-197983.55	100762.57
Transfers between funds				0.00	
Other recognised gains/(losses)				0.00	
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets				0.00	
Actuarial gains/(losses)				0.00	
Other gains/(losses)					
Net movement in funds	-177068.17	-20915.38		-197983.55	100762.57
Reconciliation of funds					
Total Funds brought forward	626084.45	64402.48		690486.93	589724.36
Total Funds carried forward	449016.28	43487.10		492503.38	690486.93

John Entwistle - TREASURER
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 28/4/2026

MORECAMBE BAY FOODBANK

BALANCE SHEET

DATE: 31st August 2025

	TOTAL FUNDS	PREVIOUS YEAR'S TOTALS
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS:		
Intangible Assets	0.00	0.00
Tangible Assets:		
Computers	£4787.79	
Vehicles	£227.26	
Equipment	£1593.66	
Fixtures & Fittings	£4113.44	
	10,722.15	12,859.33
Heritage Assets	0.00	0.00
Investments	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS:	10,722.15	12,859.33
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Stocks	29,253.40	66,427.86
Debtors and Prepayments	85,082.06	97,588.96
Investments	0.00	118.25
Cash at Bank and in Hand:		
Main Account	£308.67	
Community Account	£28.17	
Savings Account	£22347.71	
Flagstone	£349304.14	
Paypal	£1.00	
Cash	£188.62	
Vouchers	£229.70	
	372,408.01	515,901.29
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	486,743.47	680,036.36
LIABILITIES:		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4,962.24	2,408.76
Net Current assets or Liabilities	481,781.23	677,627.60
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	492,503.38	690,486.93
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	0.00	0.00
Provision for Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Net Assets or Liabilities excluding pension assets or liabilities	492,503.38	690,486.93
Defined benefit pension scheme asset or liability		
TOTAL NET ASSETS OR LIABILITIES	492,503.38	690,486.93
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:		
Endowment Funds	0.00	0.00
Restricted Funds	43,487.10	64,402.48
Unrestricted Funds	449,016.28	626,084.45
Revaluation Reserve	0.00	0.00
Pension Reserve	0.00	0.00
Total Unrestricted Funds	449,016.28	626,084.45
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	492,503.38	690,486.93

John Entwistle - Treasurer
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1) Debtors & Prepayments

The amount of £85082.06 in prepayments is made up of the following:

Prepayments	£89,145.86
Accrued Income	£4,063.80

2) Creditors

The amount of £3035.23 in the creditors is made up of the following:

Big Dug	dated 29.08.25	£133.55
Castle Security Services	dated 31.08.25	£14.40
Chris Dalby Fire Protection Services	dated 15.08.25	£102.00
Ford Lease	dated 30.07.25	£1,015.00
Infinity Print Solutions	dated 29.08.25	£39.11
KTD	dated 14.04.25	£1,284.60
Lancaster City Council	dated 04.08.25	-£229.50
Right Fuel Card	dated 31.08.25	£103.49
Verve Accountancy	dated 31.08.25	£72.00
Webfleet Solutions	dated 26.08.25	£500.58

Pension Contributions for August 2025 (paid in September 2025) £751.01

Accruals

Accountancy Accrual	£432.00
Other accruals	£744.00

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EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS

Type	Amount
	£
Client Purchases	57,897.16
Outreach Work	172,523.29
Local Projects	39.34
Closing Stock	-£315.00
Wages & salaries	110,678.70
Employers National Insurance	-1422.35
Pension Contributions	6,238.37
Rent	24,999.96
Rates, Heat & Light	15,131.11
Phone & Internet	9,097.41
Equipment Hire	378.50
Insurance	7,788.31
Subscriptions	157.20
Advert	1,563.53
Printing, Postage & stationery	115.59
Cleaning & Waste Disposal	1,827.14
Motor	18,737.01
Travel	2,767.60
Office Costs	227.27
Repairs	2,197.73
Legal & Professional fees	952.70
Accountancy	708.00
Miscellaneous expenses	1,274.58
Bank Charges	1,240.45
Depreciation of Assets	3,350.52
Total	438,154.12

Sam Entwistle - Treasurer

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VERVE ACCOUNTANCY

A Fresh Approach

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Morecambe Bay Foodbank
Charity No 1176579

Report on the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2025


We report to the trustees on our examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st August 2025.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

We report in respect of the examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, we have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

We 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 
Gillian Telford
FMAAT
Date 27th November 2025

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Accounts

Chair of Trustees report to AGM Friday 21st March 2025

Welcome everyone to our AGM for the past year. I apologise for reading this report rather than just speaking but after this meeting it will be uploaded to the Charity Commission website, along with the accounts for the financial year ending 31/08/24, where any member of the public can access it, so I have to be word perfect. Some of what I say will be duplicating our manager Briony's report but I will try to minimise that.

As we approach the fifth anniversary tomorrow of the first covid lockdown I would like to look back over those five years and share the huge progress we have made together in our aim to end hunger now. Firstly though, let me set the scene for how we were operating in March 2020. I started as a volunteer at Morecambe Bay Foodbank in about 2012, a year or so after it opened. Many of the volunteers here will remember that time in the Gym Church. Ever growing demand led to the move away from the church in 2017, the change of structure to become a registered charity and the formation of the Trustee Board. A number of trustees here, including me, were founder members of that first board.

Our foodbank has always looked to signpost people to additional support to help them with the problems that led them to need the foodbank in the first place. This was done through our volunteer listeners chatting with clients and signposting them to agencies where this support was available. Sadly however by the end of 2019 we were so busy that this became impossible. I well remember a two hour session on a Friday afternoon before Christmas that year when we had clients queuing out of the building and down the road as far as the bus stop. We distributed food parcels as fast as we could, but there was virtually no listening, no signposting and certainly no dignity.

When covid struck in March 2020 it was clear that different emergency arrangements would be needed. In liaison with Lancaster District Council Morecambe Bay Foodbank took responsibility for emergency food distribution throughout the area covered by the Council, and the number of households we served increased more than ten fold to over 800 some weeks, using first Salt Ayre Sports Centre and then The Platform as a base. I pay tribute to the work of our then Manager and Logistics Manager, together with other staff and volunteers, for rising to this enormous challenge.

In summer 2021 we moved to these premises, and later that year had a significant change in staffing. Thanks in particular to John Entwistle for his work in negotiating the lease on this building. It is wonderful for us to have so much space to do our work, warehouse space, office space and this open space for meetings (when it isn't full of the terracotta warriors like racks of school uniform!). Under Briony's leadership, our magnificent staff and volunteers have developed a very smooth delivery only operation. A decision was taken at our Trustee Strategy day last September to continue for the foreseeable future as a delivery only service. We are one of only three Trussell Foodbanks out of over four hundred who still use this model. So, the key question then became how do we support our clients with their wider problems and work towards ending hunger and the need for foodbanks.

The Trustee Board and Briony worked on this and through a successful bid to Trussell for Pathfinder funding we commissioned our first Citizens Advice worker for the schools project starting in April 2023. We also used our own financial resources to commission a second Citizens Advice worker to work directly with our clients, especially those who were relatively new to needing to use the foodbank (and now supported by some volunteers as well). These projects were so successful that we commissioned another CA worker to widen the schools project from August 2024. The impact of these workers and the support they have given to our local community has been amazing. I will give some figures shortly. Consequently, despite the Pathfinder funding finishing at the end of this month the Trustee Board have agreed to extend all these CA contracts

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until the end of March 2026. For the next twelve months we will be using our own financial reserves to fund these staff whilst we look for alternative sources of funding for future years after that.

We have been helped with Pathfinder Funding from Trussell for two other areas of our operation. Hannah was appointed in February 2024 to work with our referral agency partners to improve the quality of the information they give us and between us to work together to provide better all round support. She made a huge impact in a short time but sadly personal circumstances forced her to leave last November. We wish her well for the future. Now that we are delivery only it is very hard to find out the views of our clients and how we can improve our services for them. Natasha also started part-time in February 2024 and did some magnificent work producing a survey of clients' views that has had a big impact on how we operate. She is currently on maternity leave and we look forward to welcoming her back some time later this year.

There is one other area of our operation that has grown hugely in the past year, namely the uniform project. You can all see in this room and the rooms at the far end how large this project has grown. The scale of the operation and its almost military precision are a wonder to behold.

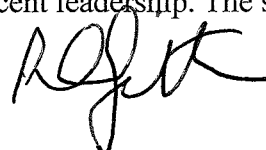
Whilst the Treasurer John will go through the accounts in more details shortly I will give some explanation now about our reserves. I have already mentioned our plans to allocate a considerable amount of them in the next twelve months. They are also artificially boosted this year by the inclusion of a notional value of over £66000 for stock as recommended by our accountant (although as we give our stock away free this value is not really there) and also £64000 received in advance for future Pathfinder expenditure. This actually means that our income has fallen slightly and our expenditure increased as we use some of our reserves to fulfil our charitable objectives.

We continue to be highly regarded by the local population, both individuals and businesses. This is the basis of our good financial position. We have significant income from regular standing orders from hundreds of individuals. Several people also make one off or regular donations. Local businesses also make a considerable contribution. I would just like to pick out a couple now, although our sincere thanks go to all donors. Infinis Energy gave us £5000 this year, as they have done each year for many years. Last summer Briony asked me to come and join her showing round a representative of a local business we had never heard of who wanted to make a donation. At the end of the tour we were gobsmacked when he presented us with a cheque for £10000, and also offered to help change our signs to the new Trussell logo. Many many thanks to Metamark for their generosity. Thanks to all our donors, including all those unknown people who put food in our donation bins, contribute to school and church food collections, and donate in other ways.

Finally I would like to turn to the impact of what we do. The provision of emergency food to people in need is the gateway to our services, but as described above we now provide much more than that. Briony will go through more details but I would like to give an overview. I think that the clearest way to do this is through looking at the value of the resources we have put into the local community. Every tin of food we give out, every item of school uniform we distribute, every new benefit gain we help people obtain, every debt we help get written off and many other examples contribute to the local economy and more importantly help people get through difficult times and make their lives better than they would otherwise be. The total of all these gains this year is a staggering £1.5 million. This is made up of approximately £200,000 of food, approximately £200,000 of school uniform, and an incredible £1.1 million from our commissioned CA advisors. We should all be really really proud of what we have achieved together.

Thank you to all our donors. Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, including the trustees, and thank you to our wonderful staff, especially to Briony for her magnificent leadership. The support

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we give to our local community changes lives for the better. In these really difficult times it sometimes seems that we are like Sisyphus trying to push a stone uphill, but all I can say is that even though we cannot help everyone, every single person we help is better off because of our efforts. Thanks and well done to all of us.

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MORECAMBE BAY FOODBANK

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Date : 12th February 2025

relating to 1st Sept 2023 –31st August 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	Previous Year £
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS					
Donations/ Legacies by Standing Order	97,866.12			97,866.12	96,864.89
Donations/Legacies GIFTS	142,339.92	109,804.99		252,144.91	288,418.93
CJRS Grant					
Bank Interest	19,994.60			19,994.60	5,665.74
Income from Activities	0			0	0
Total Income & Endowments	260,200.64	109,804.99		370,005.63	390,949.56
EXPENDITURE					
Raising Funds					
Charitable Activities	180,199.13	89,043.93		269,243.06	266,064.23
Total Expenditure	180,199.13	89,043.93		269,243.06	266,064.23
Net Gains/(losses) on investments					
Net Income / (Expenditure)	80,001.51	20761.06		100,762.57	124,885.33
Transfers between funds				0	0
Other recognised gains /(losses)					
Gains/ (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets					
Actuarial gains /(losses)					
Other gains/(losses)					
Net movement in funds	80,001.51	20,761.06		100,762.57	124,885.33
Reconciliation of funds					
Total Funds brought forward	546,082.94	43,641.42		589,724.36	464,839.03
Total funds carried forward	626,084.45	64,402.48		690,486.93	589,724.36

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 Treasurer
 21/03/25

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 CHAIR OF TRUSTEES
 21/03/25

MORECAMBE BAY FOOD BANK

BALANCE SHEET

DATE : 31st August 2024

	TOTAL FUNDS	PREVIOUS YEAR'S TOTALS
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS :		
Intangible Assets	0	0
Tangible Assets :		
Computers	4,920.00	
Vehicles	303.02	
Equipment	2,151.76	
Fixtures & Fittings	5,484.55	
	12,859.33	15,200.48
Heritage Assets	0	0
Investments	0	0
TOTAL FIXED ASSET	12,859.33	15,200.48
CURRENT ASSETS :		
Stocks	66,427.86	
Debtors and Prepayments	97,588.96	59,979.80
Loans	118.25	1,118.99
Investments	0	
Cash at Bank and in Hand :		
Main Account	450.97	
Community Account	1701.46	
Savings Account	46,495.53	
Charity Bank	102,662.36	
Flagstone	363,775.21	
Paypal	2.25	
Cash	578.81	
Food Vouchers	234.70	
	515,901.29	608,532.29
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	680,036.36	669,631.08
LIABILITIES :		
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	2,408.76	95,107.20
Net Current assets or Liabilities	677,627.60	574,523.88
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	690,486.93	589,724.36
Creditors : Amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0
Provision for Liabilities		
Net Assets or Liabilities excluding pension assets or liabilities	690,486.93	589,724.36
Defined benefit pension scheme asset or liability	0	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS OR LIABILITIES	690,486.93	589,724.36
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY :		
Endowment Funds		
Restricted Funds	64,402.48	43,641.42
Unrestricted Funds	626,084.45	546,082.94
Revaluation Reserve		
Pension Reserve		
Total Unrestricted Funds	626,084.45	546,082.94
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	690,486.93	589,724.36

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 Treasurer
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 CHAIR OF TRUSTEES
 21/03/25

Notes to the accounts

1) Debtors & Prepayments

The amount of £97,588.96 in the debtors and prepayments is made up of the following:

Prepayments - £32,711.03
Accrued Income (restricted) - £64,383.27
Lancaster City Council – dated 01/08/24 – £494.66

2) Creditors

The amount of £2,408.76 in the creditors is made up of the following expenses:

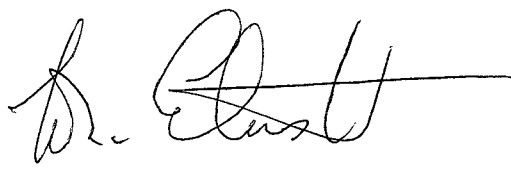
Castlegate Security Services – dated 31/08/24 - £74.40
Everclean – dated 28/08/24 - £170.00
Infinity Print Solutions – dated 29/08/24 - £25.55
Johnsons Workwear – dated 25/08/24 - £2.10
JSH Plumbing & Heating – dated 31/08/24 - £125.00
The Uniform & Leisurewear Company – dated 28/08/24 - £58.50
WCF Fuels – various August 2024 - £125.98
Westgate Tyres – dated 05/09/23 – (£183.80)

VAT Liability - £303.79

Pension contributions for August 2024 (paid in Sept 24) - £716.23

Accountancy accrual - £300.00
Other accruals - £691.00

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CHAIR OF TRUSTEES
21/03/25

3) Expenditure Analysis

Type	Amount
Client purchases	31,022.63
Outreach work	90,826.71
Local projects	300.00
Closing Stock	(66,427.86)
Wages and Salaries	111,342.76
Employers National Insurance	2,303.14
Pension Contributions	5,988.60
Rent	18,328.20
Rates, Heat & Light	18,075.68
Phone & Internet	1,955.95
Equipment Hire	416.10
Insurance	3,990.10
Subscriptions	357.80
Advert	70.96
Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,119.95
Cleaning & Waste Disposal	2,950.80
Motor	16,130.57
Travel	2,200.26
Office Costs	4,727.99
Repairs	9,170.23
Refurbishment Expenses	4,033.06
Legal and professional fees	2,594.81
Accountancy	654.00
Miscellaneous expenses	1,637.47
Bank Charges	1,335.20
Depreciation of assets	4,004.08
Loss on disposal of asset	133.87
Total	269,243.06

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Treasurer
21/03/25

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CHAIR OF TRUSTEES
21/03/25

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of
Morecambe Bay Foodbank
Charity No. 1176579

Report on the Accounts for the year ended
31 August 2024

Respective responsibilities of the trustee and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and 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 explanation from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to the statement below.

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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

have not been met: or

2) to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Dawn Naylor FCA
BJM Group
Riverway House
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Dated: 24/2/2025

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TREASURER
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CHAIR OF TRUSTEES
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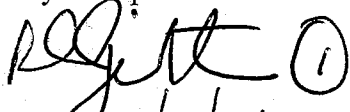
Chair's Report Morecambe Bay Foodbank AGM Friday 26th April 2024

Last year I opened my report by saying that we were a failure because we still existed, so this year I should start by saying we are still a failure because we still exist, but not quite as big a failure because demand has gone down slightly. Regrettably this isn't really true because although our food referrals have gone down by about a sixth we have hugely increased the support we offer in a range of other ways. Briony has given many of the details of this but I make no apologies for going over them again.

The cost of living crisis has caused huge hardship to many in our local community throughout the country. Inflation may be down but this just means that prices are not rising as fast as they were, but they are still rising. Food now costs more than a third more than it did two years ago. The poorest people in our community have been hit the hardest, with the cost of basics like bread and milk going up the most. Families with children have been particularly hard hit. In order to combat this we have developed a much wider range of support services, much of it through additional funding provided by the Trussell Trust through their Pathfinder Programme, with the ambitious aim of "Ending the Need for Foodbanks".

At last year's AGM I outlined that having identified families with Children as a priority we were starting a project in collaboration with nine local schools. We commissioned a full time worker from North Lancashire Citizens Advice to accept referrals directly from schools and Jeni has been able to offer a wide range of help for the fundamental problems that lead to people needing to use the foodbank. This is about attacking and helping to solve the reasons for foodbank use, the disease rather than the symptoms, long term action rather than sticking plaster. The financial gains for those helped, ranging from increased benefits, through getting debts written off to preventing homelessness have been five times the cost of the project. Similarly, from our own resources we commissioned another full time NLCA worker, initially shared between Florian and Tom and latterly Tom and Yolanda, to offer additional support to those who were already our clients. Dealing with a similar range of issue to Jeni they have also achieved financial gains for clients of over five times the cost of this support. Together these gains have saved clients over £400,000. At this point I would also like to reference the enormous growth in the uniform project, with the number of clients increasing almost four fold. This project has saved our clients over £250,000. These are wonderful examples of how we can prevent the use of foodbanks in a creative way by offering preventative support to our community.

The way Morecambe Bay Foodbank operates has changed immeasurably since before the pandemic. This change has often been driven by circumstances, such as the change of premises and the move to a delivery only model almost unique within the Trussell Trust foodbank network. Now that we have settled premises and a wonderful settled and expanding group of staff and volunteers the Trustee Board is looking to produce a 3-year strategic plan to look forward as we continue to support those in need whilst also doing our preventative work. As part of this I sent out a questionnaire to trustees, staff and volunteers to obtain a wide spread of views, and also held a meeting for volunteers here Thank you to everyone who contributed their views. One group who we don't have as much contact with as previously is our clients, and clearly we need to find out their views on our services for now and the future. To this end we have made a successful bid to Trussell Trust for additional Trussell Trust Pathfinder funding for a part time member of staff to cover the area of "participation", with a brief to find out and inform us of this information. The other key group of people we interact with are the huge range of organisations locally that refer clients to us. Briony has done wonderful work with these agencies, encouraging them not to just "give a foodbank voucher" to their clients but to look at wider issues, and explaining to them how we fit into local support networks. We have now appointed a full time member of staff to work with these agencies, also funded by Trussell Trust. Trustees will be meeting for a full day in September to


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bring together the views of all our different stakeholders and produce a plan for the way forward for the next three years.

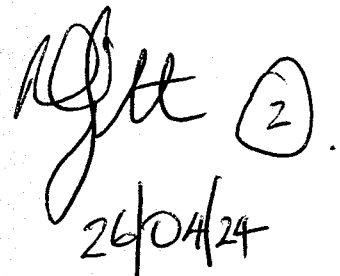
When I go to national Trussell Trust events such as the Pathfinder Gathering I chat with people from other foodbanks covering a wide geographical area. There is one thing that they are always amazed about and it is the level of cooperation in our area between a wide range of groups. We have excellent links with Lancaster District Council, formed during the pandemic but continued since, considerable cooperation with local food clubs which people can use as a way of preventing dependence on the foodbank, and other local groups such as the Food Justice Partnership and our wide range of referral agencies. We are much more effective working together than as individual groups.

Our continued successful operation depends on the support of a wide range of individuals and groups. Firstly I would like to thank all our donors, those who support us with donations of food and other goods for distribution, and those who support us financially. Many of these have supported us for a number of years. During the pandemic we made connections with a range of communities that we previously had little or no contact with. We have continued to have regular donations from what Briony calls "up the valley" and for these we are very appreciative.

Secondly, I would like to thank our ever expanding staff, who are providing a wonderful service under the outstanding leadership of Briony. The day to day operation of the foodbank is incredibly efficient. Thirdly I would like to thank our volunteers without whom we could not survive. Finally I would like to thank our Trustees who provide strategic leadership for the foodbank. In particular I would like to thank Joanna for her many years as a volunteer, for her remarkable leadership as our first Chair of Trustees when we formed our own charity separate from the Methodist Church, and for her continuing support for me since I took over from her as Chair two years ago. Joanna's appointment as Chief Executive of North Lancashire Citizens Advice, combined with our developing partnership with that organisation, could put her in a position of "conflict of interest" so she is regrettably stepping down as a trustee, but not until after she makes her usual creative contribution to our future strategic direction at the planning day in September.

Many thanks to everyone who contributes in any way to the continued success of Morecambe Bay Foodbank and the key role we play in supporting the local community we serve.

Roger Gittins Chair of Trustees Morecambe Bay Foodbank.

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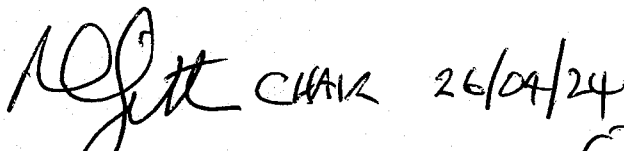
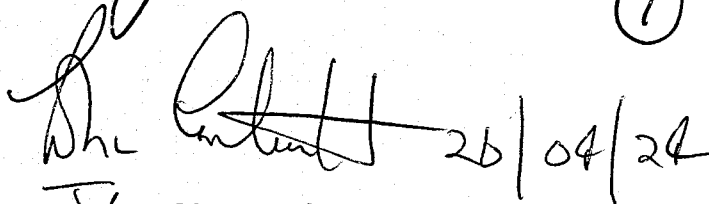
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Date : 10th December 2023

relating to 1st Sept 2022 –31st August 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	Previous Year £
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS					
Donations/ Legacies by Standing Order	96,864.89			96,864.89	85,108.72
Donations/Legacies GIFTS	212,319.93	76,099.00		288,418.93	173,096.34
CJRS Grant					
Bank Interest	5,665.74			5,665.74	77.01
Income from Activities	0			0	0
Total Income & Endowments	314,850.56	76,099.00		390,949.56	258,282.07
EXPENDITURE					
Raising Funds					
Charitable Activities	216,777.87	49,286.36		266,064.23	281,141.93
Total Expenditure	216,777.87	49,286.36		266,064.23	281,141.93
Net Gains/(losses) on investments					
Net Income / (Expenditure)	98,072.69	26,812.64		124,885.33	(22,859.86)
Transfers between funds				0	0
Other recognised gains /(losses)					
Gains/ (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets					
Actuarial gains /(losses)					
Other gains/(losses)					
Net movement in funds	98,072.69	26,812.64		124,885.33	(22,859.86)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total Funds brought forward	448,010.25	16,828.78		464,839.03	487,698.79
Total funds carried forward	546,082.94	43,641.42		589,724.36	464,839.03


 Chair 26/04/24
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 Treasurer 26/04/24

MORECAMBE BAY FOOD BANK

BALANCE SHEET

DATE : 31st August 2023

	TOTAL FUNDS	PREVIOUS YEAR'S TOTALS
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS :		
Intangible Assets	0	0
Tangible Assets : Computers 6,348.00 Vehicles 404.02 Equipment 1,520.13 Fixtures & Fittings 6,928.33	15,200.48	14,750.54
Heritage Assets	0	0
Investments	0	0
TOTAL FIXED ASSET	15,200.48	14,750.54
CURRENT ASSETS :		
Stocks		
Debtors and Prepayments	59,979.80	17,393.69
Loans	1,118.99	
Investments	0	
Cash at Bank and in Hand : Main Account 1,225.27 Community Account 2,246.32 Savings Account 504,930.26 Charity Bank 99,470.92 Paypal 3.35 Cash 461.47 Food Vouchers 194.70	608,532.29	455,940.86
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	669,631.08	473,334.55
LIABILITIES :		
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	95,107.20	23,246.06
Net Current assets or Liabilities	574,523.88	450,088.49
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	589,724.36	464,839.03
Creditors : Amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0
Provision for Liabilities		
Net Assets or Liabilities excluding pension assets or liabilities	589,724.36	464,839.03
Defined benefit pension scheme asset or liability	0	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS OR LIABILITIES	589,724.36	464,839.03
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY :		
Endowment Funds		
Restricted Funds	43,641.42	16,828.78
Unrestricted Funds	546,082.94	448,010.25
Revaluation Reserve		
Pension Reserve		
Total Unrestricted Funds	546,082.94	448,010.25
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	589,724.36	464,839.03

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Notes to the accounts

1) Debtors & Prepayments

The amount of £59,979.80 in the debtors and prepayments is made up of the following:

Prepayments - £57,003.04
VAT Repayment due - £2,976.76

2) Creditors

The amount of £95,107.20 in the creditors is made up of the following expenses:

Baldwin Building Services – dated 28/07/23 - £2,802.00
Blackbaud E-Tapestry – dated 01/08/23 - £228.00
CAB North Lancs – dated 31/07/23 - £90,000.00
Castle Industrial Supplies Ltd – dated 30/08/23 - £85.54
Castlegate Security Services – dated 31/08/23 - £44.40
Johnsons Workwear – dated 27/08/23 - £2.10
Gordon Simmons – dated 27/08/23 - £324.97
The Uniform & Leisurewear Company – dated 02/08/23 - £223.12
WCF Fuels – various August 2023 - £124.42
Lancaster City Council – dated 30/08/23 – (£113.10)
Morrisons – dated 14/07/23 – (£460.57)

Pension contributions for August 2023 (paid in Sept 23) - £652.99

Accountancy accrual - £300.00
Other accruals - £893.33

Right Chair
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Treasurer (3)

3) **Expenditure Analysis**

Type	Amount
Client purchases	49,888.99
Outreach work	37,479.46
Local projects	500.00
Wages and Salaries	77,175.87
Employers National Insurance	582.87
Pension Contributions	4,095.11
Sub Contract	3,162.00
Rent	18,328.09
Rates, Heat & Light	12,052.63
Phone & Internet	1,226.00
Equipment Hire	363.23
Insurance	4,678.69
Subscriptions	260.20
Advert	91.67
Printing, Postage and Stationery	519.27
Cleaning & Waste Disposal	1,989.35
Motor	15,696.73
Travel	1,912.16
Office Costs	7,056.92
Repairs	9,491.59
Refurbishment Expenses	9,172.49
Legal and professional fees	453.20
Accountancy	440.00
Bad debt	176.70
Miscellaneous expenses	1,492.25
Bank Charges	1,326.08
Depreciation of assets	4,210.81
Loss on disposal of asset	2,241.87
Total	266,064.23

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26/04/24

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TREASURER

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of
Morecambe Bay Foodbank
Charity No. 1176579

Report on the Accounts for the year ended
31 August 2023

Respective responsibilities of the trustee and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees considers that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

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- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and 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 explanation from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to the statement below.

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

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Dated: 15TH JANUARY 2024

MORECAMBE BAY FOODBANK

England & Wales - Charity number 1176579

Accounts

Chair's Report Morecambe Bay Foodbank AGM Friday 28th April 2023

Strange as it seems I am going to start my report by describing us as a continuing failure. This is because we still exist. Ever since Morecambe Bay Foodbank started we have been working to put ourselves out of existence by ending the need for foodbanks. This aim is shared nationally by the Trussell Trust and its network of well over 400 foodbanks, of which we are part. Sadly, each year that passes this goal gets further away and our services get ever more important. It is truly shocking that in the sixth biggest economy in the world so many people are unable to afford decent food for themselves and their families. We are supposed to provide "emergency food for people in crisis", but more and more people are living in a state of almost permanent crisis. Food inflation is running at almost 20% year on year, and even many people in paid work cannot make ends meet.; Our Manager, Briony, will give more details of current need in her report.

Whilst this need continues to exist and grow we have to adapt and change to meet it. I am very pleased to report that the last year has seen great advances in how effectively the foodbank is run.

We have established ourselves in these wonderful new premises.

We have a superb new manager and staff team.

We have maintained and even increased our level of donations, both of food and money.

We have a brilliant volunteer team.

We have a great set of trustees.

We are providing not only food but an ever increasing amount of school uniform.

I want to thank each and every donor, whether that be donations of food, donations of money or donations in kind. There are so many that I cannot mention them all individually but I would like to draw attention to the following:

MA Cleaning; Heysham 1 & 2 Power stations; Infinis Energy; Sedburgh School; Premier Line; Printing Plus.

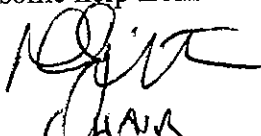
I want to thank all our partners, those in referral agencies who let us know who needs help, especially Lancaster City Council with whom we have built a close relationship during and following the pandemic, and those other organisations such as food clubs who also help to reduce food insecurity in this area. Briony in particular works really hard to develop supportive links and working relationships for effective partnership working.

I want to thank every staff member: Briony for her leadership through a difficult time; Gail for her awesome contribution to administration; Janet for keeping the finances organised and for keeping the Trustees organised; and our newest staff member Paul for maintaining the efficient operation of the warehouse and logistics.

I want to thank each and every volunteer, without you we cannot exist.

I want to thank all the Trustee Board for their efforts towards providing strategic direction, and particularly John who has worked so hard to ensure that we have a long term lease on this building, and to get it fit for purpose.

All of this since the pandemic however just contributes to an incredibly efficient food and school uniform delivery service. We do not get to meet our clients (except for our wonderful delivery drivers) and we are not able to signpost them to the wider support they might need to tackle the issues that led them to need the foodbank in the first place. The Trustee Board has looked at this and with some help from the Trussell Trust Pathfinder programme have initiated three new projects. The

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aim of this programme is “to end the need for foodbanks”, which as I mentioned earlier is very ambitious.

The first project is funded through the Trussell Trust Pathfinder Programme. The Schools Project has commissioned a full time Citizens Advice worker to support parents directly in schools. I am pleased to welcome Jeni to the foodbank family. We are partnering with schools as they are the agency most trusted by parents, and the first to notice when a family may be struggling. We are starting out with 9 pilot schools, with a mix of primary and secondary, and spread across the district.

The second project is funded through our own resources. This is possible due to our very successful fundraising and generous donors. Once again we have commissioned a Citizens Advice worker to support those clients who receive their first referral to the foodbank. I am pleased to welcome Florian to the foodbank family. Florian may also expand his work to include support for those who seem to have a longer term need for the foodbank.


In each of these projects the aim is to provide preventative support to minimise future foodbank use. This will be done by addressing each client's needs and circumstances, helping them maximise any benefits they may be entitled to, assisting in financial management, and dealing with any other problems they may have that contribute to their need for foodbank use. Working in partnership with Citizens Advice North Lancashire means we are providing a much more holistic preventative service rather than just “food as sticking plaster”. Both of these projects have funding for the next two years.

Both of these projects are being done because as a Trustee Board and staff we feel they will benefit our community. One gap however is that we have very few ways for our clients to impact what we do, what their needs are, and how we can support them. Our third project is designed to meet this gap and will enable our clients to impact our strategic direction. We will be commissioning people with lived experience from the Community Commissioners attached to the Poverty Truth Commission to find out what is important for our clients and how we can best help.

As I stated at the beginning of this report it is really sad that we have to exist. Because we do exist we have to make sure we do as much as we can to support people, The last twelve months have moved us on from a difficult time and we are now really strong in all aspects of our work, financial, staff, logistics, partnerships, volunteers, management. We are now also expanding our community support as outlined above to continue to work towards ending the need for foodbanks.

Thanks to you all.

Roger Gittins Chair of Trustees Morecambe Bay Foodbank.

2.  CHAIR,
28/04/23.

MORECAMBE BAY FOODBANK

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Date : 23rd December 2022

relating to 1st Sept 2021 –31st August 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	Previous Year £
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS					
Donations/ Legacies by Standing Order	85,108.72			85,108.72	64,909.50
Donations/Legacies GIFTS	157,096.34	16,000.00		173,096.34	339,191.81
CJRS Grant					
Bank Interest	77.01			77.01	
Income from Activities	0			0	0
Total Income & Endowments	242,282.07	16,000.00		258,282.07	407,451.98
EXPENDITURE					
Raising Funds					
Charitable Activities	243,168.65	37,973.28		281,141.93	211,558.86
Total Expenditure	243,168.65	37,973.28		281,141.93	211,558.86
Net Gains/(losses) on investments					
Net Income / (Expenditure)	(886.58)	(21,973.28)		(22,859.86)	195,893.12
Transfers between funds	97.94	(97.94)		0	
Other recognised gains /(losses)					
Gains/ (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets					
Actuarial gains /(losses)					
Other gains/(losses)					
Net movement in funds	(788.64)	(22,071.22)		(22,859.86)	195,893.12
Reconciliation of funds					
Total Funds brought forward	448,798.89	38,900.00		487,698.89	291,805.77
Total funds carried forward	448,010.25	16,828.78		464,839.03	487,698.89

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 CHAIR
 28/4/2023

MORECAMBE BAY FOOD BANK

BALANCE SHEET

DATE : 31st August 2022

	TOTAL FUNDS	PREVIOUS YEAR'S TOTALS
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS :		
Intangible Assets	0	0
Tangible Assets :		
Computers	2,843.78	
Vehicles	2,930.71	
Equipment	2,867.22	
Fixtures & Fittings	6,108.83	
	14,750.54	23,478.56
Heritage Assets	0	0
Investments	0	0
TOTAL FIXED ASSET	14,750.54	23,478.56
CURRENT ASSETS :		
Stocks		
Debtors and Prepayments	17,393.69	
Investments	0	
Cash at Bank and in Hand :		
Main Account	381,942.10	
Community Account	23,702.57	
Savings Account	48,440.00	
Paypal	143.22	
Cash	506.36	
Food Vouchers	1,206.61	
	455,940.86	482,331.31
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	473,334.55	482,331.31
LIABILITIES :		
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	23,246.06	18,110.98
Net Current assets or Liabilities	450,088.49	464,220.33
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	464,839.03	487,698.89
Creditors : Amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0
Provision for Liabilities		
Net Assets or Liabilities excluding pension assets or liabilities	464,839.03	487,698.89
Defined benefit pension scheme asset or liability	0	0
TOTAL NET ASSETS OR LIABILITIES	464,839.03	487,698.89
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY :		
Endowment Funds		
Restricted Funds	16,828.78	38,900.00
Unrestricted Funds	448,010.25	448,798.89
Revaluation Reserve		
Pension Reserve		
Total Unrestricted Funds	448,010.25	448,798.89
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	464,839.03	487,698.89

Dr. [Signature]
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 28/4/2023

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1) Debtors & Prepayments

The amount of £17393.69 in the debtors and prepayments is made up of the following:

Debtors - £8,326.86
Prepayments - £6,214.80
VAT Repayment due - £2,852.03


2) Creditors

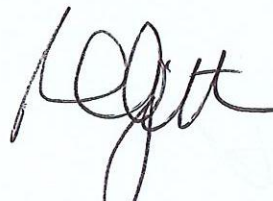
The amount of £23,246.06 in the creditors is made up of the following expenses:

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Cloud2IT – dated 01/08/22 - £158.40
Coastal Services – dated 31/08/22 - £995.20
IDA – dated 09/08/22 - £2,835.60
Infinity Print Solutions – various - £74.68
Johnsons Workwear – dated 21/08/22 - £7.08
Roger Gittins – dated 23/05/22 - £112.50
Three – dated 25/08/22 - £17.00
Westgate Tyres – dated 31/08/22 – £132.00
BSG Solicitors – date 16/08/22 – (£1,846.80)
Lancaster City Council – dated 20/01/22 – (£33.95)
Midland Hotel – dated 11/08/22 – (£200.00)
Webfleet Solutions – dated 01/01/22 – (£155.94)
Woodbine Dairy Ltd – various – (£330.18)

Pension contributions for August 2022 (paid in Sept 22) - £277.65

Accountancy accrual - £360.00
Other accruals - £20,614.82


Treasurer
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3) **Expenditure Analysis**

Type	Amount
Client purchases	14,597.14
Wages and Salaries	81,021.52
Employers National Insurance	2,829.53
Pension Contributions	2,291.09
Sub Contract	8,912.83
Rent	18,328.31
Rates, Heat & Light	7,851.45
Phone & Internet	1,383.41
Equipment Hire	792.54
Insurance	3,385.00
Subscriptions	403.99
Advert	1,634.08
Printing, Postage and Stationery	361.25
Cleaning & Waste Disposal	1,216.93
Motor	12,593.61
Travel	4,366.11
Office Costs	6,552.98
Repairs	5,569.23
Refurbishment Expenses	73,597.36
Legal and professional fees	20,563.08
Accountancy	509.00
Security	2,363.00
Bad debt	177.38
Miscellaneous expenses	669.87
Bank Charges	601.67
Depreciation of assets	5,813.01
Loss on disposal of asset	2,756.56
Total	281,141.93

Mr. Calvert

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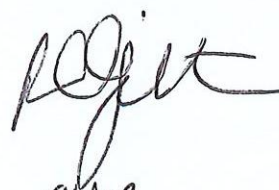
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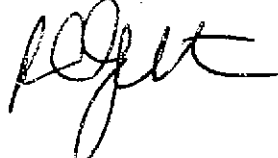
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MORECAMBE BAY FOODBANK

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Morecambe Bay Foodbank AGM, 29th April 2022

Chair's Report

In the past year we have delivered 11,181 emergency five-day food parcels to people in Lancaster, Morecambe and the surrounding areas of our District.

This looks like good news, because it's a reduction on the 42,172 delivered during the previous year - exceptional due to the pandemic, and our partnership with Lancaster City Council, where we delivered food to those who were self-isolating in the height of lock down.

The disappointing thing is that compared to 2019/20, when we delivered 9,135 parcels, our numbers have gone up again, by 22.4%. This reflects the national picture and shows that the need for food banks is unfortunately rising yet again.

Despite the disruptions of Covid, our amazing volunteers have continued to contribute thousands of hours to ensure that everyone who needed emergency food received it. Due to Covid, we have continued to use a delivery model, taking food directly to people's homes.

We moved, yet again, to our new building, Anchor House on Westgate in Morecambe. Taking on such a large building has been a significant undertaking and thanks go to John Entwistle, our Treasurer for all his hard work in securing the tenancy and making our building fit for purpose.

This year we said goodbye to our previous manager Annette Smith and her husband David, who have moved on from the foodbank. We thank them for their hard work and significant contribution over the years, establishing and building the foodbank, and wish them well for the future.

We are delighted that Briony Scott has been appointed as Foodbank Manager, with our longstanding volunteer Gail Rolfe appointed as our administrator. Our finances are in the capable hands of Janet Firth who we welcomed to the Foodbank this year. Trustees thank our staff for all their hard work and we look forward to working together as we settle into our new building and devise a new strategy as we emerge from the pandemic.

Our trustees work very hard behind the scenes and I am so grateful to them for all the hours of time they have contributed in the last year, their wisdom, generosity and humour. We were very sad to say goodbye to Mark Wight, who has stepped down due to work commitments. Thank you, Mark, for all you have done for the foodbank.

In Lancaster and Morecambe, we are hugely grateful for the amazing efforts that organisations make to help people in need. As part of the Lancaster District Food Poverty Alliance, we work in partnership with as many organisations and agencies as we can to serve our clients. Particular thanks go to Lancaster City Council, Citizens Advice North Lancashire and Eggcup for being willing to work with us so effectively.

Our referring agencies and fellow charities, food clubs, councillors, schools, children's services and others across the area work hard to make sure that they are spotting people in need and referring them to our services. Without these connections we would not be able to help as many people as we do. Thank you to all of them.

We are extremely grateful for every donation, whether it's a tin of beans or a ton of beans, a pound, or £5,000, every donation to the foodbank is valued and appreciated and enables us to carry on with our work. Thank you to all our donors across the community.

The social policy situation in the UK is extremely worrying. Those on working age benefits face the lowest incomes comparative to wages since the Second World War, and with inflation hitting 7% this year, we know that many people on the lowest incomes don't have enough to afford the basics. Along with the Trussell Trust, our national organisation, we call on the government to make sure that everyone has enough money to live off. No-one should need to use a foodbank.

In the coming year, we will be working, as part of the Trussell Trust's pathfinder programme, to devise new ways of working, both with our clients and in partnership with others in the community. We should never underestimate the emotional impact of using a foodbank. Every request for emergency food should be seen as a personal emergency of welfare and wellbeing and we will all be working together to see how we can best serve our clients needs.

On a personal note, I have had the honour to serve as Chair of Trustees of this remarkable charity since 2017. It has been a joy to work with such a talented group of trustees, staff and volunteers. I am very pleased to be handing over to Roger Gittins this year who I know will help the charity to continue to thrive and serve our community.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanna Young".

Joanna Young
Chair of Trustees
29th April 2022

MORECAMBE BAY FOODBANK

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Date : 3rd March 2022

relating to 1st Sept 2020 – 31st August 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds £	Previous Year £
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS					
Donations/ Legacies by Standing Order	64,909.50			64,909.50	19,120.00
Donations/ Legacies	316,791.81	22,400.00		339,191.81	309,140.03
GIFTS					
CIRS Grant	25.23	3,325.44		3,325.44	25.23
Bank Interest	0			0	0
Income from Activities	381,726.54	25,725.44		407,451.98	328,260.03
EXPENDITURE					
Raising Funds					
Charitable Activities	198,933.05	12,625.81		211,558.86	118,396.48
Total Expenditure	198,933.05	12,625.81		211,558.86	118,396.48
Net Gains/(losses) on investments					
Net Income / (Expenditure)	182,793.49	13,099.63		195,893.12	209,863.55
Transfers between funds					
Other recognised gains/(losses)					
Gains/ (losses) on revaluation of fixed assets					
Actual gains/(losses)					
Other gains/(losses)					
Net movement in funds					
Reconciliation of funds					
Total Funds brought forward	266,005.40	25,800.37		291,805.77	81,942.22
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