

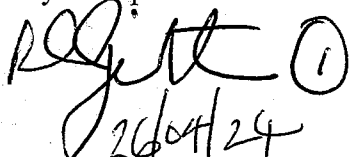
Chair's Report Morecambe Bay Foodbank AGM Friday 26th April 2024

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.

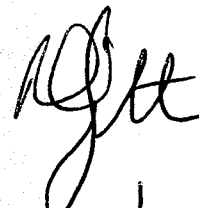
When I go to national Trussell Trust events such as the Pathfinder Gathering I chat with people from other foodbanks covering a wide geographical area. There is one thing that they are always amazed about and it is the level of cooperation in our area between a wide range of groups. We have excellent 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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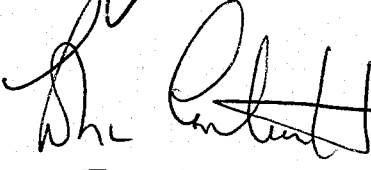
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

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

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 Treasurer

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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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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

NG Chair

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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

- 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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Dated: 15TH JANUARY 2024