

Weston Super Mare Foodbank

Trustee Report and Accounts

Year Ended 31st March 2021

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2021

Structure, Governance and Management

The Organisation is registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Charity commission Reference Number 1177071 and is governed by a constitution dated 8th February 2018 and operates from North Street, Weston Super Mare BS23 1QF

Objectives and Activities

The Charity exists for the public benefit, the relief of financial hardship amongst people in need in North Somerset and the United Kingdom by providing food and training and strengthening and empowering individuals, families and communities

Achievements and Performance

Weston-super-Mare Foodbank is a charity that enables the community in and around Weston to meet the emergency food needs of those within the same community who are at a crisis point in their lives. Thousands benefit; thousands more enable this to take place. The Foodbank is simply a means of linking a generous community with those in need of support.

During the 12 months to March 2021, Weston Foodbank has provided emergency food for about 7,000 people, one third of whom were children. 56,750kg of food has been distributed. In addition to providing emergency food, the charity has supported local families with the provision of school holiday meals.

The impact of Covid-19 has resulted in significantly higher numbers of people in need of emergency food (17.5%) whilst limiting our ability to engage with the underlying causes of food poverty. Our work to support people in moving away from dependence on food support has reduced as we have had to minimise contact and engagement with our clients for their own protection and for the protection of our own teams.

In order to respond to the increasing client numbers and the requirements of social distancing the Foodbank introduced a new operating model. This involved the establishment of seven additional food outlets for clients developed in partnership with local organisations and churches.

During the year the increased volumes of food required and distributed made it essential that the trustees implemented its plans to increase the storage capacity. A temporary solution was offered by Milton Baptist Church that made its premises available. During this time the trustees secured a warehouse to act as a central collection and distribution point for food. This is held on a five year lease with a break point after three years. The Trustees are grateful to those individuals and organisations whose generosity has made this possible.

Food supplies continue to be donated by people via collection points in local supermarkets, many of which have supplemented this with direct donations of food and of financial gifts.

Financial Review

The pandemic referred to above has also seen been the focus of organisations and individuals looking to support the work of the Foodbank, to this end the Charity has seen a significant increase in the number of gifts and grants towards the work of the Weston Super Mare Foodbank

The organisation receives donations from individuals and organisations who support the work of the foodbank. The Foodbank has also received a grant from the North Somerset Council to support the work in the area.

During the year the charity had three part time employees, North Street Manager, Warehouse Manager and Book Keeper along with ad hoc support as required. The financial circumstances for the year are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

The Accounts for the year have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, which does not necessarily represent the trading for the year as they include:

The Organisation has cash reserves of £157,155 as at 31 March 2021, (Last year £45,841), most of which is held in a Co-Op Bank Account

The Trustees have adopted a Reserves Policy which requires 3 months of expenditure to be held in reserves. This will allow the Charity to continue to operate for a minimal period of time should giving reduce. The trustees recognise that the financial commitment relating to the warehouse lease marks an additional risk and holds reserves against this in recognition that there is no separate income stream that funds this

At the balance sheet date, the reserves of £157,155 (Last year £45,841). While this figure is above the required level, the Trustees believe that following a review of commitments including the operational costs of the Warehouse, potential requirement for a second vehicle and investments in "more than initiatives", that the level of reserves is appropriate

The Trustees are satisfied that they have sufficient reserves at the Balance Sheet date, together with ongoing income anticipated, to enable the organisation to function effectively in the coming year.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the income resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgement and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:


Trustee

20 June 2021

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Total Funds £	Last Year £
Receipts					
General Donations	201,656			201,656	48,643
Fund Raising Event				0	567
Total Receipts	201,656	0	0	201,656	49,210
Payments					
Salaries, Ni Pension	28,629			28,629	18,732
Premises Costs	41,953			41,953	13,537
Vehicle Costs	943			943	761
Fund Raising Event	0			0	279
Admin and Other Costs	18,817			18,817	6,495
Total Payments	90,342	0	0	90,342	39,804
Net of Receipts and Payments	111,314	0	0	111,314	9,406
Cash Funds Last Year	45,841			45,841	36,435
Cash Funds This Year End	157,155	0	0	157,155	45,841

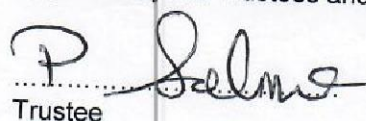
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Cash Funds			
Co-op Bank Account	156,802		
Pocket Card Account	0		
Petty Cash	354		
Total Cash Funds	157,156	0	0

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the Prior Year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £
Cash Funds			
Co-op Bank Account	45,567		
Pocket Card Account	0		
Petty Cash	274		
Total Cash Funds	45,841	0	0

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Weston Super-Mare Foodbank Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Weston Super - Mare Foodbank Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

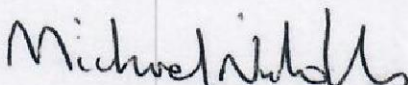
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: Michael Nicholls FMAAT

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Date 22 June 2021