WANSBECK VALLEY FOOD BANK

England & Wales · Charity number 1177303

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2018-02-26
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Thistledene Fulbeck Morpeth NE61 3JU
Phone	01670515915
Email	wansbeckvalleyfoodbank@gmail.com
Website	www.wansbeckvalleyfoodbank.org

Activities

Objects: THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY OR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IN NORTHUMBERLAND IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY: 1.THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY FOOD PARCELS, ITEMS, SERVICES AND FACILITIES TO INDIVIDUALS IN FINANCIAL NEED 2.CONTRIBUTING TO AND CO-OPERATING WITH CHARITIES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY FROM WITHIN NORTHUMBERLAND.

Activities: Wansbeck Valley Food Bank is a registered charity set up to "prevent or relieve poverty or financial hardship in particular, but not exclusively by the provision of emergency food parcels to individuals in need"

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£249,736	£211,479	-	-
2023-12-31	£188,908	£215,889	-	-
2022-12-31	£180,997	£96,360	-	-
2021-12-31	£187,661	£98,633	-	-
2020-12-31	£197,661	£101,800	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev John Rowley	Chair	2025-04-10
David Roy Lea		2024-03-18
Mark E D Facey		2022-12-08
Sophie Ward		2025-08-14

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Accounts

Wansbeck Valley FOOD BANK

ANNUAL REPORT

2024

Registered Charity Number 1177303

Company Registration Number CEO13360

Principal Office Northgate Park
Morpeth
NE61 3BP

CHAIR:	Richard Charles Anderson
TREASURER:	John Rowley
SECRETARY:	Mark Facey
TRUSTEES:	Richard Charles Anderson
	John Rowley
	Mark Facey
	David Lea
	David Binns (resigned 14 Feb 2024)
	Peter Robertson (resigned 17 Feb 2024)
	Richard Scholfield (resigned 24 Sept 2024)
ASSOCIATES:	Karen Bower
	Dawn Hallett
	Sheila Rowley
FOOD BANK	
CO-ORDINATOR (Salaried):	Claire Slater
	Helen Griffiths (resigned June 2024)
ADMIN SUPPORT	Karina Henery (appointed Sept 2024)
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:	Wellway Accountants Limited
	Borough Hall
	Wellway
	Morpeth
	NE61 1BN

Chairman's Remarks

This has been a year of change for Wansbeck Valley Food Bank (WVFB).

As stated last year our lease for the Food Bank warehouse was due to expire and over the past 12 months we have been operating from split locations on the Northgate Park site, a Portacabin, Grit Store and an Office. However, construction of our new permanent premises by Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear Trust(CNTW) is nearing completion and we expect to relocate early 2025.

In addition to our distribution point at Ashington YMCA we have added Hirst Welfare Hub as an additional distribution point operating on different days from the YMCA.

It was mentioned at our last AGM that we have now partnered with the Full Circle Food Project who support and instruct those, living in South East Northumberland, with the rudiments of growing food and healthy cooking on a budget. As a result of this we now receive 30 to 40 microwaveable meals a week from Full Circle. The feedback from clients has been very positive.

With the help of a grant from the National Lottery we were able to purchase a new van that can accommodate pallet size purchases of goods thus enabling us to obtain bulk purchase discounts with no delivery costs.

During 2024 one of our salaried staff left and has now been replaced by a part time employee. We have also appointed two new Associate Trustees to help us expand our skill set. Welcome to all those involved.

To all the many volunteers, in whatever role you have at the Food Bank, I would like to thank you all for your commitment throughout 2024. Also, I would like to thank Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust for allowing us use of several buildings until the new warehouse is available.

During 2025 the Food Bank will continue to offer help to everyone who needs it in the hope that one day soon its services will no longer be required.

Richard Anderson

Chair of Trustees

Trustees' Report

OBJECTS AND AIMS

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OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES AND ACTIVITIES

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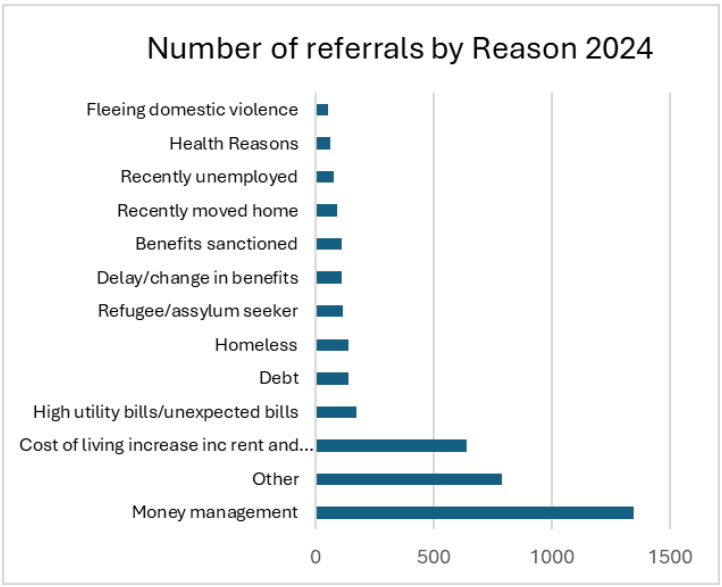
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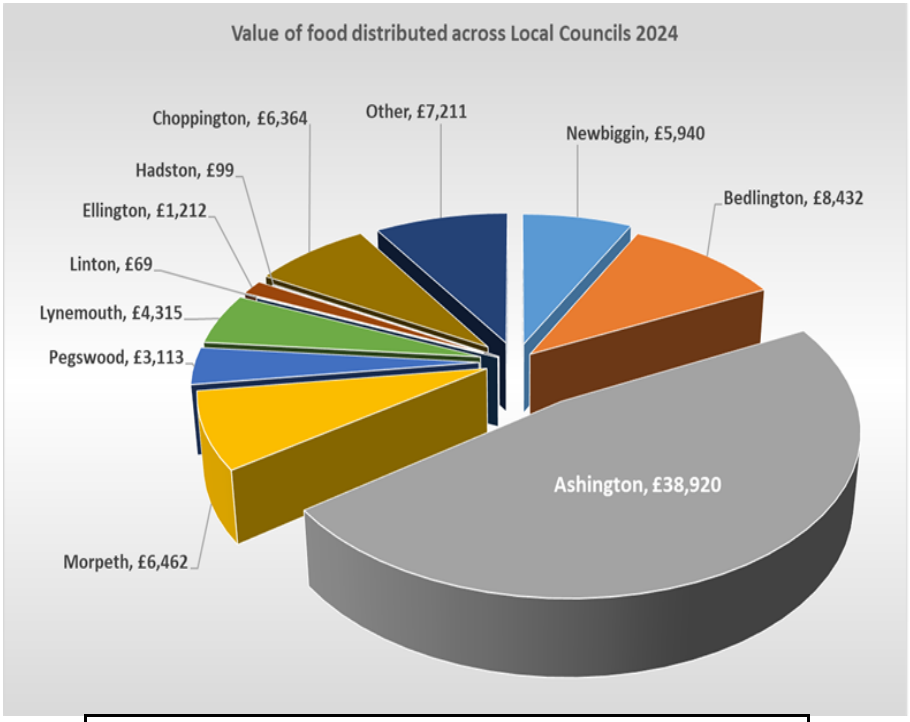
Other*- *includes; Working but on sick leave, Starting New Job, Hospital to Home, Low Income / delay in Wages, Financial Exploitation, Recently Left Prison, School Holidays, Lost/Stolen Money, Alcohol & Drug Addiction, Temporary Accommodation- No Funds, Evicted, Not Eligible for Benefits, Universal Credit, Bereavement Costs, Christmas or multiple reasons*

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Achievements and performance 2024

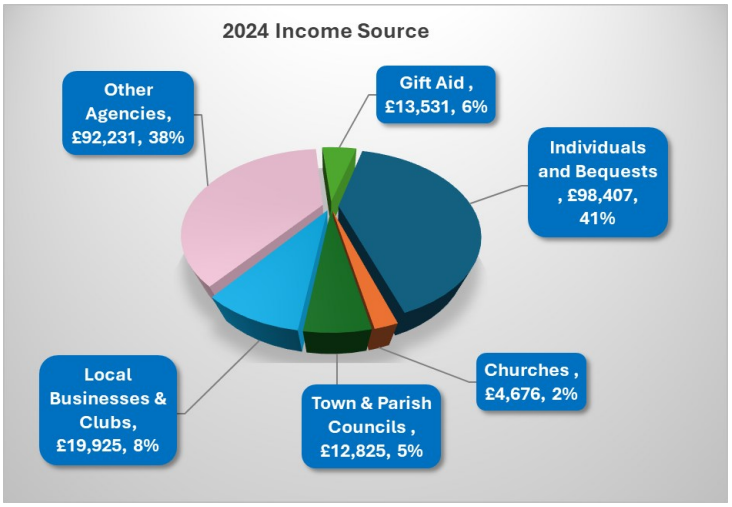
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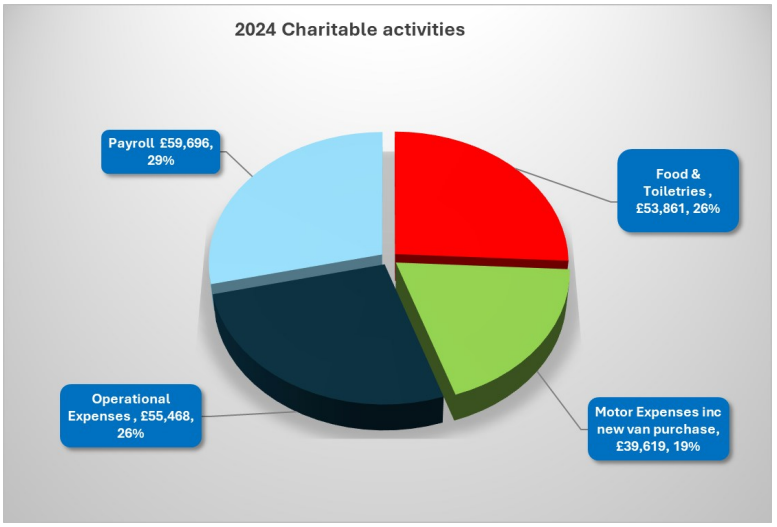


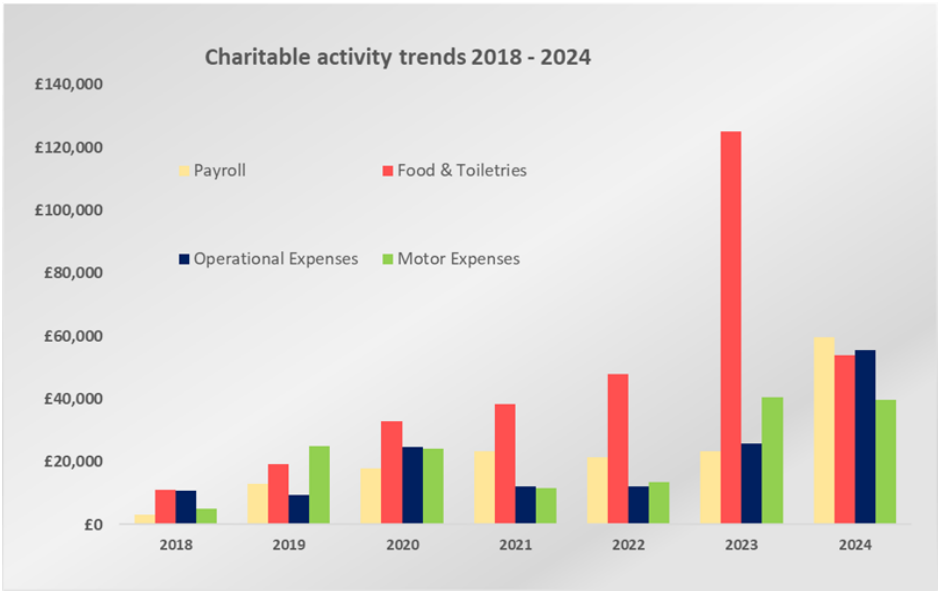
Expenditure on Food	**£53,861**
Value of Donated Food	**£28,274**
Value of Issued Food	**£82,136**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Nature of governing document

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Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed at the AGM, however the trustees may appoint a new trustee to temporarily fill a vacancy or to bring in additional skills or experience. Such a trustee will retire at the next AGM but can then be reappointed.

The role of Trustee Associate has been created to complement and broaden the experience and skill set of the Board of Trustees. It is particularly suited to those who are unable to fully commit to the demands and responsibilities of being a Trustee. It also offers potential Trustee candidates an insight and better understanding of the Food Bank governance. Associates will contribute to the routine working and decision making alongside the Board of Trustees.

The Trustees, where practicable are involved in the work of the Food Bank.

Organisational structure

Work continues to further define the specific roles and responsibilities of the Board, Salaried staff and Volunteers in order to make best use of their skills and aspirations and to the benefit of the food bank and our clients

The Annual Report was approved by the Trustees of the charity on 9th January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Revd John Rowley

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 details of which are summarised here. The full report is available on request.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank 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 Wansbeck Valley Food Bank'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 with the examination giving me cause to believe that any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

R Thompson
ICAEW
Borough Hall
Wellway
Morpeth
Northumberland NE61 1BN
Date 5 March 2025

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

Current Assets	**Year ended 31 December 2024**	**Year ended 31 December 2023**
Cash at bank and in hand	313590	275543
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year*	(5726)	(3104)
Net Assets	**310696**	**272439**
Funds of the Charity		
Restricted Funds	-	-
Unrestricted Income Funds		
Unrestricted Funds	310696	272439
Total Funds	**310696**	**272439**
*Creditors falling within one year		
Other Taxation and Social Security	718	514
Other Creditors	223	252
Accruals	4785	2338
	5726	**3104**

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Total Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	241958	183626
Investment income	7778	5282
Total income	249736	188908
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	(1175)	(1260)
Charitable activities	(210304)	(214629)
Total expenditure	(211479)	(215889)
Net income	(238257)	(26981)
Net movement in funds	(38257)	(26981)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	272439	299420
Total funds carried forward	310696	272439

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£
Donations and legacies		
Legacies and bequests	1202	573
Donations - Individuals	97205	112746
Donations – Churches	4677	4387
Donations Town and Parish Councils	12825	21500
Donations – Collection Boxes	362	100
Donations – Local Business and Clubs	19925	11893
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	13531	10265
Grants – other agencies	92231	22162
Grants—other agencies	-	-
	241958	183626
Investment income		
Interest on cash deposits	7778	5282
	7778	5282

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Raising funds		
Fundraising costs	(1175)	(1260)
	-	-
Charitable activities		
Food and Toiletries	(53808)	(123160)
Packaging	(1348)	(1176)
Wages and Salaries	(58053)	(25436)
Staff pensions (Defined contribution)	(1373)	(515)
Recruitment Cost	(105)	(426)
Rent	(19468)	(3166)
Insurance	(817)	(680)
Telephone and Stationery	(4446)	(4483)
Equipment and IT	(8965)	(5585)
Printing	(1781)	(1600)
Sundry Expenses	(536)	(305)
Northgate Premises Expenses	(17441)	(5187)
Motor Expenses	(39618)	(40480)
Accountancy fees	(2448)	(2338)
Bank charges	(97)	(92)
Other interest payable	-	-
	(210304)	(214629)

Notes to the Accounts: (Full details of these can be provided on application)

The trustees have prepared the trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Financial guarantee contracts

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets purchased are written off in the year of purchase.

The charity owns four vans and a pallet stacking truck..

Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustee, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

Wansbeck Valley
FOOD BANK

Maybe we were once a little naive in thinking the food bank movement would be a quick fix after which all would be well with the world and food banks would be no more.



Well, we all know over a decade later how much we were mistaken.

Sadly, the affordability of food and its accessibility in our immediate community continues to be a recurrent issue with no signs of it being sorted any time soon.

The people who know about such things tell us that an estimated 7.2 million adults and 2.7 million children experienced food insecurity in 2024.

They also inform us that households with children in the poorest fifth of the population would have to spend 70% of their disposable income on food simply to afford the government-recommended healthy diet.

We can only but hope that one day soon the fundamental causes of all this will be resolved. But for now, the food bank movement continues to support those who might be desperately looking for their next meal.





Meanwhile we at Wansbeck Valley Food Bank along with the support of all our friends are dedicated to supplying a nutritional food parcel to where and who is in need.

And here at a glance is what it takes and what we do to make that happen ....

The Organisation:

92 Volunteers [including Trustees]

2: - Salaried staff members

4 Vans [1 up on previous year]

25724 Annual milage

3472 Telephone calls

Busiest Hour 12:00 to 12.59

Busiest Day Wednesday

Busiest Month January

Public Benefit

15 Average referrals process daily

3837 Total Referrals

5947 Adults fed

2,391 Children fed

49,329 meals issued

£53,861 value of food purchased

£28,274 value of food donated

£82,136 total value of food issued

1,550 Households

118 Homeless referrals

£53 average value of food received by each household

74% Clients returning on a regular basis

3351 Referrals Delivered

486 Referrals collected from distribution point

Wansbeck Valley FOOD BANK

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING

Academy Northumberland CofE
AECOM LIMITED
AKZO Nobel
Ashington Camera Club
Ashington Hurst Rugby Club
Ashington Town Council
Ashington United
Bedlington FC
Bernicia Foundation
British Rail
CAF Bank
Carr & Co Solicitors
Charities Trust
Choppington Parish Council
County Durham Community Foundation
Dukes Secondary
Elsie Davis Trust
Food Standard Agency
Handels Banken
Henriksen Trust
Jewsons
Karbon Homes
ICS
Lions Club of Morpeth
Local Churches
Local Schools
Local Scout, Brownies & Rainbow Groups
Masonic Northumberland Mark Benevolent Fund
Menzies Distribution Ltd
Morpeth All Saints [Friends of]
Morpeth and District Gardening Club
National Lottery
Newbiggin Maritime Centre
Newcastle Building Society
Nissan Sunderland
North East Organic
Rotary Cramlington
Rotary Morpeth
Roundabout Club
Thirston Parish Council
Timley
Tranemo Workwear Ltd
WI Lancaster Park
WI Morpeth Town
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Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

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Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

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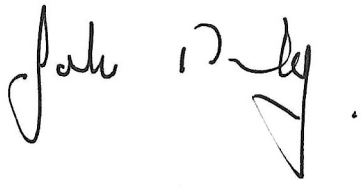
All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 14.

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

(Registration number: 1177303)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	9	2,832	2,832
Cash at bank and in hand	10	313,590	272,711
		316,422	275,543
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(5,726)	(3,104)
Net assets		310,696	272,439
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		310,696	272,439
Total funds	14	310,696	272,439

The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 9 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation
Wansbeck Valley Food Bank meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments
Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs
These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets purchased are written off in the year of purchase.

The charity owns a van which was transferred on incorporation in 2015. In 2020, a second van and two containers were purchased. In 2023 a third van was purchased. In 2024 a fourth van and a pallet stacker truck were purchased.

Trade debtors
Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations from individuals	134,994	134,994
Legacies	1,202	1,202
Gift aid reclaimed	13,531	13,531
Grants, including capital grants;		
Grants from other charities	92,231	92,231
Total for 2024	241,958	241,958
Total for 2023	183,626	183,626

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	7,778	7,778
Total for 2024	7,778	7,778
Total for 2023	5,282	5,282

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Expenditure on Charitable Activities		55,156	55,156
Governance costs		155,148	155,148
Total for 2024		210,304	210,304
Total for 2023		214,629	214,629

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Staff costs		
Wages and salaries	58,053	58,053
Pension costs	1,373	1,373
Other staff costs	105	105
Audit fees		
Other fees paid to auditors	2,448	2,448
Other governance costs	93,169	93,169
Total for 2024	155,148	155,148
Total for 2023	90,293	90,293

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	58,053	25,436
Pension costs	1,373	515
Other staff costs	105	426
	59,531	26,377

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Employee numbers	2	2

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

8 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

9 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	2,832	2,832

10 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash on hand	50	50
Cash at bank	9,850	6,735
Short-term deposits	303,690	265,926
	313,590	272,711

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	718	514
Other creditors	223	252
Accruals	4,785	2,338
	5,726	3,104

12 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £1,373 (2023 - £515).

13 Financial guarantee contracts

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

The amount of the financial guarantee contract is £-.

14 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	272,439	249,736	(211,479)	310,696

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	299,420	188,908	(215,889)	272,439

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 December 2024 £
Current assets	316,422	316,422
Current liabilities	(5,726)	(5,726)
Total net assets	310,696	310,696

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 December 2023 £
Current assets	275,543	275,543
Current liabilities	(3,104)	(3,104)
Total net assets	272,439	272,439

16 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 January 2024 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 December 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	272,711	40,878	313,589
Net debt	272,711	40,878	313,589

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

	At 1 January 2023 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 December 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	301,413	(28,702)	272,711
Net debt	301,413	(28,702)	272,711

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
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Investment income (analysed below)	7,778	5,282
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Reconciliation of funds		
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Donations and legacies		
Legacies and bequests	1,202	573
Donations - Individuals	97,205	112,746
Donations - Churches	4,677	4,387
Donations - Town and Parish Councils	12,825	21,500
Donations - Collection Boxes	362	100
Donations - Local Business and Clubs	19,925	11,893
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	13,531	10,265
Grants - other agencies	92,231	22,162
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Investment income		
Interest on cash deposits	7,778	5,282
	7,778	5,282
Raising funds		
Fundraising costs	(1,175)	(1,260)
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Charitable activities		
Food and Toiletries	(53,808)	(123,160)
Packaging	(1,348)	(1,176)
Wages and salaries	(58,053)	(25,436)
Staff pensions (Defined contribution) - pension scheme 1	(1,373)	(515)
Recruitment Cost	(105)	(426)
Rent	(19,468)	(3,166)
Insurance	(817)	(680)
Telephone and Stationery	(4,446)	(4,483)
Equipment and IT	(8,965)	(5,585)
Printing	(1,781)	(1,600)
Sundry expenses	(536)	(305)
Northgate Premises Expenses	(17,441)	(5,187)
Motor expenses	(39,618)	(40,480)
Accountancy fees	(2,448)	(2,338)
Bank charges	(97)	(92)
	(210,304)	(214,629)

Charity registration number: 1177303

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

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Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Revd John Rowley Mr Richard Charles Anderson Mr Mark Facey Mr David Lea Mr David Binns (resigned 14/02/24) Mr Peter Robertson (resigned 17/02/24) Mr Richard Scholfield (resigned 24/09/24)
Principal Office	Northgate Hospital Morpeth Northumberland NE61 3BP
Charity Registration Number	1177303
Independent Examiner	Wellway Accountants Limited Borough Hall Wellway Morpeth Northumberland NE61 1BN
Company Registration Number	CEO13360

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank is a registered charity, set up to prevent or relieve poverty or financial hardship in Northumberland. The charity achieves its aims and objectives, in particular but not exclusively by:

- The provision of emergency food parcels, items, services and facilities to individuals in financial need
- Contributing to and co-operating with charities and other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty from within Northumberland.

Objectives, strategies and activities

Good news and a sense normality have been in short supply since the beginning of this decade.

Thankfully 2024 introduced the possibility that the lingering repercussions of COVID were on the wane and the soaring food costs combined with food supply chain restrictions were at long last returning to some semblance of ordinariness. That's not to say WVFB would be going to go out of business soon but surely all we had been waiting and wanting for almost three whole years was within our grasp.

And for WVFB this was our opportunity to step back a little and take stock of our activities and perhaps explore some fresh opportunities and new direction for our operation.

There was though one minor detail in need of our immediate attention and that involved what was to happen now our six-year residence at Northgate had run its course. In the final weeks of 2023, we were technically homeless.

It must be said that ever since Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear Hospital NHS Foundation Trust [CNTW] first welcomed us to Northgate they have given unstinting support to our endeavours.

And rather than see us abandoned on the streets they have tried their utmost to somehow find us alternative accommodation as part of their Northgate Park redevelopment.

It has taken a long time to get to this stage but eventually formal proposals for a new building were submitted by CNTW mid 2024, and these ultimately received the blessing of those that matter in the NHS and the local planning authority. We can report with a degree of relief that construction of the new build was well under way towards the end of 2024. Discussions regarding tenancy agreements have yet to be concluded and we take nothing for granted. However, if all goes according to plan we should be relocated circa March 2025.

Meanwhile, as a stopgap, the Trust have made available office space for our administration - a small but secure warehouse in which to accommodate goods-in / bulk storage – and use of car parking space in which we use portable accommodation to pack and dispatch food parcels.

Working in this new split-site environment has not been without its challenges. However, our service to clients has continued without disruption. None of this would have been possible without the dedication and hard work of many of our volunteers and again the continuing support of CNTW for which the trustees are immensely thankful.

By chance this disruption to our established regular operational and administration routines has presented us with the ideal opportunity to reassess our longer-term operation.

One area of notable change is in the way in which we intend to source food stocks following the move. The main reasoning behind this is to achieve a minimum of 15% savings on the purchase of food, ensure we carry sufficient stock to alleviate the somewhat panic approach to stock replenishment, and to make most efficient use of warehouse space.

We successfully implemented this in part during 2024 in readiness for our relocation in 2025.

Improved methods for lifting and handling are also one of our aims.

We also intend to explore alternate ways of doing food bank. There is much to learn and gain from establishing partnerships with other organisations. Our work with the Full Circle Community Food Project initiative based in Ashington is an excellent example of this approach which is of mutual benefit to both organisations and not least, our clients. We are open to discussions with community agencies to explore ways in which we might diversify client support. These initiatives are ongoing.

The Trustees have become increasingly concerned about the number of clients who are using the Food Bank on a regular basis. The Food Bank exists to provide emergency food parcels and while it is appreciated that some emergencies will require more than one parcel, these parcels should not be seen as a solution to the issues the clients are facing.

We have therefore decided that a client can receive a maximum of one parcel per month, with a maximum of six parcels within a twelve-month period. This should not be seen as an entitlement, expectation, or guarantee.

We continue to monitor and liaise with our partner agencies on how best to assist our clients' needs in such circumstances.

We also offer local client distribution points in partnership with the Ashington branch of the YMCA. In 2024 an additional distribution point was establish in conjunction with our Hirst Welfare partners.

Our client delivery service and food collections from suppliers and local collection points is with the use of three dedicated vehicles. A National Lottery Grant has enabled us to purchase an additional vehicle in 2024 and this is used mainly to collect food from suppliers.

Our operation is entirely dependent on the continuing and incredible generosity of the community in terms of food and financial donations. We are totally indebted to our faithful team of volunteers whose efforts in sorting, stacking, collecting and delivering food are essential to our operation.

Notwithstanding all the increasing challenges, we continued to provide emergency food parcels to those identified as being in need. All appropriate requests were fulfilled.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

In the year 2024 we received 3837 Referrals and supplied 49,329 meals to 5947 Adults and 2391 children. Of those clients needing support, 74% are returning clients.

Financial review

The charity's current account will be maintained at approx. £10,000. This can be increased with trustee approval for exceptional items. The deposit account will be maintained for the remaining balances

Policy on reserves

Our aim is to hold in reserves no less than 3 months of the total operating budget for the current year [or an amount no less than £100,000, whichever is greater]. This will ensure that all expenditure, including core salary costs will be covered in the event of a shortfall in funding. This amount to be reviewed quarterly in the light of operational costs.

Fundamental to the food bank operation is having an adequate warehouse distribution facility and associated office accommodation. We are assured that CNTW is making provision for us to remain on site at Northgate Park. None the less the trustees have decided it prudent to retain the sum of £100,000 in reserve to cover the cost of relocation to alternative accommodation should this be necessary.

We currently have use of four vehicles one of which is 9 years old. A sum of £25,000 has also been reserved should the Trustees consider it economic to replace this vehicle.

The total value of reserved/designated funds is £225,000 [31st December 2024]

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

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Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

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Net expenditure		(26,981)	(26,981)
Net movement in funds		(26,981)	(26,981)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		299,420	299,420
Total funds carried forward	14	272,439	272,439

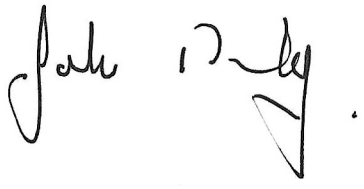
All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.
The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 14.

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

(Registration number: 1177303)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	9	2,832	2,832
Cash at bank and in hand	10	313,590	272,711
		316,422	275,543
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(5,726)	(3,104)
Net assets		310,696	272,439
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		310,696	272,439
Total funds	14	310,696	272,439

The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 9 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation
Wansbeck Valley Food Bank meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments
Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs
These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets purchased are written off in the year of purchase.

The charity owns a van which was transferred on incorporation in 2015. In 2020, a second van and two containers were purchased. In 2023 a third van was purchased. In 2024 a fourth van and a pallet stacker truck were purchased.

Trade debtors
Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations from individuals	134,994	134,994
Legacies	1,202	1,202
Gift aid reclaimed	13,531	13,531
Grants, including capital grants;		
Grants from other charities	92,231	92,231
Total for 2024	241,958	241,958
Total for 2023	183,626	183,626

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	7,778	7,778
Total for 2024	7,778	7,778
Total for 2023	5,282	5,282

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Expenditure on Charitable Activities		55,156	55,156
Governance costs		155,148	155,148
Total for 2024		210,304	210,304
Total for 2023		214,629	214,629

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Staff costs		
Wages and salaries	58,053	58,053
Pension costs	1,373	1,373
Other staff costs	105	105
Audit fees		
Other fees paid to auditors	2,448	2,448
Other governance costs	93,169	93,169
Total for 2024	155,148	155,148
Total for 2023	90,293	90,293

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	58,053	25,436
Pension costs	1,373	515
Other staff costs	105	426
	59,531	26,377

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Employee numbers	2	2

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

8 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

9 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	2,832	2,832

10 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash on hand	50	50
Cash at bank	9,850	6,735
Short-term deposits	303,690	265,926
	313,590	272,711

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	718	514
Other creditors	223	252
Accruals	4,785	2,338
	5,726	3,104

12 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £1,373 (2023 - £515).

13 Financial guarantee contracts

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

The amount of the financial guarantee contract is £-.

14 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	272,439	249,736	(211,479)	310,696

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	299,420	188,908	(215,889)	272,439

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 December 2024 £
Current assets	316,422	316,422
Current liabilities	(5,726)	(5,726)
Total net assets	310,696	310,696

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 December 2023 £
Current assets	275,543	275,543
Current liabilities	(3,104)	(3,104)
Total net assets	272,439	272,439

16 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 January 2024 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 December 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	272,711	40,878	313,589
Net debt	272,711	40,878	313,589

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

	At 1 January 2023 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 December 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	301,413	(28,702)	272,711
Net debt	301,413	(28,702)	272,711

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	241,958	183,626
Investment income (analysed below)	7,778	5,282
Total income	249,736	188,908
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds (analysed below)	(1,175)	(1,260)
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(210,304)	(214,629)
Total expenditure	(211,479)	(215,889)
Net income/(expenditure)	38,257	(26,981)
Net movement in funds	38,257	(26,981)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	272,439	299,420
Total funds carried forward	310,696	272,439

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies		
Legacies and bequests	1,202	573
Donations - Individuals	97,205	112,746
Donations - Churches	4,677	4,387
Donations - Town and Parish Councils	12,825	21,500
Donations - Collection Boxes	362	100
Donations - Local Business and Clubs	19,925	11,893
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	13,531	10,265
Grants - other agencies	92,231	22,162
	241,958	183,626
Investment income		
Interest on cash deposits	7,778	5,282
	7,778	5,282
Raising funds		
Fundraising costs	(1,175)	(1,260)
	(1,175)	(1,260)
Charitable activities		
Food and Toiletries	(53,808)	(123,160)
Packaging	(1,348)	(1,176)
Wages and salaries	(58,053)	(25,436)
Staff pensions (Defined contribution) - pension scheme 1	(1,373)	(515)
Recruitment Cost	(105)	(426)
Rent	(19,468)	(3,166)
Insurance	(817)	(680)
Telephone and Stationery	(4,446)	(4,483)
Equipment and IT	(8,965)	(5,585)
Printing	(1,781)	(1,600)
Sundry expenses	(536)	(305)
Northgate Premises Expenses	(17,441)	(5,187)
Motor expenses	(39,618)	(40,480)
Accountancy fees	(2,448)	(2,338)
Bank charges	(97)	(92)
	(210,304)	(214,629)

WANSBECK VALLEY FOOD BANK

England & Wales - Charity number 1177303

Accounts

Wansbeck Valley FOOD BANK

ANNUAL REPORT

2023

Registered Charity Number 1177303

Company Registration Number CIO13360

Principal Office Northgate Hospital
Morpeth
NE61 3BP

CHAIR:	Richard Charles Anderson
TREASURER:	John Rowley
SECRETARY:	Mark Facey
TRUSTEES:	Richard Charles Anderson
	Peter Robertson
	John Rowley
	Mark Facey
	David Binns
	Richard Scholfield
	Linda Fugill (resigned 8 Sept 2023)
ASSOCIATES:	David Lea
	Sheila Rowley
FOOD BANK CO-ORDINATOR (Salaried):	Claire Slater
	Helen Griffiths
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:	Wellway Accountants Limited
	Borough Hall
	Wellway
	Morpeth
	NE61 1BN

Chairman's Remarks

Again, this past year has been a great challenge and has resulted in the highest ever need for food from Wansbeck Valley Foodbank (WVFB) in our 11-year history.

During 2023 we have employed two full time staff to help with the administration of the Foodbank. Also new Trustees joined us in order to expand our skill set. Our collection point at Ashington YMCA, now in its second year, is proving to be a success as many Ashington clients are collecting food parcels from this central point.

As our lease has expired on the Foodbank Warehouse, we have re-located to a temporary location still within the grounds of Northgate Hospital. These facilities will be used until the new permanent Foodbank Warehouse becomes available in Spring 2024.

A new larger delivery van was also purchased in 2023 to replace our ageing original delivery van.

I would like to thank all volunteers of the Foodbank. Those who have been with us many years and those who are new to us. Your commitment and efforts are greatly appreciated by the Trustees and the communities you serve. Also, I would like to thank Cumbria, Northumberland Tyne and Wear (CNTW) NHS Foundation Trust for allowing us use of their building as a warehouse and providing temporary accommodation until the new Warehouse is available.

A long serving Trustee, Linda Fugill, has recently stood down. Linda was part of the original group who first established the Foodbank and has worked in several roles during her 11years and the Trustees would like to thank her for her loyal and considerable time she has spent working for the Foodbank. We wish her all the best for the future.

During 2024 I look forward and hope that change for the better will come and ease the need for a Foodbank but until that happens the Foodbank will continue to offer help to everyone who needs it, with compassion.

Richard Anderson

Chair of Trustees

Trustees' Report

OBJECTS AND AIMS

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank is a registered charity, set up to prevent or relieve poverty or financial hardship in Northumberland. The charity achieves its aims and objectives, in particular but not exclusively by:

- The provision of emergency food parcels, items, services and facilities to individuals in financial need
- Contributing to and co-operating with charities and other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty within Northumberland

OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES AND ACTIVITIES

Should anyone doubt the need for food banks in our community then perhaps it's worth noting that our local grocery wholesaler considers that of all their major customers WVFB ranks among their biggest spenders. To meet client demand, in 2023 we purchased food to the value of £125,000. Add to this all the food donated in kind then the value of food channeled into our community by the food bank was £348,000, a 51% increase on the previous year.

Alternatively, consider this as being over 131,000 meals supplied to clients, which is 14% higher than 2022.

According to figures released by ONS, the price of food rose by 9.2% in the year to November 2023. As expected, those already reliant on benefits or experiencing problems with health, accommodation, family circumstances or a combination of these factors are the most likely to find their incomes stretched beyond their means.

In 2023 we reverted to pre COVID practice where food parcels are only issued on receipt of a referral made through one of our partner agencies. Self referrals are no longer accepted. This way the client is more likely to receive guidance and help to resolve the underlying reasons for their dilemma.

In line with many other food banks, it has always been our policy to provide 3 meals for 3 days for each eligible individual in the household. The number of return occasions is ostensibly limited to 3 times per year. In special circumstances we extend help beyond 3 days and 3 occasions within a 12-month period.

It is noticeable that 80% of our clients are being referred to us on a regular basis indicating no immediate resolution to their situation. One of the main aims of the food bank *"is for the provision of emergency food parcels, items, services and facilities to individuals in financial need."*

It remains a major concern to us that that some clients are using the Food Bank to supplement their income rather than for an emergency. We continue to monitor and liaise with our partner agencies on how best to assist our clients needs in such circumstances.

Mid way through 2023 we noted the reduction in volume of food donated combined with the escalating expenditure on food purchases suggested that left unchecked we would incur a significant overspend in 2023. Although reserves are in place for such eventualities, we began a program aimed at assessing the composition of 3-day and 7-day food parcels in terms of nutritional value, quantity, client ethnicity, and purchase cost. In addition, a review of our stock replenishment procedures was initiated.

We also initiated discussions with community agencies to explore ways in which we might diversify client support. These initiatives are ongoing.

For five years we have been operating out of the former mortuary at Northgate Hospital [renamed Northgate Park.] Now our tenancy has finally come to an end. Being aware this was to happen; we have been actively looking for alternative accommodation throughout 2023. If little else this exercise has emphasized the generosity and hospitality provided by Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear Hospital NHS Foundation Trust [CNTW]

In parallel with our search for alternative accommodation, CNTW has again come to our rescue by offering to find us room in its flagship re-development of Northgate Park. We are deeply indebted to CNTW and look forward to this next stage in our joint collaboration.

Meanwhile we have moved into temporary on-site accommodation which has given us an ideal opportunity to review many aspects of our operation prior to the next move

2023 is the second year in partnership with the Ashington branch of the YMCA whose premises located in central Ashington offer clients a local collection point. Currently 40% of clients living in the immediate area choose to collect from here. It is our intention that others will be encouraged to do likewise allowing us the benefit of reduced vehicle costs and better utilisation of volunteers.

Our client delivery service and food collections from suppliers and local collection points is with the use of three dedicated vehicles one of which was newly purchased in 2023. With this arrangement we are looking for greater transport flexibility and reduced dependance on hire vehicles.

Several years ago, we appointed a full-time salaried food bank coordinator. This arrangement has served us well but as the organisation continued to expand and develop it became apparent that we should be looking to build more resilience and sustainability within our salaried administration structure. Recent experience confirms we can no longer rely on a single person, [be they volunteer or salaried,] to provide the resilience we are looking for. As a consequence of this in 2023 we appointed two full time salaried food bank coordinators.

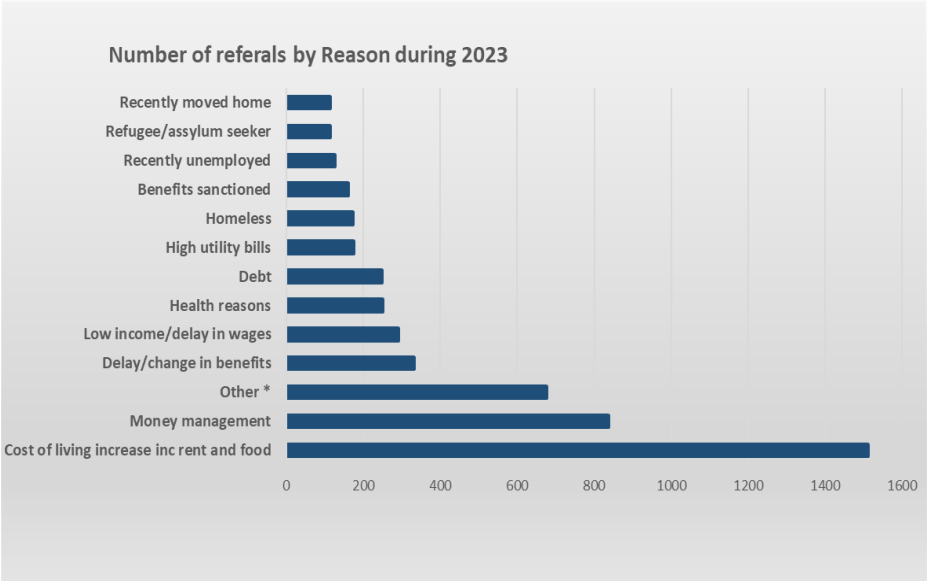
Our operation is entirely dependent on the continuing and incredible generosity of the community in terms of food and financial donations. We are totally indebted to our faithful team of volunteers whose efforts in sorting, stacking and delivering food are essential to our operation.

Notwithstanding all the increasing challenges, we continued to provide emergency food parcels to those identified as being in need. All appropriate requests were fulfilled.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

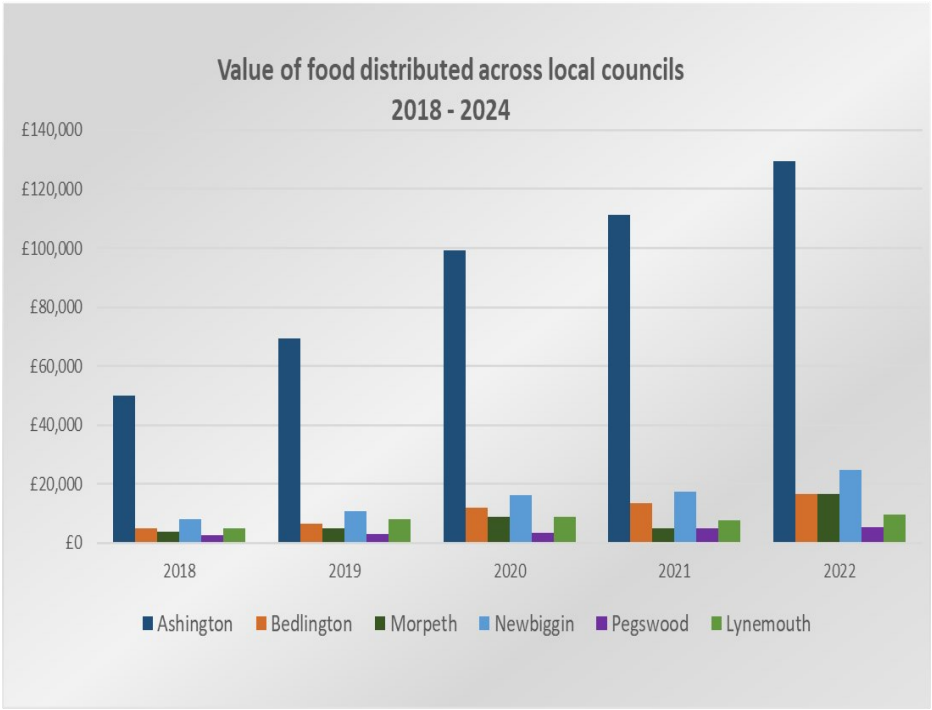
The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance 2023



Other*- *includes; Financial Exploitation, Universal Credit Uplift, Bereavement/funeral costs, Not eligible for benefits, School holidays, Refugee/asylum seeker, Fleeing domestic violence, Recently left prison, Lost/Stolen Money, Universal Credit, Christmas or multiple reasons*

In the year 2023 we supplied 130,881 meals, this being a 14% increase on the previous year. As a consequence of food inflation, the total value of meals distributed increased by 51% on the previous year. Of those clients needing support, 20% are clients new to us.

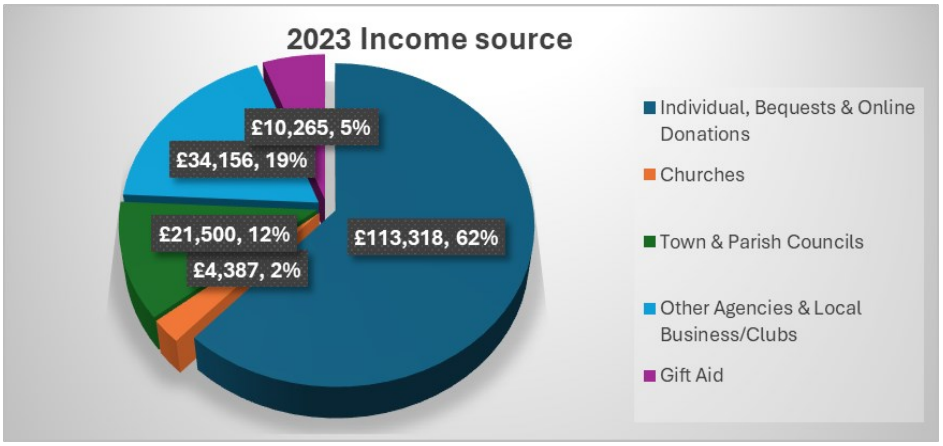


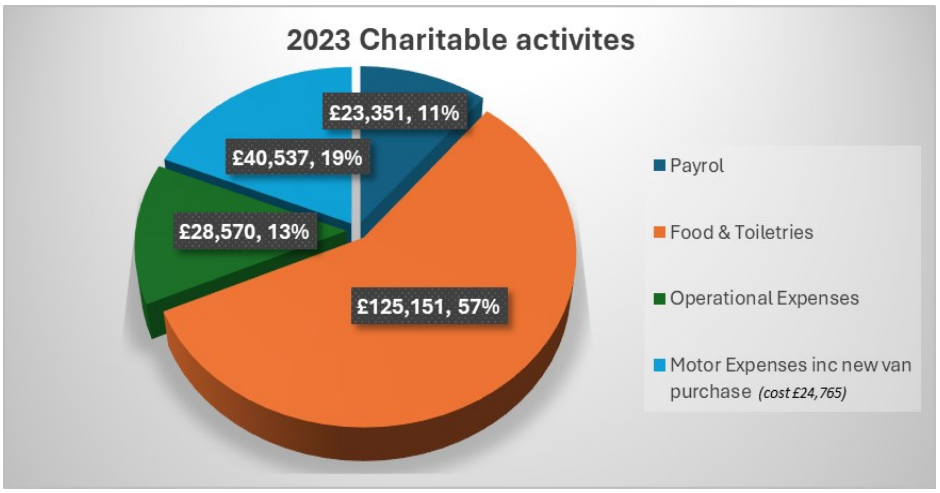
Total value of food distributed by WVFB 2018 - 2023					
2018	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**
£89,262	£133,000	£170,292	£192,246	£230,226	£348,143

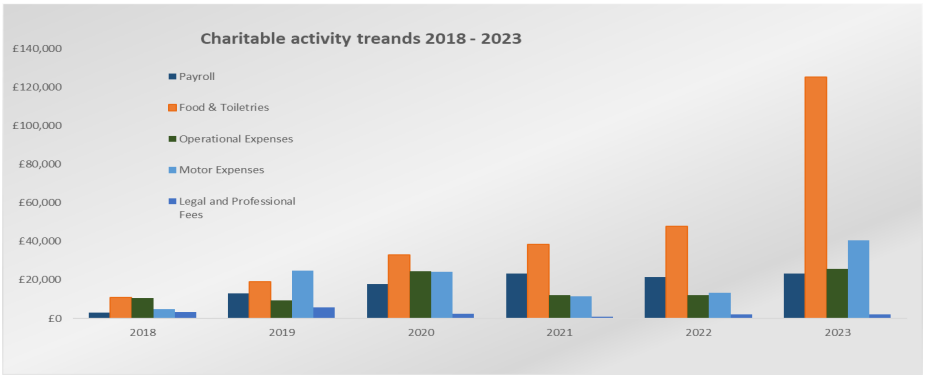
FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity's current account will be maintained at approx. £10,000. This can be increased with trustee approval for exceptional items. The deposit account will be maintained for the remaining balances.

Wansbeck Valley FOOD BANK







Policy on reserves

Our aim is to hold in reserves no less than 3 months of the total operating budget for the current year *[or an amount no less than £100,000, whichever is greater].* This will ensure that all expenditure, including core salary costs will be covered in the event of a shortfall in funding. This amount to be reviewed quarterly in the light of operational costs.

Fundamental to the food bank operation is having an adequate warehouse distribution facility and associated office accommodation. We are assured that CNTW is making provision for us to remain on site at Northgate Park. None the less the trustees have decided it prudent to retain the sum of £100,000 in reserve to cover the cost of relocation to alternative accommodation should this be necessary.

We currently have use of three vehicles one of which is 8 years old. A sum of £25,000 has also been reserved should the Trustees consider it economic to replace this vehicle.

The total value of reserved/designated funds is £225,000 *[31st December 2023]*

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Nature of governing document

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank is governed by a Constitution of Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed at the AGM, however the trustees may appoint a new trustee to temporarily fill a vacancy or to bring in additional skills or experience. Such a trustee will retire at the next AGM but can then be reappointed.

A new role of Trustee Associate has been created to complement and broaden the experience and skill set of the Board of Trustees. It is particularly suited to those who are unable to fully commit to the demands and responsibilities of being a Trustee. It also offers potential Trustee candidates an insight and better understanding of the Food Bank governance. Associates will contribute to the routine working and decision making alongside the Board of Trustees.

The Trustees, where practicable are involved in the work of the Food Bank.

Organisational structure

For reasons mentioned above, the expansion of the food bank operation has stretched our administration resources beyond limit. Following the resignation of our former salaried food bank coordinator in March 2023 the opportunity was taken to review the food bank administration.
The review concluded that we needed to increase the number of salaried staff. In August 2023 we appointed two full time salaried food bank coordinators. Work continues to further define their specific roles and responsibilities to make best use of their skills and aspirations to the benefit of the food bank and our clients

The Annual Report was approved by the Trustees of the charity on 1st March 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Revd John Rowley

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 details of which are summarised here. The full report is available on request.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank 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 Wansbeck Valley Food Bank'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 with the examination giving me cause to believe that any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

R Thompson
ICAEW
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Wellway
Morpeth
Northumberland NE61 1BN
Date 1 March 2023

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

Current Assets	**Year ended 31 December 2023**	**Year ended 31 December 2022**
Cash at bank and in hand	275543	301413
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year*	(3104)	(1993)
Net Assets	**272439**	**299420**
Funds of the Charity		
Restricted Funds	-	-
Unrestricted Income Funds		
Unrestricted Funds	272439	299420
Total Funds	**272439**	**299420**
*Creditors falling within one year		
Other Taxation and Social Security	514	(321)
Other Creditors	252	99
Accruals	2338	2215
	3104	**1993**

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Total Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total Unrestrict-ed funds 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	183626	180071
Investment income	5282	926
Total income	188908	180997
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	(1260)	(902)
Charitable activities	(214629)	(95458)
Total expenditure	(215889)	(96360)
Net income	(26981)	84637
Net movement in funds	(26981)	84637
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	299420	214783
Total funds carried forward	272439	299420

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£
Donations and legacies		
Legacies and bequests	573	-
Donations - Individuals	112746	91255
Donations – Churches	4387	2207
Donations Town and Parish Councils	21500	22130
Donations – Collection Boxes	100	-
Donations – Local Business and Clubs	11893	18496
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	10265	8278
Grants – other agencies	22162	37705
Grants—other agencies	-	-
	183626	180071
Investment income		
Interest on cash deposits	5282	926
	5282	926

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Raising funds		
Fundraising costs	(1260)	902
	-	-
Charitable activities		
Food and Toiletries	(123160)	(47277)
Packaging	(1176)	(2939)
Wages and Salaries	(25436)	(20403)
Staff pensions (Defined contribution)	(515)	(425)
Recruitment Cost	(426)	-
Rent	(3166)	(324)
Insurance	(680)	(578)
Telephone and Stationery	(4483)	(2088)
Equipment and IT	(5585)	(633)
Printing	(1600)	(2081)
Sundry Expenses	(305)	(366)
Northgate Premises Expenses	(5187)	(2444)
Motor Expenses	(40480)	(13540)
Accountancy fees	(2338)	(2230)
Bank charges	(92)	(129)
Other interest payable	-	(2)
	(214629)	(95458)

Notes to the Accounts: (Full details of these can be provided on application)

The trustees have prepared the trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Financial guarantee contracts

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets purchased are written off in the year of purchase.

The charity owns a van which was transferred on incorporation in 2018. In 2020, a second van and two containers were purchased.

Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustee, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

CLAIM: There are more food banks across the UK than McDonald's restaurants



There are those who point out there are more food banks across the UK than McDonald's restaurants and there are also those convinced there is no place for food banks in 2024. Conversely the huge growth in the food bank movement is vindication that the doubters are very much outnumbered by those who are deeply concerned by the prevalence of food poverty and have decided to do something about it.

Food poverty in the UK and beyond is not exclusively a product of modern times - it spans generations and cultures. The main difference today is that hunger is not stigmatized as it used to be and that is largely because of emerging food bank movement and more so those who are generously support their endeavours. In some ways the movement has become institutionalised. Even so, if you were in the unfortunate position of having nothing to put on the table for the kids tonight, it matters not if it's an institution or a charitable gesture!





We at Wansbeck Valley Food Bank prefer to let others talk the politics. Instead, we would aim to make sure a decent – nutritional food parcel is delivered where and when it's needed.

And this is how we make that happen ....



And here at a glance is what it takes to make it happen .....

The organisation:

80 Volunteers [20 up on previous year]

2: - Salaried staff members [1 up on previous year]

3 Vans [1 up on previous year]

28617 Annual milage

4485 Telephone calls

Busiest Hour 12:00 to 12.59

Busiest Day Wednesday

Busiest Month December

Public Benefit *[inc % increase on 2022]*

5557 Total Referrals [*20% increase on previous year]*

22 Daily Referrals Average

1762 households

7551 Adults *[20% increase on previous year]*

4038 Children *[18% increase on previous year]*

43627 Day People fed *[14% increase on previous year]*

80% Clients returning on a regular basis

4272 Referrals Delivered

1285 Referrals collected from YMCA

131,000 Meals issued *[14% increase on previous year]*

£348,143 Value of meals issued: [*51% increase on previous year]*

£125,000 Value of food purchased: *[162% increase on previous year]*

Wansbeck Valley FOOD BANK

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:

Aldi Bedlington & Ashington
Asda Ashington
LIDL Morpeth
Local Co-ops
Morrisons Morpeth
Poundland Ashington
Sainsburys Morpeth

Ashington Town Council
Bedlington West Parish Council
Choppington Parish Council
Morpeth Town Council
Newbiggin Town Council
Northumberland County Council

Charities Trust
Elsie Davis Trust
Henriksen Trust
Lynemouth Power
NHS Integrated Care Systems [ICS]

Ashington Camera Club
Ashington Forum
Bedlington Blyth & District Riding Club
Labour Group Morpeth
Lions Club of Morpeth
Masonic Northumberland Mark Benevolent Fund
Morpeth Town Juniors
New Voice Choir
Northumbria Health Care NHS Foundation Trust
The Maritime Centre Newbiggin
Newcastle Building Society
Newcastle FC
North East Organic
Robson Prescott
Rotary Morpeth
Sing Morpeth
Skipton Building Society
Tranemo Workwear
Unison Northern NTW Branch
WERCA'S FOLK choir
Women's Institute Morpeth Town

Local Churches
Local Schools
Local Scout, Brownies & Rainbow Groups

Charity registration number: 1177303

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

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Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Revd John Rowley Mr Richard Charles Anderson Mr Peter Robertson Mr Richard Scholfield Mr David Binns Mr Mark Facey Mrs Linda Mary Fugill (resigned 08/09/23)
Principal Office	Northgate Hospital Morpeth Northumberland NE61 3BP
Charity Registration Number	1177303
Independent Examiner	Wellway Accountants Limited Borough Hall Wellway Morpeth Northumberland NE61 1BN
Company Registration Number	CEO13360

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank is a registered charity, set up to prevent or relieve poverty or financial hardship in Northumberland. The charity achieves its aims and objectives, in particular but not exclusively by:
• The provision of emergency food parcels, items, services and facilities to individuals in financial need
• Contributing to and co-operating with charities and other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty from within Northumberland.

Objectives, strategies and activities

Should anyone doubt the need for food banks in our community then perhaps it's worth noting that our local grocery wholesaler considers that of all their major customers WVFB ranks among the biggest spenders. To meet client demand, in 2023 we purchased food to the value of £125,000. Add to this all the food donated in kind then the value of food channeled into our community by the food bank was £348,000, a 51% increase on the previous year.

Alternatively, consider this as being over 131,000 meals supplied to clients, which is 14% higher than 2022.

According to figures released by ONS, the price of food rose by 9.2% in the year to November 2023. As expected, those already reliant on benefits or experiencing problems with health, accommodation, family circumstances or a combination of these factors are the most likely to find their incomes stretched beyond their means.

In 2023 we reverted to pre COVID practice where food parcels are only issued on receipt of a referral made through one of our partner agencies. Self referrals are no longer accepted. This way the client is more likely to receive guidance and help to resolve the underlying reasons for their dilemma.

In line with many other food banks, it has always been our policy to provide 3 meals for 3 days for each eligible individual in the household. The number of return occasions is ostensibly limited to 3 times per year. In special circumstances we extend help beyond 3 days and 3 occasions within a 12-month period.

It is noticeable that 80% of our clients are being referred to us on a regular basis indicating no immediate resolution to their situation. One of the main aims of the food bank "is for the provision of emergency food parcels, items, services and facilities to individuals in financial need." It remains a major concern to us that that some clients are using the Food Bank to supplement their income rather than for an emergency. We continue to monitor and liaise with our partner agencies on how best to assist our clients needs in such circumstances.

Mid way through 2023 we noted the reduction in volume of food donated combined with the escalating expenditure on food purchases suggested that left unchecked we would incur a significant overspend in 2023. Although reserves are in place for such eventualities, we began a program aimed at assessing the composition of 3-day and 7-day food parcels in terms of nutritional value, quantity, client ethnicity, and purchase cost. In addition, a review of our stock replenishment procedures was initiated.

We also initiated discussions with community agencies to explore ways in which we might diversify client support. These initiatives are ongoing.

For five years we have been operating out of the former mortuary at Northgate Hospital [renamed Northgate Park.] Now our tenancy has finally come to an end. Being aware this was to happen; we have been actively looking for alternative accommodation throughout 2023. If little else this exercise has emphasized the generosity and hospitality provided by Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear Hospital NHS Foundation Trust [CNTW]

In parallel with our search for alternative accommodation, CNTW has again come to our rescue by offering to find us room in its flagship re-development of Northgate Park. We are deeply indebted to CNTW and look forward to this next stage in our joint collaboration.

Meanwhile we have moved into temporary on-site accommodation which has given us an ideal opportunity to review many aspects of our operation prior to the next move.

2023 is the second year in partnership with the Ashington branch of the YMCA whose premises located in central Ashington offer clients a local collection point. Currently 40% of clients living in the immediate area choose to collect from here. It is our intention that others will be encouraged to do likewise allowing us the benefit of reduced vehicle costs and better utilisation of volunteers.

Our client delivery service and food collections from suppliers and local collection points is with the use of three dedicated vehicles one of which was newly purchased in 2023. With this arrangement we are looking for greater transport flexibility and reduced dependance on hire vehicles.

Several years ago, we appointed a full-time salaried food bank coordinator. This arrangement has served us well but as the organisation continued to expand and develop it became apparent that we should be looking to build more resilience and sustainability within our salaried administration structure. Recent experience confirms we can no longer rely on a single person, [be they volunteer or salaried,] to provide the resilience we are looking for. As a consequence of this in 2023 we appointed two full time salaried food bank coordinators.

Our operation is entirely dependent on the continuing and incredible generosity of the community in terms of food and financial donations. We are totally indebted to our faithful team of volunteers whose efforts in sorting, stacking and delivering food are essential to our operation.

Notwithstanding all the increasing challenges, we continued to provide emergency food parcels to those identified as being in need. All appropriate requests were fulfilled.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

In the year 2023 we supplied 130,881 meals, this being a 14% increase on the previous year. As a consequence of food inflation, the total value of meals distributed increased by 51% on the previous year.

Of those clients needing support, 20% are clients new to us.

Financial review

The charity's current account will be maintained at approx. £10,000. This can be increased with trustee approval for exceptional items. The deposit account will be maintained for the remaining balances.

Policy on reserves

Our aim is to hold in reserves no less than 3 months of the total operating budget for the current year [or an amount no less than £100,000, whichever is greater]. This will ensure that all expenditure, including core salary costs will be covered in the event of a shortfall in funding. This amount to be reviewed quarterly in the light of operational costs.

Fundamental to the food bank operation is having an adequate warehouse distribution facility and associated office accommodation. We are assured that CNTW is making provision for us to remain on site at Northgate Park. None the less the trustees have decided it prudent to retain the sum of £100,000 in reserve to cover the cost of relocation to alternative accommodation should this be necessary.

We currently have use of three vehicles one of which is 8 years old. A sum of £25,000 has also been reserved should the Trustees consider it economic to replace this vehicle.

The total value of reserved/designated funds is £225,000 [31st December 2023]

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank is governed by a Constitution of Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed at the AGM, however the trustees may appoint a new trustee to temporarily fill a vacancy or to bring in additional skills or experience. Such a trustee will retire at the next AGM but can then be reappointed.

A new role of Trustee Associate has been created to complement and broaden the experience and skill set of the Board of Trustees. It is particularly suited to those who are unable to fully commit to the demands and responsibilities of being a Trustee. It also offers potential Trustee candidates an insight and better understanding of the Food Bank governance. Associates will contribute to the routine working and decision making alongside the Board of Trustees.

The Trustees and Associates, where practicable are involved in the work of the Food Bank.

Organisational structure

For reasons mentioned above, the expansion of the food bank operation has stretched our administration resources beyond limit. Following the resignation of our former salaried food bank coordinator in March 2023 the opportunity was taken to review the food bank administration. The review concluded that we needed to increase the number of salaried staff. In August 2023 we appointed two full time salaried food bank coordinators. Work continues to further define their specific roles and responsibilities to make best use of their skills and aspirations to the benefit of the food bank and our clients.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Revd John Rowley
Trustee

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

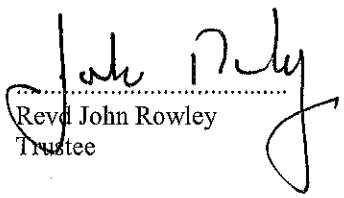
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial 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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on ..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Revd John Rowley
Trustee

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank 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 Wansbeck Valley Food Bank'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 Wansbeck Valley Food Bank as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



R Thompson
ICAEW

Borough Hall
Wellway
Morpeth
Northumberland
NE611BN

Date: 3-4-24

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		183,626	183,626
Investment income	3	5,282	5,282
Total income		188,908	188,908
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		(1,260)	(1,260)
Charitable activities		(214,629)	(214,629)
Total expenditure		(215,889)	(215,889)
Net expenditure		(26,981)	(26,981)
Net movement in funds		(26,981)	(26,981)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		299,420	299,420
Total funds carried forward	14	272,439	272,439

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		180,071	180,071
Investment income	3	926	926
Total income		180,997	180,997
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		(902)	(902)
Charitable activities		(95,458)	(95,458)
Total expenditure		(96,360)	(96,360)
Net income		84,637	84,637
Net movement in funds		84,637	84,637
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		214,783	214,783
Total funds carried forward	14	299,420	299,420

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 14.

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

(Registration number: 1177303)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Debtors	9	2,832	-
Cash at bank and in hand	10	272,711	301,413
		275,543	301,413
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(3,104)	(1,993)
Net assets		272,439	299,420
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		272,439	299,420
Total funds	14	272,439	299,420

The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on ..... and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Revd John Rowley
Trustee

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation
Wansbeck Valley Food Bank meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments
Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs
These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets purchased are written off in the year of purchase.

The charity owns a van which was transferred on incorporation in 2015. In 2020, a second van and two containers were purchased. In 2023 a third van was purchased.

Trade debtors
Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations from individuals	150,626	150,626
Legacies	573	573
Gift aid reclaimed	10,265	10,265
Grants, including capital grants;		
Grants from other charities	22,162	22,162
Total for 2023	183,626	183,626
Total for 2022	180,071	180,071

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	5,282	5,282
Total for 2023	5,282	5,282
Total for 2022	926	926

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Expenditure on Charitable Activities		124,336	124,336
Governance costs		90,293	90,293
Total for 2023		214,629	214,629
Total for 2022		95,458	95,458

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Staff costs		
Wages and salaries	25,436	25,436
Pension costs	515	515
Other staff costs	426	426
Audit fees		
Other fees paid to auditors	2,338	2,338
Other governance costs	61,578	61,578
Total for 2023	90,293	90,293
Total for 2022	45,242	45,242

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	25,436	20,403
Pension costs	515	425
Other staff costs	426	-
	26,377	20,828

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Employee numbers	2	1

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

8 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

9 Debtors

	2023 £
Other debtors	2,832

10 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash on hand	50	50
Cash at bank	6,735	5,704
Short-term deposits	265,926	295,659
	272,711	301,413

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security	514	(321)
Other creditors	252	99
Accruals	2,338	2,215
	3,104	1,993

12 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £515 (2022 - £425).

13 Financial guarantee contracts

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

The amount of the financial guarantee contract is £-.

14 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	299,420	188,908	(215,889)	272,439

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	214,783	180,997	(96,360)	299,420

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 December 2023 £
Current assets	275,543	275,543
Current liabilities	(3,104)	(3,104)
Total net assets	272,439	272,439

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 December 2022 £
Current assets	301,413	301,413
Current liabilities	(1,993)	(1,993)
Total net assets	299,420	299,420

16 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 January 2023 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 December 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	301,413	(28,702)	272,711
Net debt	301,413	(28,702)	272,711

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

	At 1 January 2022 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 December 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	217,167	84,246	301,413
Net debt	217,167	84,246	301,413

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Total Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Total Unrestricted Funds 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	183,626	180,071
Investment income	5,282	926
Total income	188,908	180,997
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	(1,260)	(902)
Charitable activities	(214,629)	(95,458)
Total expenditure	(215,889)	(96,360)
Net (expenditure)/income	(26,981)	84,637
Net movement in funds	(26,981)	84,637
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	299,420	214,783
Total funds carried forward	272,439	299,420

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	183,626	180,071
Investment income (analysed below)	5,282	926
Total income	188,908	180,997
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds (analysed below)	(1,260)	(902)
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(214,629)	(95,458)
Total expenditure	(215,889)	(96,360)
Net (expenditure)/income	(26,981)	84,637
Net movement in funds	(26,981)	84,637
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	299,420	214,783
Total funds carried forward	272,439	299,420

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies		
Legacies and bequests	573	-
Donations - Individuals	112,746	91,255
Donations - Churches	4,387	2,207
Donations - Town and Parish Councils	21,500	22,130
Donations - Collection Boxes	100	-
Donations - Local Business and Clubs	11,893	18,496
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	10,265	8,278
Grants - other agencies	22,162	37,705
	183,626	180,071
Investment income		
Interest on cash deposits	5,282	926
	5,282	926
Raising funds		
Fundraising costs	(1,260)	(902)
	(1,260)	(902)
Charitable activities		
Food and Toiletries	(123,160)	(47,277)
Packaging	(1,176)	(2,939)
Wages and salaries	(25,436)	(20,403)
Staff pensions (Defined contribution) - pension scheme 1	(515)	(425)
Recruitment Cost	(426)	-
Rent	(3,166)	(324)
Insurance	(680)	(578)
Telephone and Stationery	(4,483)	(2,088)
Equipment and IT	(5,585)	(633)
Printing	(1,600)	(2,081)
Sundry expenses	(305)	(366)
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Charity registration number: 1177303

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

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Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Revd John Rowley Mr Richard Charles Anderson Mr Peter Robertson Mr Richard Scholfield Mr David Binns Mr Mark Facey Mrs Linda Mary Fugill (resigned 08/09/23)
Principal Office	Northgate Hospital Morpeth Northumberland NE61 3BP
Charity Registration Number	1177303
Independent Examiner	Wellway Accountants Limited Borough Hall Wellway Morpeth Northumberland NE61 1BN
Company Registration Number	CEO13360

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank is a registered charity, set up to prevent or relieve poverty or financial hardship in Northumberland. The charity achieves its aims and objectives, in particular but not exclusively by:
• The provision of emergency food parcels, items, services and facilities to individuals in financial need
• Contributing to and co-operating with charities and other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty from within Northumberland.

Objectives, strategies and activities

Should anyone doubt the need for food banks in our community then perhaps it's worth noting that our local grocery wholesaler considers that of all their major customers WVFB ranks among the biggest spenders. To meet client demand, in 2023 we purchased food to the value of £125,000. Add to this all the food donated in kind then the value of food channeled into our community by the food bank was £348,000, a 51% increase on the previous year.

Alternatively, consider this as being over 131,000 meals supplied to clients, which is 14% higher than 2022.

According to figures released by ONS, the price of food rose by 9.2% in the year to November 2023. As expected, those already reliant on benefits or experiencing problems with health, accommodation, family circumstances or a combination of these factors are the most likely to find their incomes stretched beyond their means.

In 2023 we reverted to pre COVID practice where food parcels are only issued on receipt of a referral made through one of our partner agencies. Self referrals are no longer accepted. This way the client is more likely to receive guidance and help to resolve the underlying reasons for their dilemma.

In line with many other food banks, it has always been our policy to provide 3 meals for 3 days for each eligible individual in the household. The number of return occasions is ostensibly limited to 3 times per year. In special circumstances we extend help beyond 3 days and 3 occasions within a 12-month period.

It is noticeable that 80% of our clients are being referred to us on a regular basis indicating no immediate resolution to their situation. One of the main aims of the food bank "is for the provision of emergency food parcels, items, services and facilities to individuals in financial need." It remains a major concern to us that that some clients are using the Food Bank to supplement their income rather than for an emergency. We continue to monitor and liaise with our partner agencies on how best to assist our clients needs in such circumstances.

Mid way through 2023 we noted the reduction in volume of food donated combined with the escalating expenditure on food purchases suggested that left unchecked we would incur a significant overspend in 2023. Although reserves are in place for such eventualities, we began a program aimed at assessing the composition of 3-day and 7-day food parcels in terms of nutritional value, quantity, client ethnicity, and purchase cost. In addition, a review of our stock replenishment procedures was initiated.

We also initiated discussions with community agencies to explore ways in which we might diversify client support. These initiatives are ongoing.

For five years we have been operating out of the former mortuary at Northgate Hospital [renamed Northgate Park.] Now our tenancy has finally come to an end. Being aware this was to happen; we have been actively looking for alternative accommodation throughout 2023. If little else this exercise has emphasized the generosity and hospitality provided by Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear Hospital NHS Foundation Trust [CNTW]

In parallel with our search for alternative accommodation, CNTW has again come to our rescue by offering to find us room in its flagship re-development of Northgate Park. We are deeply indebted to CNTW and look forward to this next stage in our joint collaboration.

Meanwhile we have moved into temporary on-site accommodation which has given us an ideal opportunity to review many aspects of our operation prior to the next move.

2023 is the second year in partnership with the Ashington branch of the YMCA whose premises located in central Ashington offer clients a local collection point. Currently 40% of clients living in the immediate area choose to collect from here. It is our intention that others will be encouraged to do likewise allowing us the benefit of reduced vehicle costs and better utilisation of volunteers.

Our client delivery service and food collections from suppliers and local collection points is with the use of three dedicated vehicles one of which was newly purchased in 2023. With this arrangement we are looking for greater transport flexibility and reduced dependance on hire vehicles.

Several years ago, we appointed a full-time salaried food bank coordinator. This arrangement has served us well but as the organisation continued to expand and develop it became apparent that we should be looking to build more resilience and sustainability within our salaried administration structure. Recent experience confirms we can no longer rely on a single person, [be they volunteer or salaried,] to provide the resilience we are looking for. As a consequence of this in 2023 we appointed two full time salaried food bank coordinators.

Our operation is entirely dependent on the continuing and incredible generosity of the community in terms of food and financial donations. We are totally indebted to our faithful team of volunteers whose efforts in sorting, stacking and delivering food are essential to our operation.

Notwithstanding all the increasing challenges, we continued to provide emergency food parcels to those identified as being in need. All appropriate requests were fulfilled.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

In the year 2023 we supplied 130,881 meals, this being a 14% increase on the previous year. As a consequence of food inflation, the total value of meals distributed increased by 51% on the previous year.

Of those clients needing support, 20% are clients new to us.

Financial review

The charity's current account will be maintained at approx. £10,000. This can be increased with trustee approval for exceptional items. The deposit account will be maintained for the remaining balances.

Policy on reserves

Our aim is to hold in reserves no less than 3 months of the total operating budget for the current year [or an amount no less than £100,000, whichever is greater]. This will ensure that all expenditure, including core salary costs will be covered in the event of a shortfall in funding. This amount to be reviewed quarterly in the light of operational costs.

Fundamental to the food bank operation is having an adequate warehouse distribution facility and associated office accommodation. We are assured that CNTW is making provision for us to remain on site at Northgate Park. None the less the trustees have decided it prudent to retain the sum of £100,000 in reserve to cover the cost of relocation to alternative accommodation should this be necessary.

We currently have use of three vehicles one of which is 8 years old. A sum of £25,000 has also been reserved should the Trustees consider it economic to replace this vehicle.

The total value of reserved/designated funds is £225,000 [31st December 2023]

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank is governed by a Constitution of Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed at the AGM, however the trustees may appoint a new trustee to temporarily fill a vacancy or to bring in additional skills or experience. Such a trustee will retire at the next AGM but can then be reappointed.

A new role of Trustee Associate has been created to complement and broaden the experience and skill set of the Board of Trustees. It is particularly suited to those who are unable to fully commit to the demands and responsibilities of being a Trustee. It also offers potential Trustee candidates an insight and better understanding of the Food Bank governance. Associates will contribute to the routine working and decision making alongside the Board of Trustees.

The Trustees and Associates, where practicable are involved in the work of the Food Bank.

Organisational structure

For reasons mentioned above, the expansion of the food bank operation has stretched our administration resources beyond limit. Following the resignation of our former salaried food bank coordinator in March 2023 the opportunity was taken to review the food bank administration. The review concluded that we needed to increase the number of salaried staff. In August 2023 we appointed two full time salaried food bank coordinators. Work continues to further define their specific roles and responsibilities to make best use of their skills and aspirations to the benefit of the food bank and our clients.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Revd John Rowley
Trustee

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

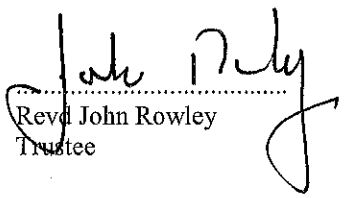
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial 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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on ..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Revd John Rowley
Trustee

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank 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 Wansbeck Valley Food Bank'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 Wansbeck Valley Food Bank as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



R Thompson
ICAEW

Borough Hall
Wellway
Morpeth
Northumberland
NE611BN

Date: 3-4-24

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		183,626	183,626
Investment income	3	5,282	5,282
Total income		188,908	188,908
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		(1,260)	(1,260)
Charitable activities		(214,629)	(214,629)
Total expenditure		(215,889)	(215,889)
Net expenditure		(26,981)	(26,981)
Net movement in funds		(26,981)	(26,981)
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		299,420	299,420
Total funds carried forward	14	272,439	272,439

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		180,071	180,071
Investment income	3	926	926
Total income		180,997	180,997
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		(902)	(902)
Charitable activities		(95,458)	(95,458)
Total expenditure		(96,360)	(96,360)
Net income		84,637	84,637
Net movement in funds		84,637	84,637
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		214,783	214,783
Total funds carried forward	14	299,420	299,420

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 14.

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

(Registration number: 1177303)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Debtors	9	2,832	-
Cash at bank and in hand	10	272,711	301,413
		275,543	301,413
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(3,104)	(1,993)
Net assets		272,439	299,420
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		272,439	299,420
Total funds	14	272,439	299,420

The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on ..... and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Revd John Rowley
Trustee

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation
Wansbeck Valley Food Bank meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments
Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs
These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation
The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets
Individual fixed assets purchased are written off in the year of purchase.

The charity owns a van which was transferred on incorporation in 2015. In 2020, a second van and two containers were purchased. In 2023 a third van was purchased.

Trade debtors
Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations from individuals	150,626	150,626
Legacies	573	573
Gift aid reclaimed	10,265	10,265
Grants, including capital grants;		
Grants from other charities	22,162	22,162
Total for 2023	183,626	183,626
Total for 2022	180,071	180,071

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	5,282	5,282
Total for 2023	5,282	5,282
Total for 2022	926	926

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Expenditure on Charitable Activities		124,336	124,336
Governance costs		90,293	90,293
Total for 2023		214,629	214,629
Total for 2022		95,458	95,458

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Staff costs		
Wages and salaries	25,436	25,436
Pension costs	515	515
Other staff costs	426	426
Audit fees		
Other fees paid to auditors	2,338	2,338
Other governance costs	61,578	61,578
Total for 2023	90,293	90,293
Total for 2022	45,242	45,242

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	25,436	20,403
Pension costs	515	425
Other staff costs	426	-
	26,377	20,828

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Employee numbers	2	1

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

8 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

9 Debtors

	2023 £
Other debtors	2,832

10 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash on hand	50	50
Cash at bank	6,735	5,704
Short-term deposits	265,926	295,659
	272,711	301,413

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other taxation and social security	514	(321)
Other creditors	252	99
Accruals	2,338	2,215
	3,104	1,993

12 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £515 (2022 - £425).

13 Financial guarantee contracts

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

The amount of the financial guarantee contract is £-.

14 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	299,420	188,908	(215,889)	272,439

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	214,783	180,997	(96,360)	299,420

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 December 2023 £
Current assets	275,543	275,543
Current liabilities	(3,104)	(3,104)
Total net assets	272,439	272,439

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 31 December 2022 £
Current assets	301,413	301,413
Current liabilities	(1,993)	(1,993)
Total net assets	299,420	299,420

16 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 January 2023 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 December 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	301,413	(28,702)	272,711
Net debt	301,413	(28,702)	272,711

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

	At 1 January 2022 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 December 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	217,167	84,246	301,413
Net debt	217,167	84,246	301,413

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Total Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Total Unrestricted Funds 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	183,626	180,071
Investment income	5,282	926
Total income	188,908	180,997
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	(1,260)	(902)
Charitable activities	(214,629)	(95,458)
Total expenditure	(215,889)	(96,360)
Net (expenditure)/income	(26,981)	84,637
Net movement in funds	(26,981)	84,637
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	299,420	214,783
Total funds carried forward	272,439	299,420

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	183,626	180,071
Investment income (analysed below)	5,282	926
Total income	188,908	180,997
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds (analysed below)	(1,260)	(902)
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(214,629)	(95,458)
Total expenditure	(215,889)	(96,360)
Net (expenditure)/income	(26,981)	84,637
Net movement in funds	(26,981)	84,637
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	299,420	214,783
Total funds carried forward	272,439	299,420

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2023 (continued)

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies		
Legacies and bequests	573	-
Donations - Individuals	112,746	91,255
Donations - Churches	4,387	2,207
Donations - Town and Parish Councils	21,500	22,130
Donations - Collection Boxes	100	-
Donations - Local Business and Clubs	11,893	18,496
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	10,265	8,278
Grants - other agencies	22,162	37,705
	183,626	180,071
Investment income		
Interest on cash deposits	5,282	926
	5,282	926
Raising funds		
Fundraising costs	(1,260)	(902)
	(1,260)	(902)
Charitable activities		
Food and Toiletries	(123,160)	(47,277)
Packaging	(1,176)	(2,939)
Wages and salaries	(25,436)	(20,403)
Staff pensions (Defined contribution) - pension scheme 1	(515)	(425)
Recruitment Cost	(426)	-
Rent	(3,166)	(324)
Insurance	(680)	(578)
Telephone and Stationery	(4,483)	(2,088)
Equipment and IT	(5,585)	(633)
Printing	(1,600)	(2,081)
Sundry expenses	(305)	(366)
Northgate Premises Expenses	(5,187)	(2,444)
Motor expenses	(40,480)	(13,540)
Accountancy fees	(2,338)	(2,230)
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Accounts

Wansbeck Valley FOOD BANK

ANNUAL REPORT

2022

Registered Charity Number 1177303

Company Registration Number CIO13360

Principal Office Northgate Hospital
Morpeth
NE61 3BP

Wansbeck Valley FOOD BANK

TRUSTEES: Richard Charles Anderson
Linda Mary Fugill
Peter Robertson
John Rowley
Sheila Rowley (resigned 31 December 2022)
Mark Facey (appointed 8 December 2022)

TREASURER: John Rowley
SECRETARY: Tracey Brown

PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR	Linda Fugill
ADMINISTRATION CO-ORDINATOR	Sheila Rowley
FOOD BANK CO-ORDINATOR (Salaried)	Tracey Brown
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Wellway Accountants Limited Borough Hall Wellway Morpeth NE61 1BN

Chairman's Remarks

Sadly, this past year has yet again been one of great challenges. Coming after the pandemic and cost of living crisis this has resulted in the highest ever need for food from Wansbeck Valley Food Bank (WVFB) in our 10-year history.

I would like to pay tribute to all those volunteers of the Food Bank. Those of long service and those who are new to us. For you, your commitment and efforts, the Trustees and the communities you serve are truly grateful. Also, to Cumbria, Northumberland Tyne & Wear (CNTW) NHS Foundation Trust for allowing use of their building as a warehouse.

During 2022, in partnership with Ashington branch of the YMCA, we now have a local collection point in their premises which is located in central Ashington. Many clients are now able to collect food parcels.

In 2023 the Food Bank will be relocating as our lease, at the current premises expires and the land that the warehouse sits on has been sold to a developer.

One of our longest serving trustees, Sheila Rowley, has very recently stood down. Sheila was one of the original team who first established the Food Bank. She has worked tirelessly during her 10 years and we all would like to thank her for the considerable amount of time she has spent to enhance the smooth running of the Food Bank. We wish her all the best for the future.

In the next few months, we hope to have additional trustees joining us. This will help expand the skill set and experience within the trustees as we look forward, making appropriate plans for the future of the Food Bank.

During 2023 I look forward with hope that things can and must change for the better but in the meantime the Food Bank will continue to offer help, to everyone and anyone who is facing hardship, with compassion.

Richard Anderson

Chair of Trustees

Trustees' Report

OBJECTS AND AIMS

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- Contributing to and co-operating with charities and other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty within Northumberland

OBJECTIVES, STRATEGIES AND ACTIVITIES

"In the 12 months to August 2022, domestic gas increased by 96% and domestic electricity prices by 54%. Food prices have also risen, with food and non-alcoholic drinks inflation at 13.1% in August. People's budgets are likely to be under further strain as the Bank of England is expecting inflation to remain over 10% over the next few months." [source House of Commons Library published 18th October 2022]

In line with the increase in the cost of living, the Food Bank continues to see a corresponding growth in the use of our services. As expected, those already reliant on benefits or experiencing problems with health, accommodation, family circumstances or a combination of these factors are the most likely to make use of our resources.

It is noticeable that 77% of our clients are returning to us on a regular basis indicating no immediate resolution to their situation. It is also apparent that some are using the Food Bank to supplement their income rather than for an emergency. We continue to monitor and liaise with our partner agencies on how best to assist our clients needs in such circumstances.

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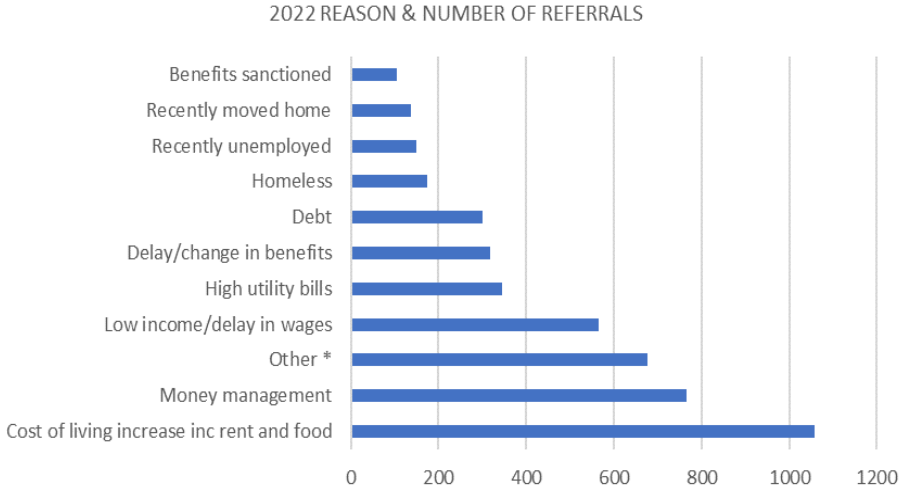
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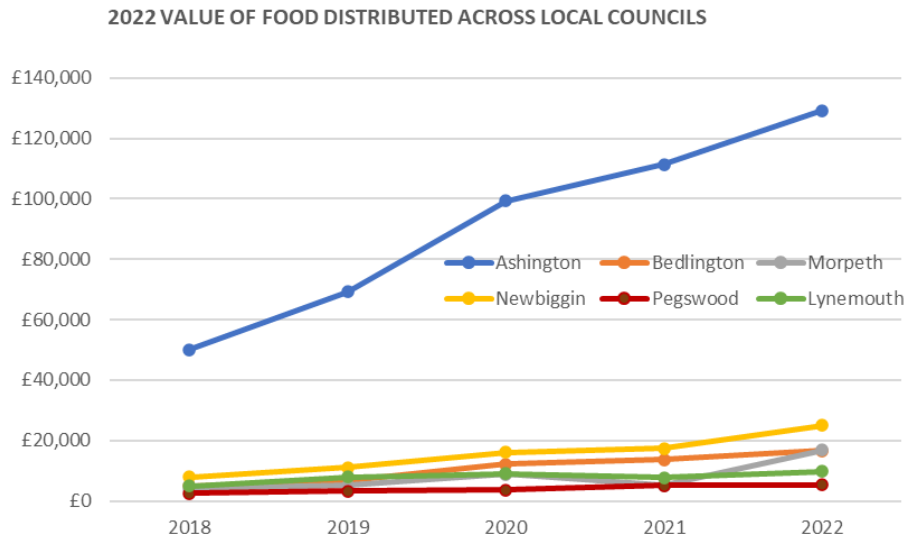
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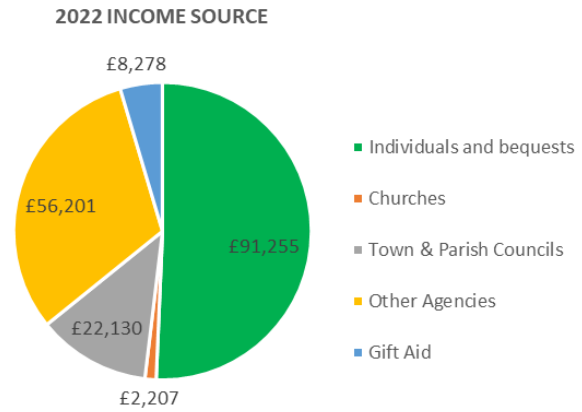


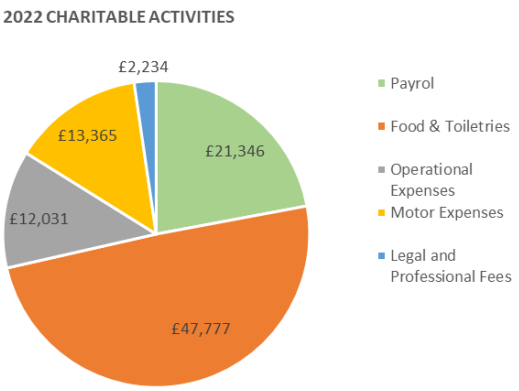
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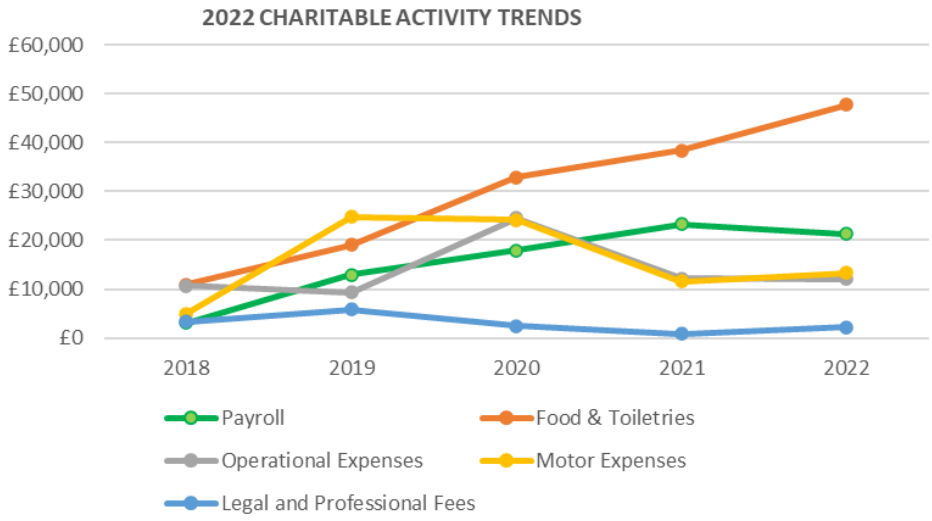


FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity's current account will be maintained at approx. £6000. This can be increased with trustee approval for exceptional items. The deposit account will be maintained for the remaining balances.







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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Nature of governing document

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Recruitment and appointment of trustees

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The Trustees, where practicable are involved in the work of the Food Bank.

Organisational structure

Given the increased demands on the Food Bank the Trustees have recently appointed a salaried Food Bank Co-ordinator who provides front line contact with referrers/clients and oversees the day-to-day activities of the Food Bank. A cohort of 60 volunteers overseen by an Operations Team are the mainstay of the entire operation.

Given the increased demands on the Food Bank the Trustees intend to implement a review of the operational structure and function to ensure best possible service to our clients and to make certain we continue to fulfil our governance obligations.

The Annual Report was approved by the Trustees of the charity on 19th January 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Revd John Rowley

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 details of which are summarised here. The full report is available on request.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank 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 Wansbeck Valley Food Bank'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 with the examination giving me cause to believe that any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

R Thompson
ICAEW
Borough Hall
Wellway
Morpeth
Northumberland NE61 1BN
Date ###############29 March 2023

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

Current Assets	**Year ended 31 December 2022**	**Year ended 31 December 2021**
Cash at bank and in hand	301413	217167
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year*	(1993)	(2384)
Net Assets	**299420**	**214783**
Funds of the Charity		
Restricted Funds	-	-
Unrestricted Income Funds		
Unrestricted Funds	299420	214783
Total Funds	**299420**	**214783**
*Creditors falling within one year		
Other Taxation and Social Security	(321)	217
Other Creditors	99	77
Accruals	2215	2090
	1993	**2384**

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Total Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total Unrestrict-ed funds 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	180071	150509
Investment income	926	17
Total income	180997	150526
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	(902)	-
Charitable activities	(95458)	(81860)
Total expenditure	(96360)	(81860)
Net income	84637	68666
Net movement in funds	84637	68666
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	214783	146117
Total funds carried forward	299420	214783

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£
Donations and legacies		
Legacies and bequests	-	1994
Donations - Individuals	91255	86949
Donations – Churches	2207	4683
Donations Town and Parish Councils	22130	25000
Donations – Collection Boxes	-	174
Donations – Local Business and Clubs	18496	8781
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	8278	11689
Grants – other agencies	37705	11239
Grants—other agencies	-	-
	180071	150509
Investment income		
Interest on cash deposits	926	17
	17	17

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Raising funds		
Fundraising costs	902	-
	-	-
Charitable activities		
Food and Toiletries	(47277)	(38401)
Packaging	(2939)	(2008)
Wages and Salaries	(20403)	(16262)
Wages and Salaries	-	(6833)
Staff pensions (Defined contribution)	(425)	(364)
Rent	(324)	(220)
Insurance	(578)	(584)
Telephone and Stationery	(2088)	(4769)
Equipment and IT	(633)	(758)
Printing	(2081)	(1666)
Sundry Expenses	(366)	(30)
Northgate Premises Expenses	(2444)	(2218)
Motor Expenses	(13540)	(11582)
Accountancy fees	(2230)	(2090)
Legal and professional fees	-	(780)
Bank charges	(129)	(126)
Other interest payable	(1)	(2)
	(95458)	(88693)

Notes to the Accounts: (Full details of these can be provided on application)

The trustees have prepared the trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Financial guarantee contracts

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets purchased are written off in the year of purchase.

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Project Manager's Report

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Project Managers report continued ....





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Wansbeck Valley FOOD BANK

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:

Aldi Ashington
Asda Ashington
Asda Foundation
Local Co-ops
Morrisons Morpeth
Poundland Ashington
Sainsburys Neighbourly Grant
Sainsburys Morpeth

Ashington Town Council
Bedlington West Parish Council
Choppington Parish Council
Morpeth Town Council
Newbiggin Town Council
Northumberland County Council

Bernicia Foundation
Charities Trust
County Durham Community Foundation
Groundwork UK
Henriksen Trust
Labour Group Morpeth
Lions Club of Morpeth
Masonic Charitable Trust
Masonic Northumberland Mark Benevolent Fund
Morpeth Clock Tower Bell Ringers Society
Morpeth Dispensary
National Union of Farmers
Newbiggin Amateur Pantomime Society
Newcastle Building Society
North East Organic
Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Poundland
Rotary Morpeth
South East Northumberland Friendship Centre
The Maritime Centre Newbiggin
Tranemo Workwear
Tyne and Wear Community Foundation
Unite Tyne & Wear Branch
Women's Institute Morpeth Town

Local Churches
Local Schools

Numerous Individuals

Charity registration number: 1177303

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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Morpeth
Northumberland
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Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

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Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Revd John Rowley Mrs Linda Mary Fugill Mr Richard Charles Anderson Mrs Sheila Rowley Mr Peter Robinson
Principal Office	Northgate Hospital Morpeth Northumberland NE61 3BP
Charity Registration Number	1177303
Independent Examiner	Wellway Accountants Limited Borough Hall Wellway Morpeth Northumberland NE61 1BN
Company Registration Number	CEO13360

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank is a registered charity, set up to prevent or relieve poverty or financial hardship in Northumberland. The charity achieves its aims and objectives, in particular but not exclusively by:

- The provision of emergency food parcels, items, services and facilities to individuals in financial need
- Contributing to and co-operating with charities and other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty from within Northumberland.

Objectives, strategies and activities

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

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Trustee

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

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R Thompson
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Date: 01/03/2023

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming 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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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 of the charity on 01/03/2023 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Revd John Rowley
Trustee

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		180,071	180,071
Investment income	3	926	926
Total income		180,997	180,997
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		(902)	(902)
Charitable activities		(95,458)	(95,458)
Total expenditure		(96,360)	(96,360)
Net movement in funds		84,637	84,637
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		214,783	214,783
Total funds carried forward	11	299,420	299,420

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		150,509	-	150,509
Investment income	3	17	-	17
Total income		150,526	-	150,526
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		(81,860)	(6,833)	(88,693)
Total expenditure		(81,860)	(6,833)	(88,693)
Net movement in funds		68,666	(6,833)	61,833
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		146,117	6,833	152,950
Total funds carried forward	11	214,783	-	214,783

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2021 is shown in note 11.

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

(Registration number: 1177303)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		301,413	217,167
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,993)	(2,384)
Net assets		299,420	214,783
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		299,420	214,783
Total funds	11	299,420	214,783

The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 01/03/2023 and signed on their behalf by:

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Revd John Rowley
Trustee

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation
Wansbeck Valley Food Bank meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement
The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments
Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets purchased are written off in the year of purchase.

The charity owns a van which was transferred on incorporation in 2015. In 2020, a second van and two containers were purchased.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	134,088	134,088	125,587
Legacies	-	-	1,994
Gift aid reclaimed	8,278	8,278	11,689
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	37,705	37,705	11,239
	180,071	180,071	150,509

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	926	926	17

4 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£
Staff costs			
Wages and salaries	20,403	20,403	23,095
Pension costs	425	425	364
Audit fees			
Other fees paid to auditors	2,230	2,230	2,090
Legal fees	-	-	780
Other governance costs	22,184	22,184	21,955
	45,242	45,242	48,284

5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

6 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	20,403	23,095
Pension costs	425	364
	20,828	23,459

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2022 No	2021 No
employee numbers	1	1

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other taxation and social security	(321)	217
Other creditors	99	77
Accruals	2,215	2,090
	1,993	2,384

9 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £425 (2021 - £364).

10 Financial guarantee contracts

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

The amount of the financial guarantee contract is £-.

11 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	(214,783)	(180,997)	96,360	(299,420)

	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	(146,117)	(150,526)	81,860	(214,783)
Restricted funds	(6,833)	-	6,833	-
Total funds	(152,950)	(150,526)	88,693	(214,783)

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
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Total expenditure	-	(6,833)
Net expenditure	-	(6,833)
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Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

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Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

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Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Revd John Rowley Mrs Linda Mary Fugill Mr Richard Charles Anderson Mrs Sheila Rowley Mr Peter Robinson
Principal Office	Northgate Hospital Morpeth Northumberland NE61 3BP
Charity Registration Number	1177303
Independent Examiner	Wellway Accountants Limited Borough Hall Wellway Morpeth Northumberland NE61 1BN
Company Registration Number	CEO13360

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank is a registered charity, set up to prevent or relieve poverty or financial hardship in Northumberland. The charity achieves its aims and objectives, in particular but not exclusively by:

- The provision of emergency food parcels, items, services and facilities to individuals in financial need
- Contributing to and co-operating with charities and other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty from within Northumberland.

Objectives, strategies and activities

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Trustees' Report

In line with the increase in the cost of living, the Food Bank continues to see a corresponding growth in the use of our services. As expected, those already reliant on benefits or experiencing problems with health, accommodation, family circumstances or a combination of these factors are the most likely to make use of our resources.

It is noticeable that 77% of our clients are returning ot us on a regular basis indicating no immediate resolution to their situation. It is also apparent that some are using the Food Bank to supplement their income rather than for an emergency. We continue to monitor and liaise with our partner agencies on how best to assist our clients needs in such circumstances.

Our standard parcels provide food for 3 meals for 3 days for each eligible individual in the household. In special circumstances the number of days food provided can be extended. In 2022 the issue of 7 day parcels increased by 44%.

When available we often supplement food parcels with bread, cheese, spread, some fresh produce and toiletries. We try where possible to cater for clients with special dietary needs, babies, and pets.

Surprisingly many clients have chosen not to avail themselves of our Meat, Fruit and Vegetable voucher scheme. We greatly appreciate the local businesses who over the years have facilitated this initiative but because of lack of uptake we have withdrawn this facility.

The volume of food donations has not increased in line with demand. Consequently, the value of food purchased in 2022 has increased by almost 40%. Fortunately, this has been made possible through a corresponding increase in financial support from individuals, local businesses and a variety of organisations.

Currently we operate out of our central distribution hub generously provided by the Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust. In partnership with the Ashington branch of the YMCA we also offer a local collection point in thier premises located in central Ashington. Since establishing this arrangement 45% of clients choose to collect from here.

Our client delivery service continues with the use of two dedicated vehicles, however at times of high demand such as supermarket collection days and in the run up to Christmas we hire additional vehicles as needed.

Our operation is entirely dependent on the continuing and incredible generosity of the community in terms of food and financial donations. We are totally indebted to our faithful team of volunteers whose efforts in sorting, stacking and delivering food are essential to our operation.

Notwithstanding all the increasing challenges, we continued to provide emergency food parcels to those identified as being in need. All requests were fulfilled.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

This year we have supplied 115,113 meals valued in total £230,226. This being a 20% increase on the previous year. Of those clients needing support, 23% are first-time clients.

Financial review

The charity's current account will be maintained at approx £6,000. This can be increased with trustee approval for exceptional items. The deposit account will be maintained for the remaining balances.

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Trustees' Report

Policy on reserves

The trustees have no defined policy in terms of the levels of resources held. However, the Trustees regularly on a quarterly basis review the amount of reserves that are required to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil the Food Bank's continuing obligations and to provide our services for a minimum of a 6 month period.

The tenancy agreement with Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust is due to expire early in 2023. The Food Bank will need to relocate to new premises and provision has been made in our reserves to cover the cost of this move.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank is governed by a Constitution of Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed at the AGM, however the trustees may appoint a new trustee to temporarily fill a vacancy or to bring in additional skills or experience. Such a trustee will retire at the next AGM but can then be reappointed.

The trustees, where practicable are involved in the work of the Food Bank.

Organisational structure

Given the increased demands on the Food Bank the Trustees ahve recently appointed a salaried Food Bank Co-ordinator who provides front line contact with referrers/clients and oversees the day-to-day activities of the Food Bank. A cohort of 60 volunteers overseen by an Operations Team are the mainstay of the entire operation.

Given the increased demands on the Food Bank the Trustees intend to implement a review of the operational structure and function to ensure best possible service to our clients and to make certain we continue to fulfil our governance obligations.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 01/03/2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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Revd John Rowley
Trustee

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank 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 Wansbeck Valley Food Bank'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 Wansbeck Valley Food Bank as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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R Thompson
ICAEW

Borough Hall
Wellway
Morpeth
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Date: 01/03/2023

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming 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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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 of the charity on 01/03/2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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Revd John Rowley
Trustee

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		180,071	180,071
Investment income	3	926	926
Total income		180,997	180,997
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		(902)	(902)
Charitable activities		(95,458)	(95,458)
Total expenditure		(96,360)	(96,360)
Net movement in funds		84,637	84,637
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		214,783	214,783
Total funds carried forward	11	299,420	299,420

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		150,509	-	150,509
Investment income	3	17	-	17
Total income		150,526	-	150,526
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		(81,860)	(6,833)	(88,693)
Total expenditure		(81,860)	(6,833)	(88,693)
Net movement in funds		68,666	(6,833)	61,833
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		146,117	6,833	152,950
Total funds carried forward	11	214,783	-	214,783

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2021 is shown in note 11.

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

(Registration number: 1177303)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		301,413	217,167
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,993)	(2,384)
Net assets		299,420	214,783
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		299,420	214,783
Total funds	11	299,420	214,783

The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 01/03/2023 and signed on their behalf by:

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Revd John Rowley
Trustee

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation
Wansbeck Valley Food Bank meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement
The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments
Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets purchased are written off in the year of purchase.

The charity owns a van which was transferred on incorporation in 2015. In 2020, a second van and two containers were purchased.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	134,088	134,088	125,587
Legacies	-	-	1,994
Gift aid reclaimed	8,278	8,278	11,689
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	37,705	37,705	11,239
	180,071	180,071	150,509

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	926	926	17

4 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£
Staff costs			
Wages and salaries	20,403	20,403	23,095
Pension costs	425	425	364
Audit fees			
Other fees paid to auditors	2,230	2,230	2,090
Legal fees	-	-	780
Other governance costs	22,184	22,184	21,955
	45,242	45,242	48,284

5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

6 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	20,403	23,095
Pension costs	425	364
	20,828	23,459

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2022 No	2021 No
employee numbers	1	1

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Other taxation and social security	(321)	217
Other creditors	99	77
Accruals	2,215	2,090
	1,993	2,384

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Wansbeck Valley FOOD BANK

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Keith Grimes (resigned 26th August 2021)
Peter Robertson
John Rowley
Sheila Rowley
Andrew Tebbutt (resigned 26th August 2021)
John William Watson (resigned 26th August 2021)

TREASURER: John Rowley
SECRETARY: Richard Anderson/Sheila Rowley

PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR	Linda Fugill
ADMINISTRATION CO –ORDINATOR	Sheila Rowley
ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT (Salaried)	Tracey Brown
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Wellway Accountants Limited Borough Hall Wellway Morpeth NE61 1BN

Chairman's Remarks

I have pleasure in presenting to you a record of the activities of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank during 2021.

Sadly, this year saw the highest ever need for food from Wansbeck Valley Food Bank (WVFB) in our 9-year history.

2021 has been difficult for many of us. During the past year we have seen more people needing to use the food bank as they are unable to afford the essentials the rest of us take for granted. The devasting economic and personal consequences of the pandemic has tipped more people than ever into a financial crisis and brought them to the doors of the food bank.

The run up to Christmas saw our busiest period ever, with a variety of Christmas extras being added to bags before being distributed to clients. These recipients were identified by our referrers as needing extra help over the Christmas period.

We continue to operate from the Northgate Hospital site and are grateful to CNTW NHS Foundation Trust for their ongoing support.

During the year, 3 of our trustees resigned which reducing the number to 5, I would like to thank them for their support during their time as trustees.

Sadly, as the result of a personal tragedy, one of our job share Administrative Assistants resigned. A full-time appointment has now been made.

I would like to thank Dianne for all her hard work during the time she spent at the Foodbank

WVFB is powered by a small army of volunteers who give their time and talents freely each week. Coming from all ages and backgrounds, the trustees are always astounded by their motivation and commitment which has never been more evident than in the past recent years.

As I reflect on the past year, my feelings are conflicted as I am filled with sadness as more and more people struggle to afford the essentials. I am also deeply concerned of what may lie ahead with impending energy price increases. But I must also be optimistic. The past year has shown the generosity of the community in significant donations of food and cash and the kindness and compassion of businesses and supporters. All of this in the face of the enormous challenge posed to everyone by Covid- 19.

As we hopefully emerge from the pandemic our commitment is stronger and will do everything possible to ensure no one in our community is in need of food.

Richard Anderson

Chair of Trustees

Trustees' Report

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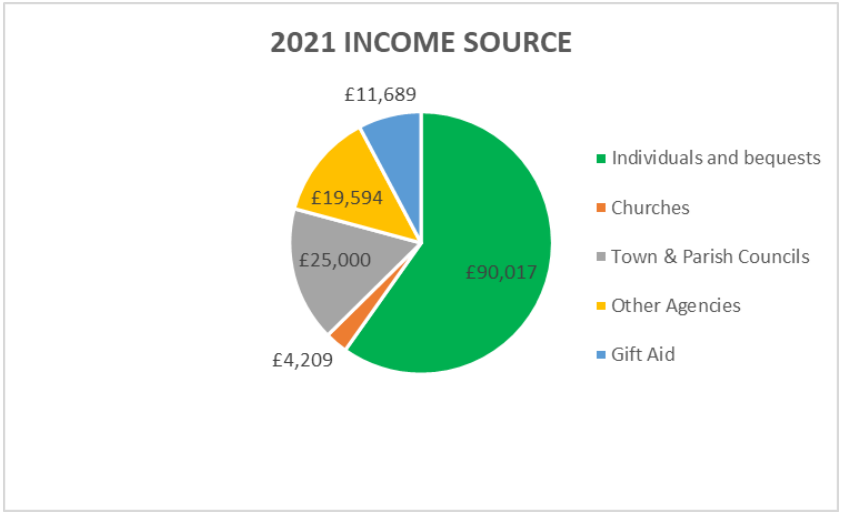
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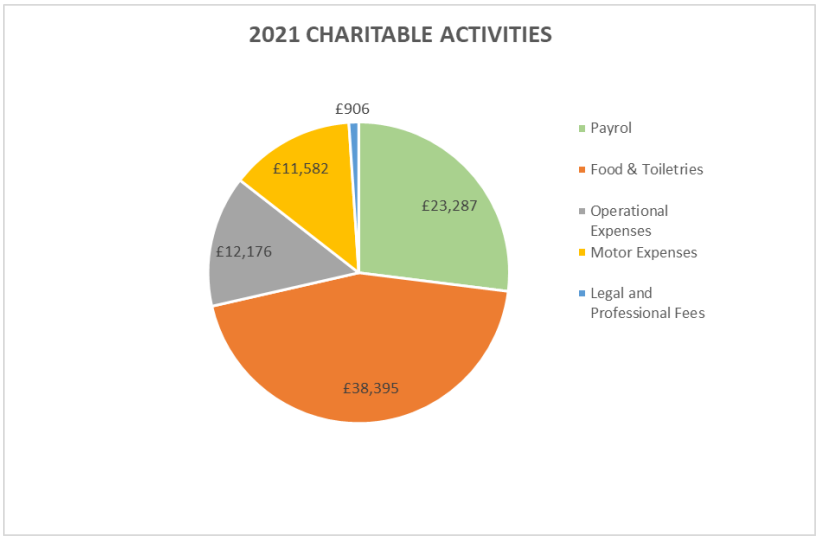
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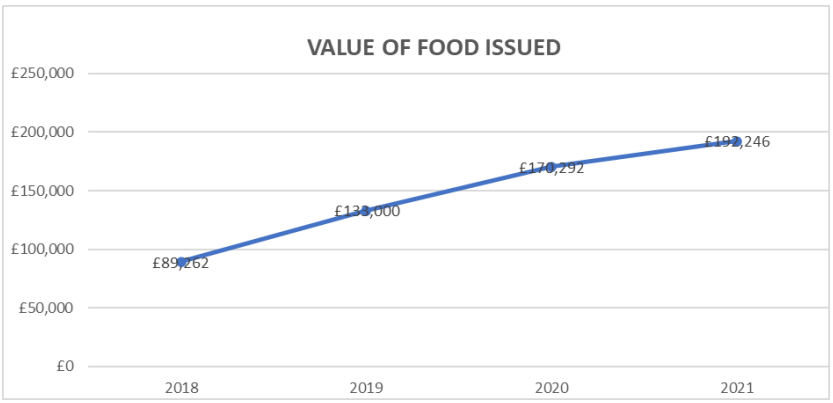
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Public Benefit

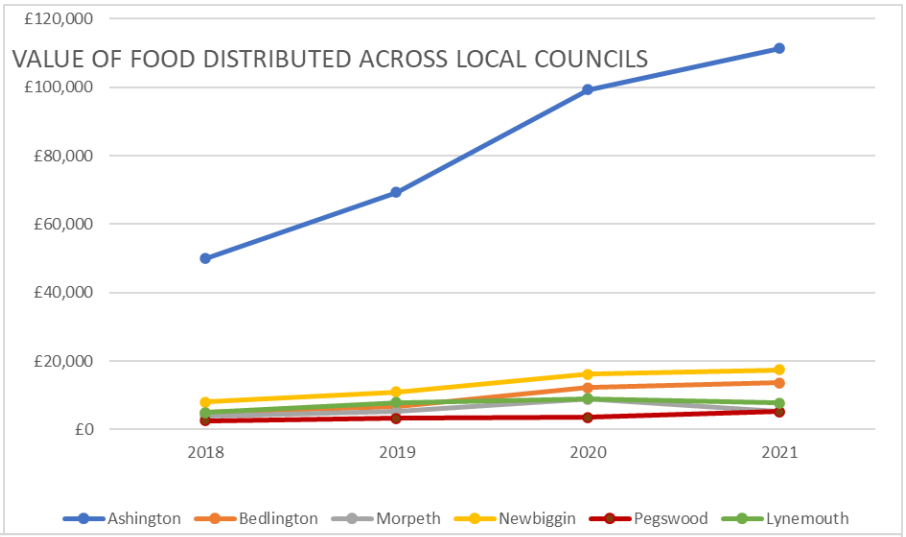
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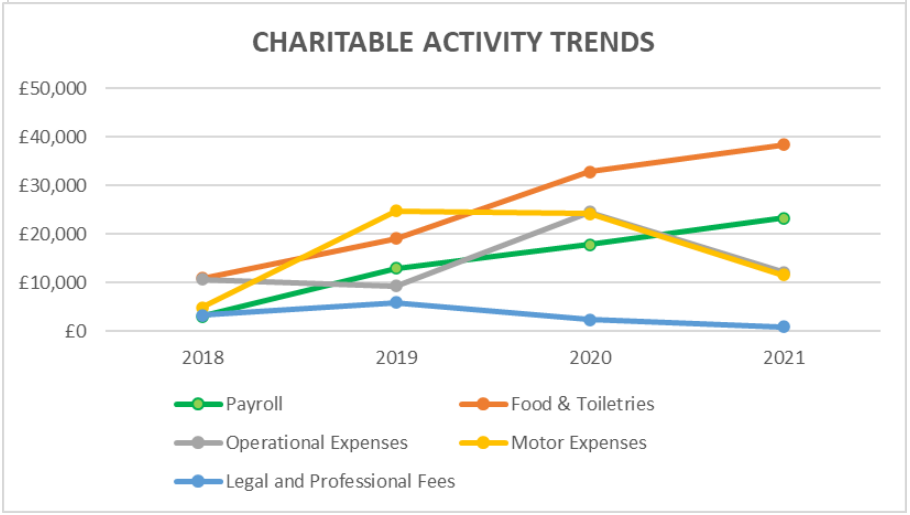
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Nature of governing document

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The Trustees, where practicable are involved in the work of the Food Bank.

Organisational structure

The Trustees had appointed an Operations Team to oversee the day-to-day activities of the Food Bank, however given the constraints imposed by Covid, the Trustees themselves have assumed a more hands-on approach to operations. The responsibilities and duties of the Operations Team will be reviewed post-Covid.

The Annual Report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 20th January 2022 and signed on its behalf by : Revd John Rowley

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 details of which are summarised here. The full report is available on request.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank 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 Wansbeck Valley Food Bank'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 with the examination giving me cause to believe that any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

R Thompson
ICAEW
Borough Hall
Morpeth
Date 29 March 2021



Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

Current Assets	**Year ended 31 December 2021**	**Year ended 31 December 2020**
Cash at bank and in hand	217167	152989
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year*	(2384)	(39)
Net Assets	**214783**	**152950**
Funds of the Charity		
Restricted Funds	**-**	6833
Unrestricted Income Funds		
Unrestricted Funds	214783	146117
Total Funds	**214783**	**152950**
*Creditors falling within one year		
Other Taxation and Social Security	217	-
Other Creditors	77	39
Accruals	2090	-
	2384	**39**

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Total Year ended 31 December 2021 £	Total Year ended 31 December 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	150509	197602
Investment income	17	59
Total income	150526	197661
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	-	(109)
Charitable activities	(88693)	(101691)
Total expenditure	(88693)	101800
Net movement in funds	61833	95861
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	152950	57089
Total funds carried forward	214783	152950

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Total Year ended 31 December 2021	Total Year ended 31 December 2020
	£	£
Donations and legacies		
Legacies and bequests	1994	-
Donations - Individuals	86949	101646
Donations – Churches	4683	7864
Donations Town and Parish Councils	25000	34875
Donations – Collection Boxes	174	153
Donations – Local Business and Clubs	8781	10486
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	11689	3891
Grants – other agencies	11239	28687
Grants—other agencies	-	10000
	150509	197602
Investment income		
Interest on cash deposits	17	59
	17	59

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Total Year ended 31 December 2021 £	Total Year ended 31 December 2020 £
Raising funds		
Fundraising costs	-	(109)
	-	(109)
Charitable activities		
Food and Toiletries	(38401)	(32078)
Packaging	(2008)	(1596)
Wages and Salaries	(16262)	(14475)
Wages and Salaries	(6833)	(3167)
Staff pensions (Defined contribution)	(364)	(248)
Rent	(220)	(1320)
Insurance	(584)	(580)
Telephone and Stationery	(4769)	(4365)
Equipment and IT	(758)	(1118)
Printing	(1666)	(802)
Sundry Expenses	(30)	(351)
Northgate Premises Expenses	(2218)	(13832)
Motor Expenses	(11582)	(25298)
Accountancy fees	(2090)	(1896)
Legal and professional fees	(780)	(505)
Bank charges	(126)	(60)
Other interest payable	(2)	-
	(88693)	(101691)

Notes to the Accounts: (Full details of these can be provided on application)

The trustees have prepared the trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Financial guarantee contracts

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets purchased are written off in the year of purchase.

The charity owns a van which was transferred on incorporation in 2018. In 2020, a second van and two containers were purchased.

Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustee, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

Project Manager's Report

We entered 2021 with Covid 19 restrictions still in place , including social distancing, use of facemasks, sanitising hands and surfaces.

The Foodbank continues to see an increase in demand. Unfortunately, despite the donations received from loyal supporters, this demand still outstripped donations, so we have had to purchase significant volumes of stock. With the rising fuel prices and other increasing costs of living, many who have just been managing their budget will find it increasingly difficult to keep their heads above water. Therefore we expect evermore people approaching us for support.

Facebook is proving important to us for 2 reasons: both to let people know we are there to help them and also to recruit further supporters of our service. Currently we have over 1600 followers on Facebook.



This year we have been contacted by a number of young fundraisers; it is very encouraging that young people are thinking of others less fortunate and doing something to help. I would like to mention 10 years old Heidi, (pictured here) who I met just after Christmas. Heidi had decided to make and sell Christmas decorations to friends and family, raising over £100 for us. Still on fundraising, we had 7 places in this year's Great North Run and raised almost £4000: an awesome effort by our fantastic runners.

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With the easing of Covid restrictions, we have been able to return to our monthly Asda collections (held on the last Friday of the month). Each collection averages 600-700 kgs of food, ie enough to feed someone for about 8 months. We have drop off points for food donations in many local supermarkets and stores, but are always looking for more.

Working in the Foodbank is very much a team effort, so a big thank you to all our volunteers, both old and new, driving, sorting stock and packing bags for us. A particular thankyou goes to Paul and Janet who have taken on the job of stock control and warehouse management.

Looking back to 2012 when the Foodbank was established we naively expected to only be around for two or three years. How wrong we were. For in November 2022 we will "celebrate "(if that is the right word) our 10th birthday. Hopefully there may be a cake……!

Linda Fugill
Project Manager

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Message from a Client

I Sean…….

My name's Sean aged 40, single with two young sons who see me often and stay every weekend.
After 20 years of being in long term employment, I have found myself unemployed and having to rely on benefits.
Although my CV is up to date and my skills transferrable, my efforts to secure employment have been a saga of misfortune and have seen me 'messed about'. Contracts have not been signed, no follow up to interviews, and no responses to emails. In some instances, employers have offered a trial run which has turned out to be a period of free labour for them.
In the last 5 years I have seen a massive change to contracts e.g., zero hours, fixed term and agency work.
In the 5 months I have been unemployed I have easily applied for 2000 jobs plus, with the chance of an interview being between 1 in 50 and 1 in 100.
My experience with universal credit has overall been positive and staff have been supportive.
Money wise universal credit is minimal and I budget on £2.50/£5 per day, out of that comes gas & electricity top ups, fuel, & if I had any emergency, car breaking down etc.it would have to stay broken. I'm in rent arrears although I keep the housing association informed to prevent any section 21 being issued. It will take years to be in credit again in a low paying job.
Any job I start I'm in debt from the start with arrears of rent, UC loans, tax due to wrong tax code, family who've loaned me money etc.
Zero social life no pub's, takeaways, no going out it's all come to a halt. I have also learned to keep everything to myself, nobody cares, nobody wants to hear complaining/negativity.

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Last but not least "THE FOOD BANK".
Without this Godsend I'd severely struggle massively on all counts.
I just couldn't afford a food shop and getting this help means I don't have to budget in food costs or more importantly starve.
They've helped massively and I'll forever be grateful and I'll return the favour one day with a donation from myself.
Sean.
P.S. Watch the brilliant film/YouTube " I DANIEL BLAKE " it was made here in the north east and it would give you an insight to life on universal credit & foodbanks. It mirrors my experiences.

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THANK YOU

TO THE FOLLOWING:

Aldi
Asda Ashington
Co-ops
Morrisons Morpeth
Poundland
Sainsburys

Ashington Town Council
Bedlington East Parish
Bedlington West Parish
Choppington Parish Council
Lynemouth Parish Council
Morpeth Town Council
Newbiggin Town Council
Pegswood Parish Council
Tritlington & West Chevington Parish Council

Bernicia Foundation
CELL Project
Coalfields Regeneration Trust
Enhance
IBM
Lions Club
Lynemouth Power
Mary Hollan Trust
Masonic Charitable Trust
Morpeth Dispensary
Morpeth Rotary
Newcastle Building Society
Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
Squires Charity
The Community Foundation
TMP Wealth Management
Tranemo Workwear
TSB
Unison Northern Branch
Wansbeck Women Labour Group

Local Churches
Local Schools

Numerous Individuals

Charity registration number: 1177303

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Wellway Accountants Limited
Borough Hall
Wellway
Morpeth
Northumberland
NE611BN

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Revd John Rowley Mrs Linda Mary Fugill Mr Richard Charles Anderson Mrs Sheila Rowley Mr Peter Robinson Mr Andrew Tebutt (resigned 26/08/21) Mr Keith Grimes (resigned 26/08/21) Mr John Watson (resigned 26/08/21)
Principal Office	Northgate Hospital Morpeth Northumberland NE61 3BP
Charity Registration Number	1177303
Independent Examiner	Wellway Accountants Limited Borough Hall Wellway Morpeth Northumberland NE61 1BN
Company Registration Number	CEO13360

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

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The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 20-01-22 and signed on its behalf by:

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Revd John Rowley
Trustee

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming 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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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 of the charity on 10-03-22 and signed on its behalf by:

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Revd John Rowley
Trustee

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

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R Thompson
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Borough Hall
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Date: 10-3-22

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		150,509	-	150,509
Investment income	3	17	-	17
Total income		150,526	-	150,526
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		(81,860)	(6,833)	(88,693)
Total expenditure		(81,860)	(6,833)	(88,693)
Net movement in funds		68,666	(6,833)	61,833
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		146,117	6,833	152,950
Total funds carried forward	12	214,783	-	214,783

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		187,602	10,000	197,602
Investment income	3	59	-	59
Total income		187,661	10,000	197,661
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(109)	-	(109)
Charitable activities		(98,524)	(3,167)	(101,691)
Total expenditure		(98,633)	(3,167)	(101,800)
Net movement in funds		89,028	6,833	95,861
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		57,089	-	57,089
Total funds carried forward	12	146,117	6,833	152,950

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2020 is shown in note 12.

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

(Registration number: 1177303)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		217,167	152,989
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,384)	(39)
Net assets		214,783	152,950
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		-	6,833
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		214,783	146,117
Total funds	12	214,783	152,950

The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 19-02-22 and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Revd John Rowley
Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure

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Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

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The charity owns a van which was transferred on incorporation in 2015. In 2020, a second van and two containers were purchased.

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Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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Legacies	1,994	1,994	-
Gift aid reclaimed	11,689	11,689	3,891
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	11,239	11,239	38,687
	150,509	150,509	197,602

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds		
	General	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	17	17	59

4 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds			
	General	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
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Wages and salaries	16,262	6,833	23,095	17,642
Pension costs	364	-	364	248
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Other fees paid to auditors	2,090	-	2,090	1,896
Legal fees	780	-	780	505
Other governance costs	21,955	-	21,955	47,726
	41,451	6,833	48,284	68,017

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Wages and salaries	23,095	17,642
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No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

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	2021 £	2020 £
Other taxation and social security	217	-
Other creditors	77	39
Accruals	2,090	-
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The amount of the financial guarantee contract is £-.

12 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	(146,117)	(150,526)	81,860	(214,783)
Restricted funds	(6,833)	-	6,833	-
Total funds	(152,950)	(150,526)	88,693	(214,783)

	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	(57,089)	(187,661)	98,633	(146,117)
Restricted funds	-	(10,000)	3,167	(6,833)
Total funds	(57,089)	(197,661)	101,800	(152,950)

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Current assets	217,167	217,167
Current liabilities	(2,384)	(2,384)
Total net assets	214,783	214,783

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Current assets	152,989	152,989
Current liabilities	(39)	(39)
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Net debt	57,245	95,744	152,989

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Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Total Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	150,509	187,602
Investment income	17	59
Total income	150,526	187,661
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	-	(109)
Charitable activities	(81,860)	(98,524)
Total expenditure	(81,860)	(98,633)
Net income	68,666	89,028
Net movement in funds	68,666	89,028
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	146,117	57,089
Total funds carried forward	214,783	146,117

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Total Restricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	-	10,000
Total income	-	10,000
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	(6,833)	(3,167)
Total expenditure	(6,833)	(3,167)
Net (expenditure)/income	(6,833)	6,833
Net movement in funds	(6,833)	6,833
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	6,833	-
Total funds carried forward	-	6,833

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	150,509	197,602
Investment income (analysed below)	17	59
Total income	150,526	197,661
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds (analysed below)	-	(109)
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(88,693)	(101,691)
Total expenditure	(88,693)	(101,800)
Net income	61,833	95,861
Net movement in funds	61,833	95,861
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	152,950	57,089
Total funds carried forward	214,783	152,950

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Donations and legacies		
Legacies and bequests	1,994	-
Donations - Individuals	86,949	101,646
Donations - Churches	4,683	7,864
Donations - Town and Parish Councils	25,000	34,875
Donations - Collection Boxes	174	153
Donations - Local Business and Clubs	8,781	10,486
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	11,689	3,891
Grants - other agencies	11,239	28,687
Grants - other agencies	-	10,000
	150,509	197,602
Investment income		
Interest on cash deposits	17	59
	17	59
Raising funds		
Fundraising costs	-	(109)
	-	(109)
Charitable activities		
Food and Toiletries	(38,401)	(32,078)
Packaging	(2,008)	(1,596)
Wages and salaries	(16,262)	(14,475)
Wages and salaries	(6,833)	(3,167)
Staff pensions (Defined contribution) - pension scheme 1	(364)	(248)
Rent	(220)	(1,320)
Insurance	(584)	(580)
Telephone and Stationery	(4,769)	(4,365)
Equipment and IT	(758)	(1,118)
Printing	(1,666)	(802)
Sundry expenses	(30)	(351)
Northgate Premises Expenses	(2,218)	(13,832)
Motor expenses	(11,582)	(25,298)
Accountancy fees	(2,090)	(1,896)
Legal and professional fees	(780)	(505)
Bank charges	(126)	(60)
Other interest payable	(2)	-
	(88,693)	(101,691)

Charity registration number: 1177303

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

Wellway Accountants Limited
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Northumberland
NE611BN

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Revd John Rowley Mrs Linda Mary Fugill Mr Richard Charles Anderson Mrs Sheila Rowley Mr Peter Robinson Mr Andrew Tebutt (resigned 26/08/21) Mr Keith Grimes (resigned 26/08/21) Mr John Watson (resigned 26/08/21)
Principal Office	Northgate Hospital Morpeth Northumberland NE61 3BP
Charity Registration Number	1177303
Independent Examiner	Wellway Accountants Limited Borough Hall Wellway Morpeth Northumberland NE61 1BN
Company Registration Number	CEO13360

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank is a registered charity, set up to prevent or relieve poverty or financial hardship in Northumberland. The charity achieves its aims and objectives, in particular but not exclusively by:

- The provision of emergency food parcels, items, services and facilities to individuals in financial need
- Contributing to and co-operating with charities and other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty from within Northumberland.

Objectives, strategies and activities

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Trustees' Report

Because of Covid, the Food Bank has faced a challenging year. We have changed and adapted our working patterns, to ensure the safety and well being of our staff and volunteers, as well as being able to respond effectively and efficiently to all requests for food aid.

Clients have faced furlough, job losses, self-isolation and latterly the removal of the Universal Credit uplift and rising energy prices. The latter giving rise to the phrase 'heat or eat' as the dilemma many are now facing.

Our client delivery service continues, although parcels may now be collected from our central hub in Morpeth by prior arrangement. Such deliveries are made using our two dedicated vehicles, however at times of high demand such as supermarket collection days and in the run up to Christmas we hire additional vehicles as needed.

Notwithstanding all the changes and challenges, we continued to provide emergency food parcels to those identified as being in need. All requests were fulfilled.

Regrettably we are seeing evidence of clients using the Food Bank to supplement their income rather than for an emergency. This issue is being monitored and discussed with our partner agencies and we will continue to keep this under review.

Our standard parcels provide food for 3 meals for 3 days for each eligible individual in the household. In special circumstances the number of days food that is provided can be extended. We have found that due to benefit delays we have been requested to issue an increasing number of 7-day parcels for over a period of a few weeks.

When available we often supplement food parcels with bread, cheese, spread, some fresh produce and toiletries.

Clients are also offered a Butcher Voucher and a Fruit and Vegetable Voucher when first referred.

We try where possible to cater for clients with special dietary needs, babies and pets.

We operate from premises at Northgate Hospital. We have sole use of the building.

This provides warehousing, distribution and administrative facilities. We also have two large containers on site which are used for overspill storage.

The food and services we provide are funded by generous cash donations from a range of supporters. It is noticeable that income from local organisations and councils have failed to match increasing client demand on the food bank resources. However, this has been offset by a significant increase in individual donations. This has become our most significant income stream.

As a result of unforeseen circumstances, the previous Administration Job-share arrangement has now become a single full-time appointment thus ensuring continuity and consistency with our volunteers, clients, and referrers.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

During the past year we have provided almost 100,000 meals valued at £192,246.

Financial review

The charity's current account will be maintained at approx. £5000. This can be increased with trustee approval for exceptional items. The deposit account will be maintained for the remaining balances.

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Trustees' Report

Policy on reserves

The trustees have no defined policy in terms of the levels of resources held. However, the Trustees regularly on a quarterly basis review the amount of reserves that are required to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil the Food Bank's continuing obligations and to provide our services for a minimum of a 6 month period.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank is governed by a Constitution of Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed at the AGM, however the trustees may appoint a new trustee to temporarily fill a vacancy or to bring in additional skills or experience. Such a trustee will retire at the next AGM but can then be reappointed.

The trustees, where practicable are involved in the work of the Food Bank.

Organisational structure

The Trustees had appointed an Operations Team to oversee the day-to-day activities of the Food Bank, however given the constraints imposed by Covid, the Trustees themselves have assumed a more hands-on approach to operation. The responsibilities and duties of the Operations Team will be reviewed post-Covid.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 20-01-22 and signed on its behalf by:

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Revd John Rowley
Trustee

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming 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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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 of the charity on 10-03-22 and signed on its behalf by:

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Revd John Rowley
Trustee

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank 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 Wansbeck Valley Food Bank'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 Wansbeck Valley Food Bank as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

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R Thompson
ICAEW

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Date: 10-3-22

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

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Income and Endowments from:				
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Investment income	3	17	-	17
Total income		150,526	-	150,526
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		(81,860)	(6,833)	(88,693)
Total expenditure		(81,860)	(6,833)	(88,693)
Net movement in funds		68,666	(6,833)	61,833
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		146,117	6,833	152,950
Total funds carried forward	12	214,783	-	214,783

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Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		187,602	10,000	197,602
Investment income	3	59	-	59
Total income		187,661	10,000	197,661
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(109)	-	(109)
Charitable activities		(98,524)	(3,167)	(101,691)
Total expenditure		(98,633)	(3,167)	(101,800)
Net movement in funds		89,028	6,833	95,861
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		57,089	-	57,089
Total funds carried forward	12	146,117	6,833	152,950

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2020 is shown in note 12.

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

(Registration number: 1177303)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		217,167	152,989
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	9	(2,384)	(39)
Net assets		214,783	152,950
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		-	6,833
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		214,783	146,117
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The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 19-02-22 and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Revd John Rowley
Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

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Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

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Charitable activities	(81,860)	(98,524)
Total expenditure	(81,860)	(98,633)
Net income	68,666	89,028
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Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	146,117	57,089
Total funds carried forward	214,783	146,117

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Total Restricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	-	10,000
Total income	-	10,000
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	(6,833)	(3,167)
Total expenditure	(6,833)	(3,167)
Net (expenditure)/income	(6,833)	6,833
Net movement in funds	(6,833)	6,833
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	6,833	-
Total funds carried forward	-	6,833

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	150,509	197,602
Investment income (analysed below)	17	59
Total income	150,526	197,661
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds (analysed below)	-	(109)
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(88,693)	(101,691)
Total expenditure	(88,693)	(101,800)
Net income	61,833	95,861
Net movement in funds	61,833	95,861
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	152,950	57,089
Total funds carried forward	214,783	152,950

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Donations and legacies		
Legacies and bequests	1,994	-
Donations - Individuals	86,949	101,646
Donations - Churches	4,683	7,864
Donations - Town and Parish Councils	25,000	34,875
Donations - Collection Boxes	174	153
Donations - Local Business and Clubs	8,781	10,486
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	11,689	3,891
Grants - other agencies	11,239	28,687
Grants - other agencies	-	10,000
	150,509	197,602
Investment income		
Interest on cash deposits	17	59
	17	59
Raising funds		
Fundraising costs	-	(109)
	-	(109)
Charitable activities		
Food and Toiletries	(38,401)	(32,078)
Packaging	(2,008)	(1,596)
Wages and salaries	(16,262)	(14,475)
Wages and salaries	(6,833)	(3,167)
Staff pensions (Defined contribution) - pension scheme 1	(364)	(248)
Rent	(220)	(1,320)
Insurance	(584)	(580)
Telephone and Stationery	(4,769)	(4,365)
Equipment and IT	(758)	(1,118)
Printing	(1,666)	(802)
Sundry expenses	(30)	(351)
Northgate Premises Expenses	(2,218)	(13,832)
Motor expenses	(11,582)	(25,298)
Accountancy fees	(2,090)	(1,896)
Legal and professional fees	(780)	(505)
Bank charges	(126)	(60)
Other interest payable	(2)	-
	(88,693)	(101,691)

WANSBECK VALLEY FOOD BANK

England & Wales - Charity number 1177303

Accounts

Wansbeck Valley
FOOD BANK

ANNUAL REPORT

2020

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Company Registration Number CIO13360

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NE61 3BP

Wansbeck Valley FOOD BANK

TRUSTEES: Richard Charles Anderson
Linda Mary Fugill
Keith Grimes (appointed 29th October 2020)
Chris Groocock (resigned 10th December 2020)
Peter Robertson (appointed 1st October 2020)
John Rowley
Sheila Rowley
Andrew Tebbutt (appointed 10th December 2020)
John William Watson

TREASURER: John Rowley
SECRETARY: Richard Anderson/Sheila Rowley

PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR	Linda Fugill
ADMINISTRATION CO –ORDINATOR	Sheila Rowley
ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT (Salaried)	Dianne Keltie/Tracey Brown
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Wellway Accountants Limited Borough Hall Wellway Morpeth NE61 1BN

Chairman's Remarks

I have pleasure in presenting to you a record of the activities of Wansbeck Valley Food during 2020.

The last year has again proved to be a year of growth. We have seen the demand for our services increase by almost 30%.

We carried out a Strategic Review during the year and having implemented several of the recommendations feel we are now operating more effectively and efficiently.

However, no one was aware of the imminent Covid 19 pandemic.

As a result of the pandemic and in order to protect our volunteers, the trustees took the decision to close both the Ashington and Newbiggin distribution points and deliver direct to all our clients from the Morpeth warehouse.

In order to cope with this increase, a decision was made to purchase a second delivery van and employ an additional part time Administration Assistant.

The increased workload, resulting from this growth, meant that we had to extend the hours worked by our Administrative Assistants. We have also increased our van collections/deliveries and doubled up the drivers to deal with the increasing demands, as well as hiring a third van for the extra deliveries during the latter part of 2020.

The run up to Christmas saw our busiest period ever, with a variety of Christmas extras being added to bags before being distributed to clients.

We continue to operate from the Northgate Hospital site and are grateful to CNTW NHS Foundation Trust for their ongoing support. They had provided us with overspill storage, which was required at peak times, but is no longer available. This resulted in the Food Bank purchasing 2 storage containers which are situated onsite.

We are constantly 'blown away' by the support we receive from individuals and local organisations, both in terms of finance and provision of food. Despite restrictions, at Christmas there was a steady stream of vehicles delivering supplies.

We of course could not function without the support of our dedicated team of volunteers, who tirelessly give of their time and energy. This has been especially appreciated during this challenging time.

This new year will no doubt bring its new challenges. Whatever they may be, we aim to meet these and overcome them, to continue to be able to offer our services to those in need.

Richard Anderson

Chair of Trustees

Trustees' Report

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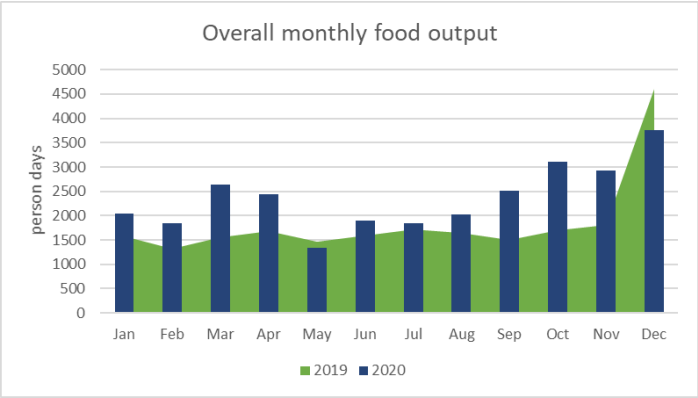
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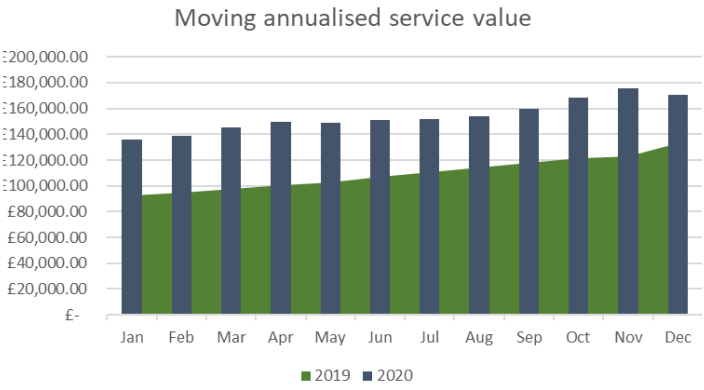
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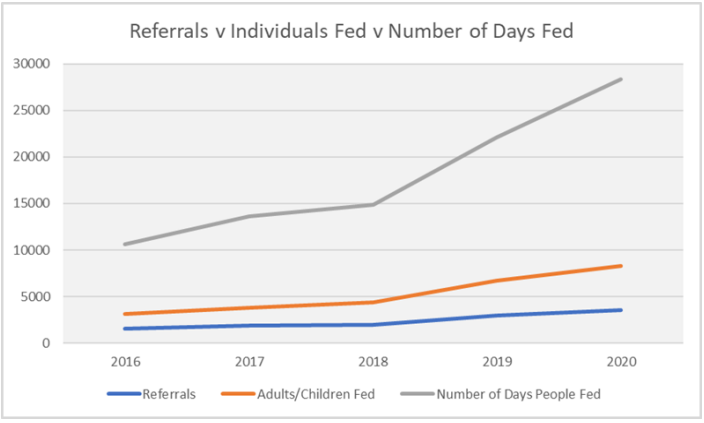
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Wansbeck Valley FOOD BANK







Financial Review

The charity's current account will be maintained at approx. £5000. This can be increased with trustee approval for exceptional items. The deposit account will be maintained for the remaining balances. This is in accordance with the Food Bank's Financial Policy.

Policy on reserves

The trustees have no defined policy in terms of the levels of resources held. However, the trustees regularly review reserves to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil the Food Bank's continuing obligations and to provide our services for a minimum of a 6-month period.

Structure, Governance and Management

Nature of governing document

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, governed by a Constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed at the AGM, however the trustees may appoint a new trustee to temporarily fill a vacancy or to bring in additional skills or experience. Such a trustee will retire at the next AGM but can then be reappointed.
The Trustees, where practicable are involved in the work of the Food Bank.

Organisational structure

The Trustees appointed an Operations Team to oversee the day to day activities of the Food Bank. However, given the constraints imposed by Covid, the Trustees themselves have assumed a more hands-on approach to operations. The responsibilities and duties of the Operations Team will be reviewed post-Covid.

The Annual Report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 12th January 2021 and signed on its behalf by : Revd John Rowley

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 details of which are summarised here. The full report is available on request.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank 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 Wansbeck Valley Food Bank'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 with the examination giving me cause to believe that any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

R Thompson
ICAEW
Borough Hall
Morpeth
Date 29 March 2021

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020

Current Assets	**Year ended 31 December 2020**	**Year ended 31 December 2019**
Cash at bank and in hand	152989	57245
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year*	(39)	(156)
Net Assets	**152950**	**57089**
Funds of the Charity		
Restricted Funds	**6833**	-
Unrestricted Income Funds		
Unrestricted Funds	146117	57089
Total Funds	**152950**	**57089**
*Creditors falling within one year		
Other Taxation and Social Security	-	106
Other Creditors	39	50
	39	156

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Total Year ended 31 December 2020 £	Total Year ended 31 December 2019 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	197602	55102
Other trading activities	-	45
Investment income	59	76
Total income	197661	55223
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	(109)	(974)
Charitable activities	(101691)	(45595)
Total expenditure	101800	46569
Net income	95861	8654
Net movement in funds	95861	8654
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	57089	48435
Total funds carried forward	152950	57089

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Total Year ended 31 December 2020	Total Year ended 31 December 2019
	£	£
Donations and legacies		
Legacies and bequests	-	289
Donations - Individuals	101646	20716
Donations – Churches	7864	5924
Donations Town and Parish Councils	34875	14100
Donations – Collection Boxes	153	60
Donations – Local Business and Clubs	10486	2914
Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed	3891	-
Grants – other agencies	28687	11099
Grants—other agencies	10000	-
	197602	55102
Other trading activities		
Sale of Christmas Cards	-	45
	-	45
Investment income		
Interest on cash deposits	59	76
	59	76

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period
for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Total Year ended 31 December 2020 £	Total Year ended 31 December 2019 £
Raising funds		
Fundraising costs	(109)	(974)
	(109)	(974)
Charitable activities		
Food and Toiletries	(32078)	(19052)
Packaging	(1,596)	(1223)
Wages and Salaries	(14475)	(1300)
Wages and Salaries	(3167)	-
Staff pensions (Defined contribution)	(248)	(177)
Rent	(1320)	(1320)
Insurance	(580)	(556)
Telephone and Stationery	(4365)	(3713)
Equipment and IT	(1118)	(457)
Printing	(802)	(427)
Sundry Expenses	(351)	(612)
Northgate Premises Expenses	(13832)	(3877)
Over/(under) provision in previous year	-	6860
Motor Expenses	(25298)	(5748)
Accountancy fees	(1896)	(1860)
Legal and professional fees	(505)	(296)
Bank charges	(60)	(137)
	(101691)	(45595)

Notes to the Accounts: (Full details of these can be provided on application)

The trustees have prepared the trustees' report and financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland.

Financial guarantee contracts

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets purchased are written off in the year of purchase.

The charity owns a van which was transferred on incorporation in 2018. In 2020, a second van and two containers were purchased.

Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustee, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

Project Manager's Report

2020: The Year that Nobody Expected.

If you had told me at the start of 2020 that we would be masked, distanced, and staying at home, I would never have believed you. COVID-19 has turned the whole world upside down, and the foodbank has been no exception.



Within a matter of weeks, we had closed our distribution centres and turned our base at Northgate into mission control for deliveries. To those of you who made it possible for people to work from home and the team of drivers who came to drive the vans, thank you.

We had to say a sad goodbye to many of our volunteers who were required to self-isolate or shield. Although we have not been able to spend time with you, we have not forgotten all your support and hard work.

Thank you, and we cannot wait to see you again soon.

We have had to organise ourselves into bubbles, keep our distance in the warehouse, and keep our masks on. When just leaving the home has felt unsafe and risky, thank you to all who have come out and volunteered.

By stacking shelves, packing bags, picking up donations, and delivering parcels, you've kept some of the most vulnerable people in our communities fed. You have been lifesavers.

Thank you.

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People have driven up to the warehouse with crates of food, popped cans of beans in the trolley at ASDA, made online donations, put envelopes of cash through the letterbox, and organised collections on their streets. You've kept us going, and we cannot thank you enough.

We have delivered more food than in any other previous year, had to increase storage capacity with two new shipping containers in the carpark, and have acquired a new van, allowing us to support even more people. We also now have more shops on board with our voucher scheme, enabling people to but their own food with dignity and pride. To those who have made this happen, we really appreciate your work.



Wansbeck Valley Foodbank has always been a team effort: volunteers, staff, trustees, businesses, charities, and the public. What we can achieve together is incredible and – despite a pandemic – we did it again in 2020.

We kept calm, we carried on, and that is all thanks to you.

Linda Fugill
Project Manager

Messages from a Client

I want to whole heartedly thank the team at the Wansbeck food bank. As a single parent , we never have more than £100 a month to spend on anything after, the house, bills and childcare. So savings is not something we have.

I usually work overtime a lot, but it means more petrol, parking and childcare. I have always worked overtime and paid my way, even bought a little house with the overtime. I am highly trained and studied and worked a lot in other countries. I am just trapped here, where I have no family support, because of my British child. Whose father has not seen or supported her for 6 years.
We do have amazing friends, but they don't know how bad it is, but have helped us too.
Until August we have given to the food bank . Even just cereal or pasta. I was brought up to be proud and never ask help. This had been the hardest embarrassing year of my life. Having to ask help.

Covid and other stress from domestic abuse just pushed my blood pressure so high that I had to go off sick and reached half my salary very soon. As a previous injury already reduced my sick leave.
Half my salary only paid my house and I couldn't have any more breaks on my mortgage, I didn't pay any other bills. It's was making life even harder.
With my child feeling the stress too and it's just such a dark place. I have helped her by baking cookies and growing seeds and paintings and playing board games. But could feel myself want to breakdown and just cry, because the future is so very scary and unknown. She started having more hormones and her skin would break out in pimples and I just cannot buy things to help her.
Even going to work is a nightmare as I have to have money for petrol and bus money for going to school as everything has to change from the life as we know it. I know it's the same for everyone else too.

This help has , taken so much of the stress away, to focus my attention on fixing other problems. I have recently applied for universal credit and got 2 payments, which changed now I started working again.
Trying to slot everything into its spaces and keep on going.

Thanks for being so discreet, that my child never picked up that we get help, she would be so embarrassed. We help people not the other way around.
She did once ask where the snacks come from as we never had so many treats. I brought her up to be humble and caring and have respect for people . The last week she has been taking a sandwich to school for a friend, who appreciates it very much, I didn't know she was sharing her food at school , but comes home starving everyday . I don't know the situation I just make a spare sandwich.
Thanks so very much.

May God Bless you all abundantly. X Xx



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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:

Asda Ashington
Co-ops
Morrisons Morpeth
Sainsburys

Ashington Town Council
Bedlington East Parish
Bedlington West Parish
Choppington Parish Council
Lynemouth Parish Council
Morpeth Town Council
Newbiggin Town Council
Pegswood Parish Council
Tritlington & West Chevington Parish Council

Bernicia Foundation
CELL Project
Coalfields Regeneration Trust
Enhance
IBM
Lions Club
Lynemouth Power
Mary Hollan Trust
Masonic Charitable Trust
Morpeth Dispensary
Morpeth Rotary
Newcastle Building Society
Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
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The Community Foundation
TMP Wealth Management
Tranemo Workwear
TSB
Unison Northern Branch
Wansbeck Women Labour Group

Local Churches
Local Schools

Numerous Individuals

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

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The charity's current account will be maintained at approx. £5000. This can be increased with trustee approval for exceptional items. The deposit account will be maintained for the remaining balances. This is in accordance with The Food Bank's Financial Policy.

Policy on reserves

The trustees have no defined policy in terms of the levels of resources held. However, the Trustees regularly on a quarterly basis review the amount of reserves that are required to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil the Food Bank's continuing obligations and to provide our services for a minimum of a 6 month period.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank is governed by a Constitution of Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed at the AGM, however the trustees may appoint a new trustee to temporarily fill a vacancy or to bring in additional skills or experience. Such a trustee will retire at the next AGM but can then be reappointed.

The trustees, where practicable are involved in the work of the Food Bank.

Organisational structure

The trustees have appointed an Operations Team to oversee the day to day activities of the Food Bank. They report to and are accountable to the Trustees.

The team consists of volunteers who are involved in all aspects of the work of the Food Bank.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 29 March 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Revd John Rowley
Trustee

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming 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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees 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 of the charity on 29 March 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

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Trustee

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank 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 Wansbeck Valley Food Bank'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 Wansbeck Valley Food Bank as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



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29 March 2021

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies		187,602	10,000	197,602
Investment income	4	59	-	59
Total income		187,661	10,000	197,661
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds		(109)	-	(109)
Charitable activities		(98,524)	(3,167)	(101,691)
Total expenditure		(98,633)	(3,167)	(101,800)
Net movement in funds		89,028	6,833	95,861
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		57,089	-	57,089
Total funds carried forward	13	146,117	6,833	152,950

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2019 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies		55,102	55,102
Other trading activities		45	45
Investment income	4	76	76
Total income		55,223	55,223
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds		(974)	(974)
Charitable activities		(45,595)	(45,595)
Total expenditure		(46,569)	(46,569)
Net movement in funds		8,654	8,654
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		48,435	48,435
Total funds carried forward	13	57,089	57,089

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2019 is shown in note 13.

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

(Registration number: 1177303)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		152,989	57,245
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(39)	(156)
Net assets		152,950	57,089
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		6,833	-
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		146,117	57,089
Total funds	13	152,950	57,089

The financial statements on pages 7 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 29 March 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Revd John Rowley
Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation
Wansbeck Valley Food Bank meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement
The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments
Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets purchased are written off in the year of purchase.

The charity owns a van which was transferred on incorporation in 2015. In 2020, a second van and two containers were purchased.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose. The Coalfield restricted fund was set up during 2020 after a grant was awarded to be used for the additional admin needs of the charity.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations from individuals	155,024	-	155,024	43,714
Legacies	-	-	-	289
Gift aid reclaimed	3,891	-	3,891	-
Grants, including capital grants;				
Grants from other charities	28,687	10,000	38,687	11,099
	187,602	10,000	197,602	55,102

3 Income from other trading activities

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Trading income;		
Sales of goods and services	-	45
	-	45

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	59	59	76

5 Analysis of governance and support costs

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Staff costs				
Wages and salaries	14,475	3,167	17,642	13,000
Pension costs	248	-	248	177
Audit fees				
Other fees paid to auditors	1,896	-	1,896	1,860
Legal fees	505	-	505	296
Other governance costs	47,726	-	47,726	9,987
	64,850	3,167	68,017	25,320

6 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	17,642	13,000
Pension costs	248	177
	17,890	13,177

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

8 Auditors' remuneration

9 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Other taxation and social security	-	106
Other creditors	39	50
	39	156

11 Pension and other schemes

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £248 (2019 - £177).

12 Financial guarantee contracts

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

The amount of the financial guarantee contract is £-.

13 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	(57,089)	(187,661)	98,633	(146,117)
Restricted funds	-	(10,000)	3,167	(6,833)
Total funds	(57,089)	(197,661)	101,800	(152,950)

	Balance at 1 January 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 December 2019 £
Unrestricted funds				
General	(48,435)	(55,223)	46,569	(57,089)

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Current assets	152,989	152,989
Current liabilities	(39)	(39)
Total net assets	152,950	152,950

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Current assets	57,245	57,245
Current liabilities	(156)	(156)
Total net assets	57,089	57,089

15 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 January 2020 £	Cash flow £	At 31 December 2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	57,245	95,744	152,989
Net debt	57,245	95,744	152,989

	At 1 January 2019 £	Cash flow £	At 31 December 2019 £
Cash at bank and in hand	75,832	(18,587)	57,245
Net debt	75,832	(18,587)	57,245

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Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Total Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Unrestricted funds 2019 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	187,602	55,102
Other trading activities	-	45
Investment income	59	76
Total income	187,661	55,223
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	(109)	(974)
Charitable activities	(98,524)	(45,595)
Total expenditure	(98,633)	(46,569)
Net income	89,028	8,654
Net movement in funds	89,028	8,654
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	57,089	48,435
Total funds carried forward	146,117	57,089

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Total Restricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2019 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	10,000	-
Total income	10,000	-
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	(3,167)	-
Total expenditure	(3,167)	-
Net income	6,833	-
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds carried forward	6,833	-

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	197,602	55,102
Other trading activities (analysed below)	-	45
Investment income (analysed below)	59	76
Total income	197,661	55,223
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds (analysed below)	(109)	(974)
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(101,691)	(45,595)
Total expenditure	(101,800)	(46,569)
Net income	95,861	8,654
Net movement in funds	95,861	8,654
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	57,089	48,435
Total funds carried forward	152,950	57,089

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Donations and legacies		
Legacies and bequests	-	289
Donations - Individuals	101,646	20,716
Donations - Churches	7,864	5,924
Donations - Town and Parish Councils	34,875	14,100
Donations - Collection Boxes	153	60
Donations - Local Business and Clubs	10,486	2,914
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	3,891	-
Grants - other agencies	28,687	11,099
Grants - other agencies	10,000	-
	197,602	55,102
Other trading activities		
Sale of Christmas Cards	-	45
	-	45
Investment income		
Interest on cash deposits	59	76
	59	76
Raising funds		
Fundraising costs	(109)	(974)
	(109)	(974)
Charitable activities		
Food and Toiletries	(32,078)	(19,052)
Packaging	(1,596)	(1,223)
Wages and salaries	(14,475)	(13,000)
Wages and salaries	(3,167)	-
Staff pensions (Defined contribution) - pension scheme 1	(248)	(177)
Rent	(1,320)	(1,320)
Insurance	(580)	(556)
Telephone and Stationery	(4,365)	(3,713)
Equipment and IT	(1,118)	(457)
Printing	(802)	(427)
Sundry expenses	(351)	(612)
Northgate Premises Expenses	(13,832)	(3,877)
Over/(under) provision in previous year	-	6,860
Motor expenses	(25,298)	(5,748)
Accountancy fees	(1,896)	(1,860)
Legal and professional fees	(505)	(296)

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Bank charges	(60)	(137)
	(101,691)	(45,595)

Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Wansbeck Valley Food Bank

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