

Charity no. 1177585



# **Report and Audited Financial Statements**

**31 March 2025**

## Feeding Bristol

### Reference and administrative details

For the year ended 31 March 2025

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## **1. Introduction**

### **1.1. Note from the Chair of the Board**

As one of the original, founding trustees of Feeding Bristol, which was set up as a charity in 2018, I'm very conscious of the journey that we have been on as an organisation over the last 7 years. It's been an extraordinary one! In the first year or so the focus was on supporting children experiencing food insecurity. With the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020 the work of Feeding Bristol expanded to helping to co-ordinate the city's response to a huge increase in the number of people in need of food related support. Those first 2-3 years were formative for Feeding Bristol, and the impact was significant. But over the last 3-4 years the influence, reach and impact of the charity has grown hugely under the guidance and leadership of our Director, Ped Asgarian, supported by a small but highly motivated team.

I am sure that as you read this report you will appreciate just what has been achieved by Ped and the team, and I would like to express my personal thanks to them. The range of work that has been progressed over the last year, and outlined in this report, is extensive. Partnership, collaboration and inclusion are at the heart of all we do. The fact that so many people in our city experience food insecurity in one form or another is an injustice – it simply isn't right. Progress is being made, but there is still much that needs to be done. We're hugely grateful to those that have worked with us over the last year to support our mission – stakeholders, partners, collaborators, funders and of fellow trustees. Without all of you Feeding Bristol would not have been able to do what we have. Thank you!

Andy Street  
Chair  
Feeding Bristol

## 1.2. Background

Feeding Bristol was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018, with the following charitable object:

*The object of the CIO is the relief of people in need in Bristol and the surrounding area and specifically for them to access and afford good quality and nutritious food, and thereby alleviate hunger caused by the lack of opportunities or resources to obtain sufficient food on a sustainable basis.*

## 1.3. Year Seven

This is the seventh annual report from Feeding Bristol. 2024-25 has been another good year for Feeding Bristol as we have continued to consolidate and embed the way we work as an organisation, both internally and across the city.

We have continued to develop strong links with groups working in this sector through distribution of Household Support funding, the community food justice network meetings and the continued growth and evolution of Food Justice Fortnight. All these activities are significantly aligned with the delivery of the One City Food Equality Strategy and Action Plan.

The food education branch of our work has started to expand out of delivery of The Children's Kitchen (which continues to grow its reach and impact), to begin work on a research project with the University of Bristol to create a Bristol Food Education Charter, centred around the voices of children.

We have also undertaken significant work on defining our ways of working, focusing on the three main areas of Food Education, Research and Development and Engagement and Advocacy. This focus is allowing us to take a holistic approach to tackling food insecurity and supports our desire to have a mix of direct delivery projects, measuring impact and investigating new projects and concepts, and supporting and championing partners across the sector.

As part of this work, we have spent time as a Board and Staff team working on our guiding principles to help support the delivery of our vision

and ensure we are embedding our values and culture to support the legacy of Feeding Bristol as it grows and evolves.

We feel very positive about the future for the charity, and that we are beginning to truly see the impact we are having in Bristol. 2025/26 promises to be a very exciting and productive year.

## 1.4. Trustees

The Board of Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

- Andy Street (Chair)
- Jamie Cameron
- Sara Venn
- Anna Keen
- Julian Mines
- Chrissie Storry
- Sally Jaeckle

## 1.5. Changes to Staffing Structure

There were no changes of note in our staffing structure in 2024 – 25.

## 2. Vision, Purpose and Strategic Priorities

### 2.1. Background

Following a Strategy Workshop in January 2020, the terminology presented below defines Feeding Bristol as an organisation, what we are trying to achieve, and how. Building on the operational success of activities in 2019 and 2020, these strategic discussions have helped to inform what the charity's role is in the city, and which is detailed in a Theory of Change document.

The Board of Trustees will continue to bring a challenge to ensure that the charity adds real value to the city in fulfilling its vision in alleviating food insecurity.

### 2.2. Vision

This describes the position we are aspiring to for Bristol in the longer-term:

Everyone in Bristol has access to nutritious and affordable food, and has the skills, knowledge, and is empowered to eat healthily.

This describes how Feeding Bristol will seek to achieve this vision at a high level:

Feeding Bristol exists to improve access to nourishing, culturally appropriate and affordable food for all communities in Bristol experiencing injustice. We take a holistic approach by focusing on education, research, and community engagement, and work in partnership across sectors to achieve our goals and build community food resilience.

### 2.3. Strategic Priorities

In 2022/23 we updated our strategic priorities to better reflect our work:

#### 1. Identifying Need

Working across the city with communities to identify groups and localities experiencing or at-risk of food insecurity and ensuring that provision matches the need.

#### 2. Increasing Access

Working to ensure that there is equity in how nutritious food is accessed across the city, regardless of locality, background or physical need.

#### 3. Improving Education

Encouraging a more secure food culture, where people and communities have the confidence, skills and resources to grow, cook and eat healthy food.

#### 4. Influencing Change

Driving positive change by addressing root causes of food injustice and co-creating strategies to influence local and national policies.

## 3. Ways of Working

Feeding Bristol categorises its activities across three separate streams of work: core infrastructure; community intervention; and systemic change. When planning and running projects, there is an inherent overlap across some of the Strategic Priorities (SP's). Therefore, we seek to describe what we are focusing on through these SP's but then break down our resources to align with these three streams of work.

Feeding Bristol seeks to bring benefit to the whole city and not simply to one single project. Success will be gradual but progressive – achieving our Vision one step at a time and across numerous work streams. Critically, collaborative working across Bristol is fundamental in achieving this vision. Achieving our Vision is not something we are capable of or intend to deliver on our own.

During 2024/25, the Board and Staff worked on defining our guiding principles. These principles outline who we aspire to be, what we aim to achieve and the approach we take as an organisation. They anchor the direction we adopt as a charity to make us more accountable and effective;

they form the basis for the organisation and the culture we aim to create. They are as follows:

### Who we are

We strive to be:

- **Compassionate:** community and individual wellbeing come first.
- **Collaborative:** Food Justice is only possible when we work together.
- **Inclusive:** it is our responsibility to invite everyone to the table and to make everyone we work with feel valued.
- **Open-minded:** we challenge ourselves to find new and better ways of seeing and doing things.
- **Accountable:** integrity and transparency are essential to our work.

### What we do

We aim to:

- make Bristol a city of Food Justice
- advocate for communities experiencing food insecurity
- use food as a tool to challenge injustice
- champion and support food projects and organisations
- defend everybody's right to be food secure in conversations and campaigns both in and beyond Bristol

### How we do it

- **We take a holistic, solutions-focused, and evidence-based approach** to achieving Food Justice.
- **We focus on** three connected areas: education, research and community engagement.

- **We respond to immediate challenges and work for long-term change** to address the drivers and impacts of food inequality.
- **We invest in relationships**, partnerships, and networks across all sectors to build community-driven and city-wide resilience.

## 3.1. Delivering our vision

### 3.1.1. Core costs and volunteers

Part of adding value to the city by acting as an umbrella organisation means we are seeking to not unnecessarily 'compete' for or divert grant funds that could support direct delivery of projects by others. This means we will always attempt to be as 'lean' as possible and keep our core operational costs to a minimum. This also has the benefit of putting additional focus on using the resources available to us in the smartest way possible, including the recruitment and management of volunteers. Overall, we strongly believe this helps to demonstrate the collaborative 'One City' approach, emphasising that a project Feeding Bristol may have a vested interest in does not necessarily mean we need to run it.

### 3.1.2. Who we work with

Feeding Bristol works with a wide range of organisations and businesses across Bristol. We know that communities within the city can experience a range of different issues and challenges, so it is important that we all work together in providing a holistic level of support to those in need. Feeding Bristol will continue to catalyse and link different sectors, including businesses and grassroots organisations, in an effort to more effectively deliver food solutions across the city - and build a place where everyone is able to eat healthily and appropriately to meet their dietary needs.

Feeding Bristol does not generally work directly with individuals who are experiencing food insecurity. We are not an organisation that provides direct support or advice at a grassroots level. Rather, we seek to work with organisations that have already developed those relationships and trust within and across the more deprived communities.

The Children's Kitchen is an example of a direct project that Feeding Bristol is now delivering. However, it is important to note that this project was designed and developed completely by Jo Ingleby, before the project was

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brought under the management of Feeding Bristol. After careful scrutiny, the Trustees of Feeding Bristol decided that we could best support this project (with objectives and ways of working that aligned to those of Feeding Bristol) by bringing it within our organisation. So, while it is a project we are delivering, this is an excellent example of how we most effectively seek to support good work in the city.

#### 3.1.3. Who we work for

As 'One City', Bristol has a vast array of individuals and organisations focused on helping to improve the circumstances of people who are less fortunate. Through targeting food security needs, Feeding Bristol acts as an umbrella organisation for the city, supporting initiatives to get started, upscale or collaborate with others where possible and appropriate. By providing a central point of contact to those focusing on tackling similar issues, Bristol can act as 'One City' to ensure a lasting and positive step change towards zero hunger.

Feeding Bristol focuses its efforts on working with organisations that support communities, and we foster and promote a culture of collaborative working and co-creation. Organisations we partner with must show a commitment to working collaboratively to support individuals and communities in need. People who experience food insecurity are most likely to experience other forms of social inequality. Therefore, by being issue 'agnostic' when selecting partner organisations, we can help to alleviate the broader pressures of life on those who experience food insecurity.

Bristol is an extremely diverse city, with over 91 different languages spoken (reflecting the high level of social and ethnic diversity). Therefore, when considering our Vision, this includes the very diverse dietary requirements of different people (for all reasons – religion, ethical, health, etc.). We are also passionate about considering all ages within our work.

## 4. Projects and Activity

### 4.1. Food Equality Strategy and Action Plan

***"Food equality exists when all people, at all times, have access to nutritious, affordable and appropriate food according to their social,***

***cultural and dietary needs. They are equipped with the resources, skills and knowledge to use and benefit from food, which is sourced from a resilient, fair and environmentally sustainable food system"***.

– One City Food Equality Stakeholders, 2021

In 2022, A One City Food Equality Strategy for Bristol (2022-2032) was published, setting out what food equality means for the city and identifying five key priority themes where action is needed to achieve this vision.

in 2023, Bristol published its first Food Equality Strategy Action Plan (FESAP), identifying the most pressing actions that we need to take, and the actions that are needed to lay the foundation for future progress. It includes:

- actions that have already started and are ready to be expanded (e.g., train more food educators)
- actions that we know must be taken by 2026 (e.g., map food support settings)
- new actions and projects that will be piloted before 2026 (e.g., pilot community-led Local Food Justice Networks)

Co-produced with stakeholders, communities and individuals across Bristol, the Action Plan was created to help develop best practice across the city. It includes actions that everyone can contribute to but is largely aimed at stakeholders working to support communities at-risk of food inequality across Bristol

Over the past year, the cost-of-living crisis has disproportionately impacted Bristol residents living on lower incomes, worsening the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Food insecurity has increased, with 1 in 12 (8.3%) households now experiencing moderate to severe food insecurity, rising to 1 in 5 households in certain parts of the city (JSNA, 2024). In addition to where you live in the city, some groups are more at-risk (e.g., disabled people, single parents, 16 to 24-year-olds). With regards to families, 29% of Bristol's children and young people are now eligible for Free School Meals. Despite these societal challenges, progress has been made to improve food equality in Bristol. A growing number of groups and organisations are finding innovative ways to



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tackle systemic inequalities in our food system. Such efforts are evidenced through these figures, the case studies and the progress summaries presented in this report.

With the support of Bristol City Council, we were able to use the Household Support Fund to provide grants to organisations in the city that were aligned with tackling food inequality and the FESAP aims and goals.

Feeding Bristol receives funding from the local authority to oversee and monitor the delivery of the FESAP, follow through on city-wide actions, conduct regular community conversations and complete an annual progress report. The second progress report will be published in the summer of 2025.

#### 4.2. Household Support Fund

The Household Support Fund (HSF) is provided by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and supports vulnerable households with the rising cost of living. Over 2024-25, Feeding Bristol managed the community food element of the Household Support Fund (HSF) on behalf of Bristol City Council.

Securing funding is a significant challenge to progressing the Action Plan. To have the most impact from this Fund, all applicants were asked to demonstrate how their project addresses at least one of the priority themes in the One City Food Equality Strategy and Action Plan. Though the HSF does not fund the entirety of the Action Plan it does help to push forward the Food Equality agenda.

Over the course of the year, Feeding Bristol distributed approximately £1m to 101 organisations, funding 173 projects.

#### 4.3. Bristol Local Food Fund

Bristol Local Food Fund (BLFF) was created to improve access to quality, affordable, local food across Bristol by supporting community food projects. The BLFF has the aim of using a participatory grant-making process, which puts individuals and communities with lived experience of food insecurity at the heart of the funding decision-making process, being enabled to provide ongoing and continual support.

Feeding Bristol, along with Quartet Community Foundation, are the lead strategic partners in overseeing the delivery of this project.

During 2024/25, Feeding Bristol supported BLFF to distribute £113k to 19 community projects across the city.

In 2024/25 we are expecting to help run a similar grant process to distribute approximately £70k.

#### 4.4. Avon Gleaning Network

We continue to hold funds for Avon Gleaning Network as they progress to becoming a constituted organisation. This has involved being the recipient for a variety of funds that they apply for and managing the distribution of their funding to their project team. Progress is being made in them becoming a constituted organisation during 2025.

#### 4.5. The Children's Kitchen (TCK)

During the 2024-2025 period, The Children's Kitchen (TCK) continued to collaborate with existing settings and also started termly Network Sessions. These sessions, designed to include all settings, serve as an efficient platform for communication, resource development, and focus on key areas. Commencing in Spring 2025, these sessions are planned to be ongoing, fostering continuous engagement and support.

Significant progress was made in establishing regular TCK partnerships, notably with St Philip's Marsh Nursery School and Four Acres Primary School in Withywood. At St Philips they had previously engaged briefly but now benefit from consistent food sessions and the development of their growing space. The nursery serves a diverse community, including areas such as Barton Hill and St Jude's/St Phillips, which are known to experience high levels of food insecurity. This partnership aims to address nutritional needs and promote healthy eating habits among children in these communities.

Another key partnership was formed with Four Acres Primary School in Withywood, focusing on their early years department. Withywood is an area identified for need, and the relationship was built through prior visits for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme. Initial work concentrates on



food sessions and garden activities within early years rooms, with plans to expand to parent sessions and to utilise the school's rarely used teaching kitchen. Future developments may include extending the focus to older students across the school, promoting a comprehensive approach to food education.

Funding received from the Foundation for Children has enabled ongoing weekly work within South Bristol settings, including Hartcliffe, Knowle West Nursery Schools, and the Gatehouse Nursery. This financial support, amounting to £30,000 annually over two years, has also facilitated parent sessions, enhancing family engagement in food-related activities.

#### **4.5.1. Food Leaders**

In 2024-25, we delivered another Food Leaders course for HAF activity providers, continuing to be an effective method for training the trainers and improving food provision during holidays.

The online version of this course runs concurrently with the in-person sessions, broadening access and impact.

During 2025-26 we will be exploring the development of the Food Leaders programme with our delivery partners.

The programme is delivered as a partnership between Feeding Bristol, Square Food Foundation, 91ways, Travelling Kitchen, Josh Eggleton and Adrian Kirikmaa.

#### **4.5.2. The Bristol Food Education Charter**

Funding application success with Dr Will Baker from the University of Bristol through the Participatory Research Fund has supported the research and development of The Bristol Food Education Charter. This project aims to amplify the voices of children and young people regarding food education—highlighting their perspectives on what they should learn, and where and how they learn most effectively. The work, ongoing through 2024-2026, seeks to influence policy and practice by centring children's experiences and preferences in food education strategies.

The Charter was launched at Felix Road Adventure Playground in June 2024 as part of Food Justice Fortnight and went on to include sessions

during HAF, sessions in two primary schools and large open access research workshops in Adventure Playgrounds.

To support the Charter development, we secured pro-bono graphic design and development help from Wood for Trees, a local product development company. They are going to help us design the charter with input from children and young people and help us in developing ways of co-designing with children.

#### **4.5.3. Family Hubs**

The establishment of Family Hubs in Bristol marked a significant development during this period. The organisation actively participated in working groups for all three hubs—Hartcliffe, Southmead, and Barton Hill—attending regular meetings and planning sessions. The goal is to integrate food insecurity strategies into the broader development of the hubs, ensuring they serve as vital resources for families. The Family Hubs are well positioned to support families by providing access to food support, financial advice, wellbeing services, and opportunities to develop food skills. They also serve as points for linking families to programmes such as HAF, with ongoing development planned over the coming years.

Funding was secured for Family Food Sessions, resulting in a series of hands-on workshops titled 'Feeding your Family' across six settings. While initial cohorts experienced high attendance and positive feedback, subsequent sessions saw reduced participation, attributed to changes in promotion and timing during winter months. Lessons learned from this experience will inform future sessions, including partnering with trusted local agencies such as nurseries to improve engagement and attendance.

#### **4.5.4. National and Regional Work**

We have worked with the Bristol and Beyond Stronger Practice Hubs (SPH) in this period on a series of online and in-person training events for practitioners in the early years sector in the local education authority region. This has included a TCK Roadshow in all local areas (BANES, South Gloucestershire, North Somerset and Wiltshire) and a session specifically for childminders. We also delivered webinars for the SPH in this time for those who couldn't attend sessions. This work focuses on the importance of

opportunities to explore fresh food for children from low-income families and the value of a child-led, exploratory approach rather than traditional cookery sessions.

In 2024-2025, The Children's Kitchen delivered three webinars in collaboration with Feeding Britain, which were very well attended and fostered national awareness of Bristol's work. Topics covered included Inclusive Cookery, Involving Families and Communities, and Exploring Food with Young Children. These sessions are intended to continue, maintaining the organisation's profile within the national food education network.

Jo Ingleby was invited to join the Department for Education Working Group focused on developing free school breakfast clubs. This recognition stems from the organisation's work with the HAF awards in 2023 and signifies a notable achievement. The group involves online meetings with leading figures in children's food, including the Jamie Oliver Foundation, Chefs in Schools, School Food Matters, and the Food Foundation. The focus is on enhancing breakfast quality and variety, with potential for The Children's Kitchen to contribute recipe and activity resources for upcoming nationwide rollouts.

Jo has also delivered guest lectures for the University of Bristol and Bath Spa University to share the work done by TCK and Feeding Bristol to address food insecurity through food education.

## 4.6. Healthy Holidays/Holiday Activity and Food Fund

### 4.6.1. Holiday Activity and Food Fund

In 2021, we saw a big change to the way the Healthy Holidays programme was operated in Bristol. No longer was it necessary for Feeding Bristol to raise funds to support the initiative as the Government committed to providing funding through the Holiday Activities and Food Fund (HAF). This has enabled Bristol to come together to reach more children than ever before, allowing for a larger network of organisations to build new relationships and stronger infrastructure for the future. Feeding Bristol continues to be part of the steering group with Bristol City Council and the city's youth and play sector to ensure that we continue to build an appropriate infrastructure of support for those most in need. The value here

has been how the city came together – an example of how resilience can grow moving forward, with over 70 organisations taking part and supporting each other to deliver food and activities for children.

The HAF fund only covers Spring, Summer and Winter end of term holidays and not the half-term holidays, which still leaves a gap in provision that Feeding Bristol continues to address in partnership with the youth and play sector.

### 4.6.2. The Children's Kitchen (TCK)

Throughout 2024-2025, The Children's Kitchen remained a key contributor to the HAF programme, particularly through the Your Holiday Hub steering group. The organisation provided advice and training on healthy food, food education, and adherence to School Food Standards. This included delivering webinars that are now part of the HAF Toolkit, ensuring consistent messaging across providers.

Practical engagement was a core component, with hands-on sessions conducted during major holidays across the city. These sessions incorporated research for the Bristol Food Education Charter, involving over 120 children and young people. Additionally, a new recipe booklet titled 'Sensory Cooking' was produced, focusing on inclusive cookery accessible to all children, especially those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Developed with input from Briarwood School and experts in food education, the booklet features sensory exploration activities aligned with sound, smell, touch, sight, and taste, and has been well received by settings working with high numbers of children with SEND.

## 4.7. Children, Young People and Families funding (Quartet funding)

In December 2022 we were awarded funding from Quartet Community Foundation to work with a selection of our partner organisations on projects that will positively impact children, young people and families. This project ran through 2022 - 2025 and addressed the following:

- Working with Bristol City Council Public Health teams and Children's Centres to increase the uptake of Healthy Start Vouchers (completed in 2023).

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- Run a cohort of the Food Leaders programme and trial a Growing Food Leaders programme (completed in 2022).
- Consulted with breakfast and afterschool clubs to understand how we can work with them to improve food provision and education (completed in 2024).
- Worked with Felix Road Adventure Playground to run community conversations with children and young people so they are part of co-producing solutions (completed in 2024-25).
- Trialled ideas that come out of these consultations and discussions (completed in 2024-25; worked with Hannah Moore school on breakfast clubs and Felix Road Adventure playground on a food education project).
- Supported a SEND nursery (Briarwood) to install an accessible growing bed in its playground.

#### 4.8. WECA Pollinator fund

During 2023-24 we were successful in an application for funding to work with The Children's Kitchen Early Years Settings to install wormeries and pollinators plants as part of funding provided by the West of England Combined Authority (WECA). This project was completed in 2025.

#### 4.9. Working Groups

As Feeding Bristol has evolved and expanded its approach to supporting the city, the working groups as they currently were set up were considered to be no longer fit for our purpose. Instead, we have sought to work in a more agile fashion, joining and working with other strategic groups across the city. These include, but are not limited to:

- Integrated care locality partnerships
- One City Health and Wellbeing Board
- Food Equality Strategy and Action Plan steering group
- Holiday Activity and Food Fund steering group
- Bristol Good Food 2030 steering group
- One City Coordination group – anti-poverty & cost of living

- Bristol Food Resilience Strategy group
- Sustain Bridging the Gap Steering Group (national project)
- DfE breakfast club steering group (national)

#### 4.10. Shaping Places for Healthier lives

Over the past two years Feeding Bristol has supported the councils in Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset in the delivery of their shaping places for Healthier Lives project. This project was focused on community-based solutions to localised food insecurity issues.

For the final stage of the project, Feeding Bristol supported the administration of funding to local groups and the payment of the project co-ordinator between November 2024 and March 2025.

#### 4.11. Food Justice Fortnight

2024-25 saw the second edition of Food Justice Fortnight.

It was an overflowing cauldron of community celebration, engaging conversations and heartfelt connections. The aim of this year's series was simple – to bring people together to share food and stories, and to celebrate the work of fantastic food support settings. By doing this, we would make space for important and necessary conversations about Food Justice.

With a growing number of people experiencing food insecurity in this country, it might feel like there's little to celebrate. But it's exactly because of this that space needs to be made to connect with each other and acknowledge the wins, however small they may feel within the wider context. Injustice thrives in social isolation, so joy and celebration can be an act of defiance that brings us together so we can keep building our resilience. And importantly, food projects and organisations have worked harder than ever in recent years to make people feel cared for. We think this deserves to be celebrated.

It can often feel like discussions about food insecurity are outdated or are based on harmful stereotypes. By coming together and sharing perspectives and experiences, we also make space for thoughtful and meaningful

conversations that lead to stronger connections and collective action. These conversations allow us to move away from unhelpful tropes and consider how, together, we can progress our work to achieve food justice.

Once again there was a huge variety of events, 23 in total, from community meals to panel discussions and cross-sector collaboration meetings to children led food activities.

## **5. Statements**

### **4.13. Financial Review**

For the year ended 31 March 2025, income was £1,244,413 (2024: £1,315,232) and expenditure was £1,291,900 (2024: £1,318,395), resulting in a deficit for the year of £47,487 (2024: deficit of £3,163). Total funds at 31 March 2025 were £134,717 (2024: £182,204). There was a total of £95,642 of restricted funds at the year end and unrestricted funds totaled £39,075. At the end of the year, cash in the bank totaled was £98,255.

The trustees agreed a reserves policy in March 2024 to work towards securing and retaining 6 months of core operating costs, amounting to £50,000, as the charity's unrestricted reserves. For the year ended 31 March 2025 the charity held £39,075 in unrestricted reserves, representing just above 4.5 months of core costs. The trustees and management team are satisfied with the level of reserves at the year end and will be focusing on increasing unrestricted reserves in the coming year.

The trustees believe the charity has the ability to continue as a going concern for a period of the next 12 months on the basis of the unrestricted reserves, and the increased fundraising performance in recent years.

### **4.12. Community Food Justice Network**

During 2024-25 we held two community food justice network meetings, in November and February. These network meetings were designed as a space for groups working to tackle food inequality across the city to come together to share their work, network with other like-minded organisations and have discussion around health and wellbeing or Food Citizenship.

The main risks for Feeding Bristol and mitigations are stated in the table below:

Risk	Overview	Risk Impact	Risk Likelihood	Risk Mitigation (aimed at reducing impact or likelihood)	New Risk Impact	New Risk Likelihood
<b>Bristol Early Years stop providing funding for TCK</b>	We have a two-year contract with BCC Early years services to provide TCK support and learning to Early Years settings in Bristol. this runs until September 2026. The current value is £24k pa. The loss of this contract would significantly dent our available funds for TCK	3	2	We have begun discussions about expanding this work to Family hubs also for 2026-28. We have monthly meetings with the Council Early Years team for updates and reports on progress	2	1
<b>Bristol Public Health stop providing funding for FESAP work</b>	We have a two-year contract with the council for FESAP work at £20k pa which runs through to until March 2026. We currently will need to negotiate on a new contract in January 2026	3	3	Discussion have begun with a new council committee about this work. Regular fortnightly meetings with the public health team to update on work, and we currently oversee the steering group for the FESAP.	3	2
<b>BCC stop providing funding for HAF involvement</b>	BCC currently provides £12 pa for strategic oversight to the HAF programme. This funding has been continued by national government.	1	1	We have been central to the holiday provision for the last 5 years, and with the work of TCK and the food leaders programme, and a desire to wrap the work around the FESAP, it should add security to our continued inclusion in this work. The funding is secured till 2026.	1	1

Risk	Overview	Risk Impact	Risk Likelihood	Risk Mitigation (aimed at reducing impact or likelihood)	New Risk Impact	New Risk Likelihood
<b>TCK Funding</b>	We secured funding from Foundation for Children for £30k to supplement the TCK costs and are looking to provide sessions for the Family hubs in 2025/26 again. The relationship with Foundation for Children has potential to be a longer term partnership.	4	3	We have had success in previous years finding funding to cover our activities, and will look to secure funding from the following sources: - We are having discussions with the Children's Foundation over multi-year funding opportunity worth approx. £30k pa - We will deliver activities for the HAF programme which will net approx. £10-15k	4	2
<b>Failure to raise funds from corporate donations</b>	Corporate partnerships have been beneficial over the past few years, but donations have begun to slow. The team has limited resource to develop this.	4	4	We need to plan to reach out to corporate partners to create partnerships for charity of the year once again. We need to minimise the impact of reduced income from donations by securing funding from other grant sources	4	3
<b>Failure to raise enough funds to continue operating before reserves run out</b>	At year end we have approximately £45k of reserves and secured income of £120k. We will need approx. £260k to cover operating costs for the year, leaving a funding gap of £95k. If we do not raise enough funds on an annual basis, then we will no longer be able to operate.	5	3	We have a variety of funding opportunities that are already progressing that will contribute towards our core operating costs these include: - The National Benevolent foundation - Esmee Fairbairn - Awards for All - Family Hubs - Bristol Food Education Charter (with UoB) These will all add significantly towards covering our funding gap for this year.	4	2

Risk	Overview	Risk Impact	Risk Likelihood	Risk Mitigation (aimed at reducing impact or likelihood)	New Risk Impact	New Risk Likelihood
<b>Core costs become too high to maintain on an annual basis</b>	We have increased core costs over the last two years by adopting TCK as a permanent project and by taking on more staff to manage the projects like the FESAP and HAF work.	4	2	We need to constantly review staffing levels to ensure that all projects are both well equipped to succeed, whilst ensuring we continue to stay as “lean” an organisation as possible, not spending funds unnecessarily. We must review this on an annual basis and scrutinise any decisions to take on further costs.	4	1
<b>Loss of key staff</b>	As a small organisation, the loss of one or two staff members through long-term illness, maternity leave or leaving the organisation has the potential to have a big impact on operations, funding streams and organisational viability	5	2	We are working to ensure that our systems, knowledge and culture is easily accessible so that any new staff and/or Board members can pick up operations or financial work with ease. The implementation of board/staff sub-groups to support key areas of work will go a long way to ensuring a better understand of work programmes across the organisation.	3	2
<b>Workload becomes unmanageable</b>	In recent years we have seen our workload increase dramatically, and this has been reflected in the increase in FTE. If workload becomes too much, we run the risk of not delivering and either failing to meet funding criteria or delivering poor quality work which will impact future funding and contracts.	3	3	We need to have systems to constantly review the staffing to ensure that all projects are both well equipped to succeed. We must review this on a quarterly basis and scrutinise any decisions to take on further costs.	4	2



#### **4.14. Statement of Responsibilities of the Trustees**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales 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 the incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure, of the charity for the year. In preparing those 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 accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (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.

Members of the charity are not liable to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The trustees are members of the charity, but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

#### **5.1. Fundraising Disclosure (as per section 13 of the Charities Act 2016)**

- The majority fundraising is currently undertaken by the charity through its employed staff team. On occasion, we do benefit from funds raised by corporate partners and donated to the charity. This is done independently of our activities.
- Feeding Bristol is not subscribed to any fundraising standards or schemes, other than the rules of the Fundraising Regulator
- Feeding Bristol is not aware of any failure to comply with fundraising standards set by the Fundraising Regulator.
- Feeding Bristol has received no complaints with regards to its fundraising activities.

- Feeding Bristol only passively partakes in fundraising directly to the general public through a donation portal on our website. As a consequence, we do not put vulnerable people in a compromised position. If we were to pursue public fundraising campaigns, all activities would be covered by both our fundraising, governance and safeguarding committees.

#### **4.15. Auditors**

Godfrey Wilson Limited were re-appointed as auditors to the charity during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

Approved by the trustees on 11 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by

*Andrew Street*

Andrew Street – Chair

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### **To the trustees of**

#### **Feeding Bristol**

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#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Feeding Bristol (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet, and the related notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 8 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of the trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out in the trustees' report, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The procedures we carried out and the extent to which they are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, are detailed below:

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(1) We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, and assessed the risk of non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Throughout the audit, we remained alert to possible indications of non-compliance.

(2) We reviewed the charity's policies and procedures in relation to:

- Identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations, and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
- Detecting and responding to the risk of fraud, and whether they were aware of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
- Designing and implementing internal controls to mitigate the risk of non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud.

(3) We inspected the minutes of trustee meetings.

(4) We enquired about any non-routine communication with regulators and reviewed any reports made to them.

(5) We reviewed the financial statement disclosures and assessed their compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

(6) We performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected transactions or balances that may indicate a risk of material fraud or error.

(7) We assessed the risk of fraud through management override of controls and carried out procedures to address this risk. Our procedures included:

- Testing the appropriateness of journal entries;
- Assessing judgements and accounting estimates for potential bias;
- Reviewing related party transactions; and
- Testing transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. Irregularities that arise due to fraud can be even harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Godfrey Wilson Limited*

Date: 11 December 2025

### **GODFREY WILSON LIMITED**

Chartered accountants and statutory auditors  
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Godfrey Wilson Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

## Feeding Bristol

### Statement of financial activities

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations	3	10,520	54,256	<b>64,776</b>	113,914
Charitable activities	4	1,167,177	11,226	<b>1,178,403</b>	1,199,495
Investments		-	1,234	<b>1,234</b>	1,823
<b>Total income</b>		<u>1,177,697</u>	<u>66,716</u>	<u><b>1,244,413</b></u>	<u>1,315,232</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds		-	13,955	<b>13,955</b>	12,875
Charitable activities		<u>1,198,152</u>	<u>79,793</u>	<u><b>1,277,945</b></u>	<u>1,305,520</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	6	<u>1,198,152</u>	<u>93,748</u>	<u><b>1,291,900</b></u>	<u>1,318,395</u>
<b>Net expenditure and net movement in funds</b>	8	(20,455)	(27,032)	<b>(47,487)</b>	(3,163)
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>116,097</u>	<u>66,107</u>	<u><b>182,204</b></u>	<u>185,367</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	15	<u><u>95,642</u></u>	<u><u>39,075</u></u>	<u><u><b>134,717</b></u></u>	<u><u>182,204</u></u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in note 15 to the accounts.



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### Balance sheet

As at 31 March 2025

	Note	£	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors	11	46,036		19,389
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>98,255</u>		<u>177,800</u>
		144,291		197,189
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	12	<u>(9,574)</u>		<u>(14,985)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>134,717</u>	<u>182,204</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	14		<u><u>134,717</u></u>	<u><u>182,204</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>	15			
Restricted funds			95,642	116,097
Unrestricted funds				
General funds			<u>39,075</u>	<u>66,107</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<u><u>134,717</u></u>	<u><u>182,204</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on 11 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by

*Andrew Street*

Andrew Street - Chair

## Feeding Bristol

### Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Cash used in operating activities:</b>		
Net movement in funds	(47,487)	(3,163)
Interest from investments	(1,234)	(1,823)
Increase in debtors	(26,647)	(16,422)
(Decrease) / increase in creditors	<u>(5,411)</u>	<u>4,915</u>
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b><u>(80,779)</u></b>	<b><u>(16,493)</u></b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Interest from investments	<u>1,234</u>	<u>1,823</u>
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>	<b><u>1,234</u></b>	<b><u>1,823</u></b>
<b>Decrease in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>	<b>(79,545)</b>	<b>(14,670)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	<u>177,800</u>	<u>192,470</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b><u><u>98,255</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>177,800</u></u></b>

The charity has not provided an analysis of changes in net debt as it does not have any long term financing arrangements.

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### Notes to the financial statements

#### For the year ended 31 March 2025

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#### 1. Accounting policies

##### a) Basis of preparation

Feeding Bristol is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales. The registered office address is Avonquay House, 2 Dock Gate Lane, Bristol, BS1 6XL.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Feeding Bristol 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 note.

##### b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charity is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the current level of unrestricted reserves as described in the trustees' annual report, and having regard to the working capital requirements of the charity. The majority of income and expenditure are restricted, and other overheads can be readily covered out of unrestricted income received. Therefore the trustees are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

##### c) Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

##### d) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

##### e) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

##### f) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

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#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

##### g) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity, including the costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements and any costs associated with the strategic management of the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities in proportion to the direct costs, as follows:

	2025	2024
Raising funds	1.1%	1.0%
Charitable activities	98.9%	99.0%

##### h) Grants payable

Grants payable are charged in the year in which the offer is conveyed to the recipient except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attached have been fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions at the year end are noted as commitment but are not accrued as expenditure.

##### i) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

##### j) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

##### k) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

##### l) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### m) Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities as they fall due.

##### n) Pension costs

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. There are no further liabilities other than that already recognised in the SOFA.

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#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

##### o) Accounting estimates and key judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and underlying assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

#### 2. Prior period comparatives: statement of financial activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations	22,623	91,291	113,914
Charitable activities	1,188,575	10,920	1,199,495
Investments	-	1,823	1,823
<b>Total income</b>	<b>1,211,198</b>	<b>104,034</b>	<b>1,315,232</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds	-	12,875	12,875
Charitable activities	1,232,052	73,468	1,305,520
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>1,232,052</b>	<b>86,343</b>	<b>1,318,395</b>
<b>Net income / (expenditure) and net movement in funds</b>	<b>(20,854)</b>	<b>17,691</b>	<b>(3,163)</b>

#### 3. Income from donations

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £
Donations	10,520	54,256	64,776
<b>Total income from donations</b>	<b>10,520</b>	<b>54,256</b>	<b>64,776</b>

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### Notes to the financial statements

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#### 3. Income from donations (continued)

Prior period comparative:

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Donations	<u>22,623</u>	<u>91,291</u>	<u>113,914</u>
<b>Total income from donations</b>	<u><u>22,623</u></u>	<u><u>91,291</u></u>	<u><u>113,914</u></u>

#### 4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2025 Total £
Grants	1,167,177	-	<b>1,167,177</b>
Project income	<u>-</u>	<u>11,226</u>	<u><b>11,226</b></u>
<b>Total income from charitable activities</b>	<u><u>1,167,177</u></u>	<u><u>11,226</u></u>	<u><u><b>1,178,403</b></u></u>

Prior period comparative:

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £
Grants	1,188,575	-	1,188,575
Project income	<u>-</u>	<u>10,920</u>	<u>10,920</u>
<b>Total income from charitable activities</b>	<u><u>1,188,575</u></u>	<u><u>10,920</u></u>	<u><u>1,199,495</u></u>

#### 5. Government grants

The charity receives government grants, defined as funding from Bristol City Council to fund charitable activities. The total value of such grants in the period ending 31 March 2025 was £1,109,100 (2024: £1,161,584). There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attaching to these grants in 2024/25.

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#### 6. Total expenditure

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2025 Total £
Grants payable (note 7)	-	994,316	-	<b>994,316</b>
Staff costs (note 9)	12,466	127,420	23,910	<b>163,796</b>
Activity costs	-	106,374	-	<b>106,374</b>
Rent and rates	1,068	10,919	2,049	<b>14,036</b>
Accountancy	-	-	9,457	<b>9,457</b>
Office costs	-	-	834	<b>834</b>
Subscriptions	-	-	1,666	<b>1,666</b>
Insurance	-	-	1,074	<b>1,074</b>
Travel	-	347	-	<b>347</b>
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>13,534</b>	<b>1,239,376</b>	<b>38,990</b>	<b>1,291,900</b>
Allocation of support and governance costs	421	38,569	(38,990)	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>13,955</b>	<b>1,277,945</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,291,900</b>

Total governance costs were £8,280 (2024: £8,400).

#### Prior period comparative:

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support and governance costs £	2024 Total £
Grants payable (note 7)	-	1,010,322	-	1,010,322
Staff costs (note 9)	11,470	117,675	21,767	150,912
Activity costs	-	124,885	-	124,885
Subcontractors and payments to partners	992	10,181	1,883	13,056
Rent and rates	-	-	10,821	10,821
Accountancy	-	-	3,255	3,255
Office costs	-	-	1,999	1,999
Subscriptions	-	-	1,494	1,494
Insurance	-	-	1,065	1,065
Travel	-	586	-	586
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>12,462</b>	<b>1,263,649</b>	<b>42,284</b>	<b>1,318,395</b>
Allocation of support and governance costs	413	41,871	(42,284)	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>12,875</b>	<b>1,305,520</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,318,395</b>



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#### 7. Grants payable

Grants are made for the purpose of distributing funds to organisations through the Household Support Fund to enable delivery of food parcels, vouchers and/or cash to beneficiaries facing food poverty. The amounts payable and committed in the period comprise the following:

	2025 No.	2025 £	2024 No.	2024 £
<b>Grants</b>				
<i>Grants to institutions:</i>				
Community Initiatives South West (FareShare South West)	1	78,477	1	80,000
Square Food Foundation	1	41,658	1	38,042
Eastside Community Trust	1	31,057	1	21,190
Caring in Bristol	1	27,662	-	-
Trojan Free Fighters Education	1	26,200	-	-
Family Action Food Clubs	1	25,696	1	40,000
Heart of BS13	1	24,500	1	26,770
The MAZI Project CIC	1	24,424	1	37,635
Quartet	1	23,717	-	-
North Bristol and South Gloucestershire Fo	1	23,189	1	25,854
Hillfields Community Garden	1	22,450	-	-
Biiig CIC	1	22,000	-	-
inHope	1	22,000	1	32,557
Bristol Council Group	1	20,980	-	-
91 Ways	1	20,181	1	21,273
The Community Farm	-	-	1	35,000
Bristol Charities	-	-	1	34,500
Wellspring Settlement	-	-	1	30,481
Borderlands	-	-	1	24,406
Easton Jamia Masjid	-	-	1	22,333
Early Learning Catering	-	-	1	20,000
Other grants < £20k	89	560,125	86	518,432
Grants to individuals	-	-	3	1,849
	<b>104</b>	<b>994,316</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>1,010,322</b>

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##### 8. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:	<b>2025</b>	2024
	£	£
Operating lease payments	<b>12,818</b>	11,750
Trustees' remuneration	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	<b>Nil</b>	Nil
Auditors' remuneration (excluding VAT)		
▪ Statutory audit	<b>6,900</b>	7,000
▪ Other services	<b>1,000</b>	1,000

In common with other charities of our size and nature we use our auditors to assist with the preparation of the financial statements. Our auditors have also provided year end bookkeeping support to the charity during the year.

##### 9. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	£	£
Salaries and wages	<b>149,457</b>	138,649
Social security costs	<b>10,604</b>	8,871
Pension costs	<b>3,735</b>	3,392
	<b>163,796</b>	150,912

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the current or prior year.

The key management personnel of the CIO comprise the trustees and senior management team. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel were £98,097 (2024: £90,419).

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	No.	No.
Average head count	<b>4</b>	4

##### 10. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

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##### 11. Debtors : amounts due within 1 year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accrued income	21,024	10,352
Trade debtors	24,960	8,985
Other debtors	52	52
	<u>46,036</u>	<u>19,389</u>

##### 12. Creditors : amounts due within 1 year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	9,480	9,600
Deferred income (see note 13)	-	5,300
Other creditors	94	85
	<u>9,574</u>	<u>14,985</u>

##### 13. Deferred income

	2025 £	2024 £
At 1 April 2024	5,300	-
Deferred during the year	-	5,300
Released during the year	(5,300)	-
<b>At 31 March 2025</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,300</u>

Deferred income relates to workshop delivery income received in advance of the activity taking place.

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#### 14. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Current assets	95,642	48,649	<b>144,291</b>
Current liabilities	-	(9,574)	<b>(9,574)</b>
<b>Net assets at 31 March 2025</b>	<b>95,642</b>	<b>39,075</b>	<b>134,717</b>
<b>Prior year comparative</b>			
	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Current assets	116,097	81,092	197,189
Current liabilities	-	(14,985)	(14,985)
<b>Net assets at 31 March 2024</b>	<b>116,097</b>	<b>66,107</b>	<b>182,204</b>

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#### 15. Movements in funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2025 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Bristol Local Food Fund	25,290	19,440	(25,980)	<b>18,750</b>
National Lottery - Gleaning Network	2,915	5,000	(4,151)	<b>3,764</b>
Food Equality Strategy and Action Plan	2,787	20,000	(22,385)	<b>402</b>
Nottingham TCK	9,987	-	(9,987)	<b>-</b>
The Children's Kitchen	8,333	24,000	(22,334)	<b>9,999</b>
HAF	-	40,100	(40,100)	<b>-</b>
NHSE	473	-	(454)	<b>19</b>
Household Support	2,650	1,000,000	(991,158)	<b>11,492</b>
Quartet CYPF Fund	25,728	-	(19,515)	<b>6,213</b>
WECA	(494)	4,577	(4,083)	<b>-</b>
Burges Salmon	8,562	-	(4,000)	<b>4,562</b>
Family Hubs	29,866	-	(21,931)	<b>7,935</b>
Stronger Practice hubs	-	5,580	(5,580)	<b>-</b>
Shaping Places Healthier Lives	-	25,000	(21,494)	<b>3,506</b>
Foundation for Children	-	30,000	(5,000)	<b>25,000</b>
Burges Salmon Cap Support	-	4,000	-	<b>4,000</b>
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<b>116,097</b>	<b>1,177,697</b>	<b>(1,198,152)</b>	<b>95,642</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General funds	66,107	66,716	(93,748)	<b>39,075</b>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<b>66,107</b>	<b>66,716</b>	<b>(93,748)</b>	<b>39,075</b>
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>182,204</b>	<b>1,244,413</b>	<b>(1,291,900)</b>	<b>134,717</b>

#### Purposes of restricted funds

Bristol Local Food Fund

Funding to tackle food insecurity by funding and supporting community food projects that are helping people most in need in our city. Feeding Bristol is a strategic partner in this project, providing governance and operational support. As part of this work we hold the raised funds in our account and help to manage its spend, with Quartet Community Foundation through a citizens panel.

National Lottery - Gleaning  
Network

We are supporting the Avon Gleaning Network by being the named charity on a National Lottery Climate Action Fund bid for £10,000. As they are not a constituted organisation, we have been the lead charity on the funding bid and support its implementation.

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#### 15. Movements in funds (continued)

##### Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

Food Equality Strategy and Action Plan	We are the lead organisation in the creation of a Food Equality Strategy and Action Plan for Bristol. Working closely with the local authority and public health team we have led on stakeholder conversations, community conversations and a public consultation for the work. The strategy was completed and signed off by Bristol City One City Health and Wellbeing Board in February. The action plan is ongoing at the year end.
Nottingham TCK	Working with Nottinghamshire County Council and Feeding Britain, we have begun a trial of The Children's Kitchen project in Nottinghamshire.
The Children's Kitchen	The Children's Kitchen aims to establish growing and food sessions for children within Early Years settings including Nursery Schools and Children's Centres, with a particular focus on families who live in the most deprived areas of Bristol.
HAF	Feeding Bristol works in partnership with the Local Authority in Bristol to both oversee the delivery of the Holiday Activity and Food fund in the city, and with The Children's Kitchen Project, to help provide food and learning sessions with eligible children and organisations over the Spring, Summer and Winter holidays. This funding is targeted at children who are eligible for Free School Meals as part of a wider, national government initiative delivered through the Department of Education.
NHSE	In early 2023, Feeding Bristol obtained funding from the local NHS partnerships for 2 projects: 1. To run a series of family food sessions in Nursery School and Early years settings in areas of high deprivation with The Children's Kitchen Project, and 2. To work with Square Food Foundation to develop a digital version of the Food Leaders programme.
Household Support	Feeding Bristol worked closely with the Local Authority in Bristol to help distribute a portion of the Household Support Fund. We agreed to distribute funding to organisations that were working in alignment with the One City Food Equality strategy to increase the number of vulnerable households being supported in the city with food provision and support in accordance with the guidelines provided by the Department of Works and Pensions.

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#### 15. Movements in funds (continued)

##### Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

Quartet CYPF Fund	This fund was designed to for supporting children, young people and families. The funding is designed to work collaboratively with a number of organisations across a variety of projects with the aim of identifying areas of support that are needed and developing projects to tackle the issues.
WECA	During 2023-24 we were successful in an application for funding to work with The Children's Kitchen Early Years Settings to install wormeries and pollinator plants as part of funding provided by the West of England Combined Authority (WECA).
Burges Salmon	As part of their theme of '@No Child Goes Hungry', Burges Salmon have allocated some funds for Feeding Bristol to distribute over the course of 2024/25. These include funds to provide early years' settings with annual FareShare SW produce and funds to start mapping Community Kitchen spaces in Bristol.
Family Hubs	We are working in partnership with the Family Hubs to ensure that food and addressing food insecurity is part of the development of the hubs. This includes: support around the food approach at the family hubs including advising on equipment needed and providing recipe booklets, cash-first leaflets and healthy start leaflets, hands-on cookery sessions, and general strategic support with the staff and practitioners.
Stronger Practice hubs	We have worked with the Bristol and Beyond Stronger Practice Hubs (SPH) in this period on a series of online and in-person training events for practitioners in the early years sector in the local education authority region. This has included a The Children's Kitchen Roadshow in all local areas (BANES, South Gloucestershire, North Somerset and Wiltshire) and a session specifically for childminders. We also delivered webinars for the SPH in this time for those who couldn't attend sessions. This work focuses on the importance of opportunities to explore fresh food for children from low-income families and the value of a child-led, exploratory approach rather than traditional cookery sessions.



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#### 15. Movements in funds (continued)

##### Purposes of restricted funds (continued)

**Shaping Places Healthier Lives** Over the past two years Feeding Bristol has supported the councils in Bristol, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset in the delivery of their shaping places for Healthier Lives project. This project was focused on community-based solutions to localised food insecurity issues.

For the final stage of the project, Feeding Bristol supported the administration of funding to local groups and the payment of the project co-ordinator between November 2024 and March 2025.

**Foundation for Children** Funding received from the Foundation for Children has enabled ongoing weekly work with South Bristol settings, including Hartcliffe, Knowle West Nursery Schools, and the Gatehouse Nursery. This financial support, amounting to £30,000 annually over two years, has also facilitated parent sessions, enhancing family engagement in food-related activities. This funding will run from February 2025 to February 2026.

**Burges Salmon Cap Support** As part of Burges Salmon's fundraising to support the no child goes hungry theme, we will administer an emergency capital expenditure fund for food support organisations. This will allow them to access funding for issues that might disrupt operational activities to support people experience high levels of food insecurity in Bristol.

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#### 15. Movements in funds (continued)

Prior year comparative	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2024 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Bristol Local Food Fund	9,951	21,872	(6,533)	25,290
National Lottery - Gleaning Network	6,224	4,321	(7,630)	2,915
Healthy Holidays	-	-	-	-
Food Equality Strategy and Action Plan	2,787	31,000	(31,000)	2,787
Nottingham TCK	16,377	-	(6,390)	9,987
The Children's Kitchen	8,333	20,000	(20,000)	8,333
HAF	-	53,505	(53,505)	-
NHSE	36,880	-	(36,407)	473
Household Support	24,653	1,036,182	(1,058,185)	2,650
Quartet CYPF Fund	32,000	-	(6,272)	25,728
UWE Community Fund	(254)	2,500	(2,246)	-
WECA	-	1,600	(2,094)	(494)
Burges Salmon	-	10,352	(1,790)	8,562
Family hubs	-	29,866	-	29,866
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>136,951</u>	<u>1,211,198</u>	<u>(1,232,052)</u>	<u>116,097</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General funds	<u>48,416</u>	<u>104,034</u>	<u>(86,343)</u>	<u>66,107</u>
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>48,416</u>	<u>104,034</u>	<u>(86,343)</u>	<u>66,107</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>185,367</u>	<u>1,315,232</u>	<u>(1,318,395)</u>	<u>182,204</u>

#### 16. Related party transactions

Andrew Street, a trustee, is also a trustee of Community Initiatives South-West. Community Initiatives South-West received £83,659 (2024: £80,000) from the charity in grants as part of the Household Support Fund. There were no outstanding obligations for either party relating to these transactions as at 31 March 2025. There were no amounts outstanding at the year-end (2024: £nil).

Julian Mines is also a CEO of Bristol Charities. Bristol Charities received £3,875 in 2025 (2024: £34,500) from the charity in grants as part of the Household Support Fund. There were no amounts outstanding at the year-end (2024: £nil).

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##### 17. Operating lease commitments

The charity had operating leases at the year end with total future minimum lease payments as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Amount falling due:		
Within 1 year	12,818	12,818
Within 1 - 5 years	-	12,818
	<u>12,818</u>	<u>25,636</u>