



Billingham &
Stockton Borough
Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Annual Report

To 31st March 2025

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Billingham and Stockton Borough Foodbank

Letter from Chair of Trustees

Billingham and Stockton Borough Foodbank as a charity in its own right was formed on 3rd April 2018, established from the existing Billingham Foodbank linked to New Life Church, Teesside.

We now consist of two foodbank centres – Billingham and Stockton together with a food warehouse.

Our board of trustees has changed again this year, our chair, Stephanie Mason, has resigned from the board due to work commitments. I thank Steph for her time with the foodbank and wish her well for the future.

This year has continued to be challenging for many with the ongoing effects of the cost-of-living crisis. We are grateful to the Trussell Trust who have provided financial support to enable us to employ a full time Citizens Advice worker to maximise income for our clients, The project has helped 870 new clients in the last three years providing advice and £1.35m in financial benefit identified. The project will continue this year and we will seek further funding to continue this valuable work in the future. My thanks to our advisor Diane (SDAIS) for her expertise and support.

My thanks go to the numerous local businesses who have continued to support their community together with the supermarkets- Tesco, Asda, Sainsburys, Co-op, Aldi, Lidl, and Warburtons and Greggs. I particularly want to acknowledge the fantastic support from CF Fertilisers whose staff undertook the Coast-to-Coast bike ride, raising £7,340 in sponsorship and the Company adding a further £10,000 donation.

A huge thank you to Bev Burton, our finance trustee, who works tirelessly to keep everything running smoothly and to our project manager, Helen Winspear and our new assistant manager, Claire Jennings, I thank you for your hard work and dedication to provide the service and look forward to working with you to develop the strategy for the future. My thanks to Billy Lake, our warehouse manager, who has undertaken the move of the warehouse from Billingham to Stockton so smoothly.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge all of our supporters who either, give on a monthly basis through our bank account or our CAF donate account, or donate food and toiletries, your donations are much appreciated and support those in crisis in our community.

Allan O'Boyle (Chair of Trustees)

Project Manager's Report

Summary

This has been a year where many in our community have continued to be affected by the cost of essentials and unemployment. As always, we have tried to find a way to continue to support those in food crisis. At the year-end we had fed 5,264 people, a 30% reduction on last year. This is mostly due to the success of our financial inclusion project which provides support and financial advice to those who use our service.

This year we have, with the support of Trussell, acquired a purpose-built warehouse in Stockton to house our food supplies. This was partly due to the impending demolition of West Precinct in Billingham. This will also impact our Billingham foodbank centre. We anticipate we will receive notice to terminate our lease within the next 6 months. To date we have not acquired any other suitable premises to deliver a foodbank service in Billingham but we continue to explore all options.

Personnel

Our foodbank centres are primarily run by volunteers and I am indebted to those who have given us their time and talent to support our charity throughout this last year.

Outcomes

In the last year we processed 2,561 vouchers, rising cost of essential remains the main reason for the crisis. Many of our clients visit just once or twice and we have seen many new people need our service this year.

Welfare advice

With a grant from Trussell, we have been able to employ a welfare adviser from Stockton Citizens Advice (SDAIS), who has provided advice and support to our foodbank clients. This project has been so successful over the last three years with 895 people being supported identifying £1.39m in financial benefit.

We have been able to secure funding for this coming year and will continue to seek support for this valuable project.

Donations

Donations from the public have been largely made through Tesco stores at Billingham and Stockton, and also Asda, Stockton. Donations made by shoppers in these stores are topped up with a monetary donation.

We also have collection bins in Spar, Billingham, Norton and Stockton; Sainsburys Billingham and Bishopton Rd West; Stockton, Tesco By-Pass; Aldi Billingham; Lidl Junction Road and Yarm Road. I am grateful for all donations made.

Special thanks to Warburtons for the supply of fresh bread and bread products.

Individual and regular donations

We have a generous community in the Stockton Borough and we appreciate all of the support we receive, whether it's a single food donation or local social event. Our local schools have been particularly supportive this year, we appreciate all you do. Special thanks to Steve and Rachel Wing who continue to undertake a weekly food collection from their neighbours. We receive a weekly food donation from Yarm Methodist Church and Yarm Lions, kindly delivered by Ian Fyfe, thank you Ian for all you do. We also run 'Friends of Billingham and Stockton Borough Foodbank' enabling donors to give financially on a monthly basis to support our work. This has been built on throughout the year and makes a significant contribution to the running of the Foodbank. My thanks to all who donate in this way.

Local Company support

We have received many financial donations from local Companies who are looking to help those in need in their communities. We have extended our Corporate volunteering support this year. Volunteers attending learn about our work and undertake warehouse duties. It is great to see local business stepping up in this way and I appreciate all you do.

Warehouse

Our warehouse is managed by Billy Lake, supporting our foodbank centres with food supplies. My thanks to Billy for arranging the warehouse move and organising the setting up of the new facility.

Partner and Referral Agencies

We work with around 30 active referral agencies throughout the Borough, all of which have switched to E-vouchers which speeds up the process of issuing vouchers for all concerned. I have visited many referral agencies this year, in person, to explain our work and support the referral process.

The future

We hope to expand our work with SDAIS providing support and advice to our Foodbank clients, and foster closer working relationships with our other referral agencies. This will ensure all those in need in the Stockton Borough get the best support available.

We are hopeful, working with Stockton Council, that new premises can be found for our Billingham centre in order that we can continue providing support for the Billingham community.

Helen Winspear
Project Manager

Accounts to 31st March 2025

Income

| Description | Note | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Total Funds |
|------------------------|------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Private donations | | 30,527.54 | | 30,527.54 |
| Grants | 1 | 40,673.91 | 10,784.35 | 51,458.26 |
| Gift Aid tax recovered | | 2,694.59 | | 2,694.59 |
| CAF donate | | 8,223.26 | | 8,223.26 |
| Bank savings interest | | 4,352.22 | | 4,352.22 |
| Clothing | | 97.25 | | 97.25 |
| Paypal | | 7,616.40 | | 7,616.40 |
| Total receipts | | 94,185.17 | 10,784.35 | 104,969.52 |

Expenditure

| Description | Note | Funds |
|-----------------------------|------|-------------------|
| Premises | | |
| Maintenance and repairs | | 1,480.00 |
| Insurance | | 2,823.71 |
| Utilities | | 23,566.00 |
| Equipment | | 7,218.44 |
| | | |
| Running Expenses | | |
| Food | | 4,669.74 |
| Admin | | 807.00 |
| Motoring Expenses | | 3,797.55 |
| Printing | | 442.25 |
| Depreciation | | 6,320.24 |
| Employee costs | | 46,157.28 |
| Financial Inclusion Project | | 27,534.00 |
| Total payments | | 124,816.21 |

Balance Sheet as at 31/03/2025

| Description | Notes | 3/25 £ | 3/24 1 |
|---|-------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Fixed assets- van | | 21,568.64 | 26,960.80 |
| -computers | | 640.30 | 800.38 |
| -Pallet stacker | | 3,072.00 | - |
| Foodbank acc | | 271,358.87 | 280,620.06 |
| Cash | | 236.36 | 1,309.27 |
| Debtors | 2 | 194.00 | 193.75 |
| Total Assets | | 297,070.17 | 309,884.26 |
| | | | |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Creditors (falling due within 1 year) | 3 | 1,106.76 | 394.40 |
| | | | |
| Net current assets | | 295,963.41 | 309,489.86 |
| (Total assets less current liabilities) | | | |
| | | | |
| Creditors (falling due after 1 year) | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | | | |
| Total Net Assets | | 295,963.41 | 309,489.86 |
| | | | |
| Funds | | | |
| Unrestricted General | | 102,091.06 | 116,074.86 |
| Designated account 1 | | 148,049.00 | 160,392.00 |
| Designated account 2 | | 35,039.00 | - |
| Restricted | 4 | 10,784.35 | 33,023.00 |
| | | | |
| Total Funds | | 295,963.41 | 309,489.86 |

Appendix 1

Notes to Accounts

| 1 | Donors | Amount £ | Restricted to |
|---|--|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Grants and donations over £500- | | |
| | Grants- Trussell Trust – Strategic grant- salary Trussell Trust – Strategic facilities grant | 10,150.00 15,000.00 | Asst Man salary Warehouse costs |
| | Trussell Trust – Tesco/Asda | 6,584.04 | |
| | Billingham Golf Club | 3,264.22 | |
| | Teesside Charity | 1,000.00 | |
| | CF Fertilisers/Coast to Coast ride | 17,340.27 | |
| | Stockton Borough Council | 950.00 | |
| | Cowie Technology | 5,000.00 | |
| | Lidl | 280.00 | |
| | CEO sleepout | 500.00 | |
| | Baydale | 1,000.00 | |
| | Northfield School | 1,230.00 | |
| | Unite Union | 1,000.00 | |
| | Upton Group | 3,185.84 | |
| | Barclaycard | 500.00 | |
| | Womble Bond Dickenson | 500.00 | |
| | Tesco Billingham staff collections | 831.00 | |
| | Sainsburys, Clifton Ave | 920.00 | |
| | | | |
| 2 | Gift Aid | 194.00 | |
| 3 | PAYE due for month 12 | 1,106.76 | |
| 4 | Restricted funds | £ spent | Restricted reserve at year end |
| | Trussell Trust Strategic grant | 5,075.00 | 5,075.00 |
| | Trussell Trust Strategic Facilities Grant | 9,290.65 | 5,709.35 |
| | Total restricted funds | 14,365.65 | 10,784.35 |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Billingham and Stockton Borough Foodbank

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1177777

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2022

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

S. Gormally

Date:

12.05.2025

Name:

Sadie Gormally

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address:

The Adelphi, 1-11 John Adam Street, London, WC2N 6AU

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Billingham and Stockton Borough Foodbank CIO

Billingham and Stockton Borough Foodbank was established on 3rd April 2018 and is registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO) Charity No. 1177777.

Addresses:

Registered Office & Billingham Foodbank Centre: 4-6 West Precinct, Billingham TS23 2NH.

Stockton Centre: Hebron Church, Britannia Road, Stockton on Tees, TS19 0AJ

The **Objects** of the CIO are:

Billingham and Stockton Borough Foodbank exists to help alleviate poverty within the Stockton Borough primarily, but not exclusively, through the supply of food or any other provision that helps alleviate or reduce poverty and hardship.

The **Trustees** are:

Allan O'Boyle - Chair of Trustees

Bev Burton – Finance trustee

Emma Radcliffe

Bill Pearce