

Chorlton & Didsbury Foodbank Chairs Report 2020-21

During this period the Board of Trustees met on 9 occasions, with additionally an AGM (held via Zoom due to the Covid-19 Pandemic) on 16th September 2020.

In this financial year we welcomed to the Board Owen Lloyd as a Trustee but said farewell to Tim Field. Tim had been involved heavily in the process of the Chorlton & Didsbury Foodbank becoming a Stand-Alone Charity, facilitating a number of planning sessions about our future and in the appointment process of our Project Manager. For these things and much more we thank him, and his continued volunteering for the foodbank. As a board of trustees, we therefore remain static in numbers, with 8 Trustee positions filled out of a possible 9.

The period for which we are reporting has been a challenging year with the onset of the coronavirus pandemic. With this has come various national and local measures to limit it infecting people. These then, having an impact on the way we have operated.

If we include March 2020 in our round up of events we can sum up as follows:

Volunteers:

Some of our volunteers have had at times to step back, others may have felt underutilised, some have had to shield, and we have had a few off for periods of time with COVID-19. We have had to review numerous times, safe working practices to operate within the law and guidance in this time of the pandemic. This has meant many operational changes through the year, and changes in what Volunteers undertake, and how many we can have working at any one time.

Serving Clients:

At the outset of 2020, we were meeting with clients face to face, having time to chat, have a cuppa, provide some company, having opportunities to signpost. Passing through a brief phase of serving clients at the door, to having delivery drivers supplied through an agreement between Trussell Trust nationally and British Gas, and locally with Manchester City Council, to where we serve our clients by deliveries using our own volunteers.

Operating Venues:

We began 2020 by operating from Chorlton Central Church, Christchurch Hall, and St Barnabas, with some storage at Barlow Moor Community Centre (BMCA), and ended with all operations focused at Christ Church Hall, with storage for longer-dated stock at BMCA.

Stock:

We started 2020 with quite a bit of stock, but we did make some stock purchases to be able to fulfil clients' food parcels. We began hiring space at the beginning of 2020 at a self-store storage facility with the intention of this being for 6 - 12 weeks and then began to get record levels of donations, both personal and corporate, so it became more of a 6-month thing! We changed the main location of our day-to-day storage from Barlow Moor Community Centre (BMCA) to Christ Church Hall.

Operations Team:

With so many changes and reviews of operating, we have during this period increased our number of board meetings and Operations Team meetings to provide strong support for our Project Manager and Volunteers.

With all of these challenges, with ever changing circumstances, no foodbank sessions were missed throughout the year. We could not have handled the increased client numbers and stock that the Chorlton & Didsbury Foodbank has ever seen before without the dedication of our Board of Trustees, our Project Manager, and team of volunteers, for these all, I want to reinforce my thanks, and for your continued support into whatever 2021-22 throws at us!

Phil Gay
Chair of Trustees
20th October 2021

Registered Charity Number 1177999

**Chorlton and Didsbury Foodbank
Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Unaudited Financial Statements
31st March 2021**

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Year end 31st March 2021

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Chorlton and Didsbury Foodbank (CIO).

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Chorlton and Didsbury foodbank (CIO) (the Trust) for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

Signed:



Name: DIANE CROWCROFT

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SALFORD M7 1NY

Date: 17/9/21

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Income	2020/2021	2019/2020
Fundraising & Collections	£1,775	£972
Donations	£48,108	£3,336
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Grants Mcr City Council	£2,985	£3,900
Coop Local Community Fund	-	£52
Refund/Compensation	-	£130
ASDA Grant	£7,483	£9,686
Donations towards post	£1,250	£10,173
Other	-	£200
Total	<u>£62,485</u>	<u>£33,334</u>
Expenditure		
Room hire	£9,049	£5,444
Equipment	£2,263	£2,878
Premises costs	£720	-
Salary & on-costs	£17,611	£5,423
Stationary	£672	£69
IT Support/Security	£581	£231
Telephones & Wi-fi	£905	£766
Fees	£285	£400
Insurance	-	£339
Travel Expenses	£147	£252
Advertising materials	-	£153
Activities – food	-	£2,148
Sundries	£366	-
To Petty Cash	£50	£99
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