



Annual Report

2024 - 2025

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Chorlton Didsbury Foodbank is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Registered Charity No: 1177999 Registered in Eng. & Wales

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Chair's Introduction

The period 2024-2025 has continued where the previous year left off, busy, with a steady number of people accessing the Foodbank. A proportion of these have been accessing our financial inclusion project. This year is the middle of three years of this project of having a Citizens Advice Advisor embedded within our open sessions and with telephone assistance for those receiving food parcels by our delivery options.

We have continued to operate from the Hall at Christ Church West Didsbury, and St Barnabas Church Chorlton, with face-to-face sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays respectively. We also have operated a deliveries session from Christ Church.

Supplies: Most stock is received into and processed at Christ Church, with further storage at Barlow Moor Community Centre. For periods during this year we found a need to purchase stock more frequently. We have benefited during this year by substantial donations of Gift Tokens for various suppliers that have help reduce our reliance on our cash funds for purchasing. We still need to explore other sources for food purchases, from such places as wholesalers, but due to the continued generosity of donations from individuals and organisations we have managed to meet keep purchases to about 11% of what we supply to our clients.

Financial Inclusion Project: This second of three years of our financial inclusion project has firmly demonstrated how beneficial this has been for our clients. We have begun exploring how we might continue this. Our project Manager has been key to exploring with the other 5 Trussell Trust Foodbanks in the City of Manchester Area and the Trussell Trust how to enable the continuation of this service.

Governance: Our board of Trustees meetings take place every 2 months. Prior to each, an operations team meets, with at least two Trustees, Project Manager and volunteers present, keeping good links between the operations planning and the Trustees' more strategic roles.

Our Trustee numbers remained static this year at 8, with Kate Grand, Joanna Midgeley and Philip Gay being happy to stand for a further 3-year term to September 2027, and the board agreed to this. This leaves the board with capacity to appoint one more, fulfilling our constituted maximum of 9. We continue to recognise that we have done remarkably well in having such numbers of Trustees.

This year has also seen the beginning of a process of being assessed by Trussell Trust for our compliance with their quality and standards. This has been on going into the current year.

Recognition: We could not continue to serve our communities without our greatest assets – people:

- those who donate – known and unknown to us;
- those who give generously of their time and energy - our volunteers;
- our employees - project manager (5 years' service with us) and project worker (2 years' service with us) who continue to work well together and who appreciate, encourage and motivate our volunteers.
- and not forgetting our Trustees.

Without all of these, we would not be able to serve as many people in need as we do.

So - a Big *Thank You* to all.

Phil Gay

Chair of Trustees

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Public Benefit:

It is a requirement that a Charity reports on how it has met its obligations

The Chorlton & Didsbury Foodbank was set up with the aims of *the prevention or relief of poverty in Chorlton and Didsbury and the surrounding areas by:*

1. *the provision of emergency food supplies*
2. *providing support, signposting and assistance*
3. *promoting healthy eating by offering other activities such as meal planning and budgeting courses, to individuals and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.*

This report is to describe how the Foodbank has been addressing those aims during the year, and how trustees, staff and volunteers work to ensure these objects remain the core of all our activities.

What the Foodbank has done:

Over the year the Foodbank has -

- **fulfilled 1,324 vouchers**
- from **99 referral partners** including from local groups, Citizens Advice, medical practices, housing associations, churches and schools
- this **provided food for 3,630 people – 2,294 adults and 1,336 children**; each food parcel is comprised of **3 days' food** for the household, based on Trussell Trust guidelines. For 61% of people this was their **first contact** with the foodbank and
- we **operated 3 times each week** throughout the year.

The Foodbank works on a referral system. This means agencies and other referrers assess a person's needs, offer to issue them a voucher for food, and if the offer is taken up then notify the Foodbank. At the Foodbank session, volunteers welcome each person when they arrive and invite them and to sit down, and offer a drink. They have an opportunity to chat and relax while they wait as the food parcels are prepared. They also will be offered the opportunity to talk in private with a Citizens Advice adviser.

It has long been known that food insecurity is interlinked with other financial issues, and so cannot be resolved on its own. In 2023 we gained 3 years' funding from Trussell, for a joint **Financial Inclusion** project with other Manchester foodbanks, and with Manchester Citizens Advice. Throughout the year we have again had a CA adviser in the Foodbank sessions each week to speak confidentially with clients who wish to take up the opportunity to see what further help may be available.

We have provided advice to over 160 people, identifying in excess of £150,000 in financial gains. We have given out over 60 fuel vouchers worth approximately £3,000, and more than 400 free Sim cards worth approximately £8,000.

We are proud to have a free delivery service once a week which we believe to be unique within Manchester, focusing on people with mobility issues and larger families.

The people we see are experiencing financial hardship, involving food insecurity, little disposable income. In addition, some also suffer physical and mental health issues. We also offer information on other local organisations such as Food Clubs or Pantries which, after the immediate urgent need, people can join and buy food for a small charge. People have told us that without our help they would have "gone hungry" or "worried to death" or "borrowed money".

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Donations of food and essential items:

During the year almost 23 tonnes of food and other stock, such as toiletries, was donated to the Foodbank, and we bought a further 2.5 tonnes. We received donations from a range of people, such as a regular street collection, from schools, churches, businesses. We have collection points in several local shops. We have again had 2 one-day collections plus a November three-day collection Tesco Didsbury Parris Wood, and a one-day collection at Morrisons, Chorlton. Shoppers gave very generously at all these days, and help keep our supplies going through the year.

At the end of the financial year 2023-2024 we received notification of support from both Morrisons and Sainsburys supermarkets in the form of vouchers; these were spent during 2024-2025.

Additional help and support

Volunteers – without them the Chorlton & Didsbury Foodbank could not function. Tasks include -

- setting up the sessions;
- speaking with clients, ensuring they are comfortable by offering a drink and a chat;
- putting together the appropriate food parcels;
- offering the opportunity to talk with a Citizens Advice adviser;
- delivering food parcels to clients who are unable to get into the sessions;
- collecting donations from collection points;
- sorting, checking, dating and organising stock;
- being involved with the Food Collection days within the supermarket, speaking with shoppers and donors.

Our volunteers attended the Foodbank throughout the year, ensuring the sessions could run. In addition, 8 people gave their time as Trustees, carrying the responsibilities of running a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The Foodbank has been supported throughout the year again by Christ Church West Didsbury and St Barnabas Church Chorlton, through free use of the Church Halls for our sessions.

Our Project Manager has continued to liaise and work with other local organisations and Foodbanks, and with Trussell Trust, to share knowledge and experience gained, and address the causes and effects of lack of income and poverty in South Manchester.

Trustees during the year April 2024 to March 2025:

P Gay	Chair	P Lee
J Williams	Treasurer	O Lloyd
B Seery	Minutes Secretary	A Meadowcroft
K Grand		J Midgley

Project Manager: K Ursell

Project Worker: J Rolfe



Key foodbank data for Financial Year 2024/25

Clients

- **1,324** vouchers fulfilled, -2% on 2023/24
 - **1,014** collections, **310** deliveries
- **3,630** people fed – **2,294** adults, **1,336** children
- **61%** of clients visited for the first time
- Clients were referred by **99** referrers

Donations

- **22,937** kilos of stock donated
- **11%** of stock had to be purchased – unfortunately more than ever before

Other help offered...

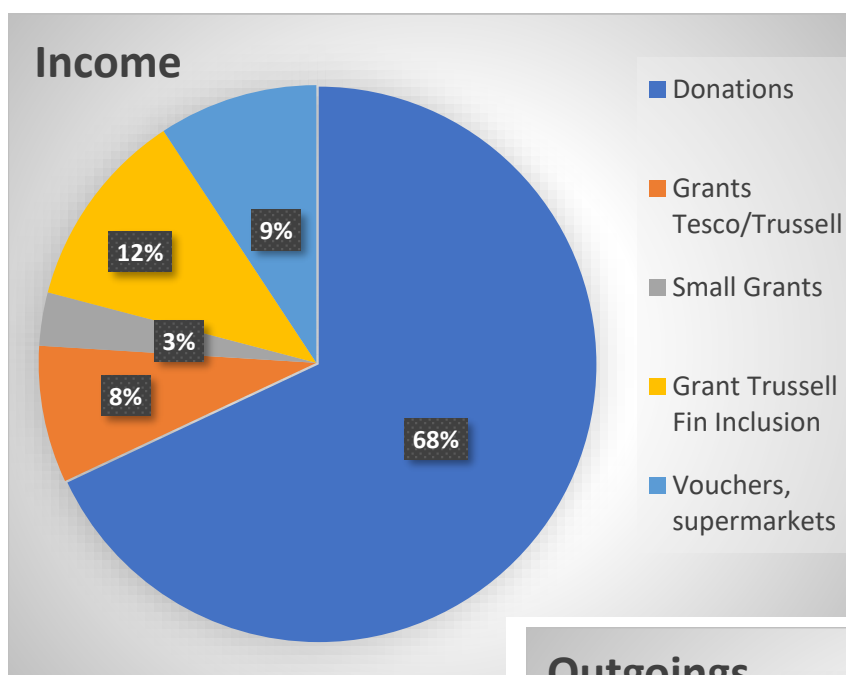
- We now have Citizens Advice advisors in all sessions
 - **More than 160** people accessed advice
 - **Over £150,000** financial gains identified
- Approximately **60** fuel vouchers were issued
- Over **400** free SIM cards were distributed

Chorlton and Didsbury Foodbank

Financial Information 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

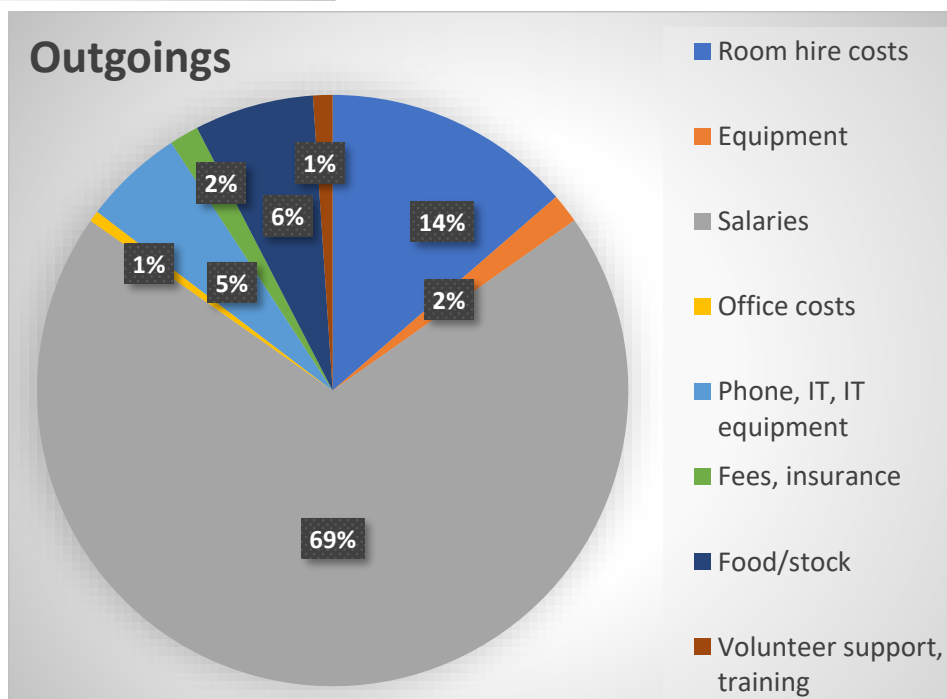
Income 2024-2025:	
Donations	£ 25,220
Grants Tesco/Trussell	£ 2,959
Small Grants	£ 1,150
Grant Trussell Financial Inclusion	£ 4,316
Vouchers, supermarkets	£ 3,440
Total	£ 37,086

Outgoings 2024-2025:	
Room hire costs (storage)	£ 7,080
Equipment	£ 836
Salaries	£ 36,074
Office costs	£ 315
Phone, IT, IT equipment	£ 2,846
Fees, insurance	£ 828
Food/stock	£ 3,386
Volunteer support, training	£ 554
Total	£ 51,920



Over 22,000 kg of food/stock were donated during the year. At £2.50* per kg, this represents £55,000.

**estimated valuation based on Trussell Trust's figures*





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Chorlton and Didsbury Foodbank CIO

On accounts for the year
ended

March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1177999

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Charity") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Charity'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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities 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:

Diane M. Riley

Date:

13.11.2025

Name:

Diane Riley

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

Address:

The Broughton Trust, Humphrey Booth Centre, Salford, M7 1NY

Section B**Disclosure**

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

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

Chorlton and Didsbury Foodbank (CIO)

Year end 31st March 2025

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 Charity) for the year ended 31st March 2025.

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Humphrey Booth Centre

Salford, M7 1NY

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**Chorlton and Didsbury Foodbank
Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Unaudited Financial Statements
31st March 2025**

Diane Riley
The Broughton Trust
Humphrey Booth Building
Heath Avenue
Salford, M7 1NY

Annual Accounts 2024- 2025

Year end 31.3.2025

Income	Actual	
	2024/2025	2023/2024
Regular donations - direct	£6,035.00	£6,406.00
Donations via GoldenGiving	£16,050.00	£19,204.00
other donations	£3,135.00	£3,846.00
Trussell Trust/Tesco	£2,959.00	£2,821.00
Grants Mcr. City Council	£850.00	£1,000.00
Trussell Trust Winter Cost of Living	-	-
TT & Citizens Advice Project	£4,316.00	£5,781.00
BMCA winter support	£300.00	£500.00
other	£3,440	-
	£37,086.00	£39,558.00
Outgoings	Actual	
	2024/2025	2023/2024
Room hire	£6,865.00	£6,865.00
Equipment	£836.00	£2,191.00
Premises costs (Maintenance etc)	£215.00	£215.00
Salary & on-costs	£36,074.00	£32,113.00
Recruitment	-	-
Stationary, inks etc	£305.00	£217.00
Software	£156.00	£236.00
IT Support/Security	£272.00	£110.00
Telephone & Wi-fi	£850.00	£867.00
Fees (incl exam of accounts)	£305.00	£305.00
Insurance	£523.00	£368.00
Travel Expenses	£9.00	£95.00
Advertising materials	-	£128.00
Activities - food	£3,386.00	£4,000.00
Activities additional	-	£709.00
Sundries	£10.00	£443.00
Volunteers week etc	£509.00	£1,098
Training	£36.00	-
IT Equipment	£1,568	-
	£51,919.00	£50,120.00
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