

CORNWALL FOOD ACTION

England & Wales · Charity number 1179476

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-08-08

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1) THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY BY PROVIDING SURPLUS FIT-FOR-PURPOSE PRODUCTS FROM THE FOOD AND DRINK INDUSTRY TO NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS WORKING WITH VULNERABLE OR ECONOMICALLY-DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITIES OF CORNWALL.2) TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BY REDUCING FOOD WASTE GOING TO LANDFILL THROUGH RAISING AWARENESS AND PROVIDING EDUCATION.

Activities: Cornwall Food Action identifies, secures and redistributes in-date surplus food in the system. We also educate and promote resource efficiency in both our food supply chain and across the range of recipients to whom Cornwall Food Action conveys surplus food.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Cornwall

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-04	£250	£1,611	-	-
2024-03-04	£500	£710	-	-
2023-03-04	£1,400	£695	-	-
2022-03-04	£11,200	£13,439	-	-
2021-03-04	£15,186	£8,086	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Barbara Roundsevell	Chair	2022-07-08
ANTHONY PETER WEIGHT		2019-08-08
Gitty Ankers		2018-08-08
POLLY CLAIRE KNIGHT		2019-08-08

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		Total	Lottery AWA restricted	Masonic mileage Mark restricted	CCF restricted	Other unrestricted		
Income								
Restricted	CCF	0					Bank bal b/f 1/3/24	11,359.63
Restricted	Lottery AWA	0					Surplus / (Deficit)	(1,360.75)
							Bank bal at 28/2/25	9,998.88
Donations		250				250	Since 1/3/20:	£k
		250	0	0	0	250	Bank b/f	5
							Income	28
							Expenses	(23)
							Bank 28/2/25	<u>10</u>
Expenditure								
	Consultancy	1,041				1,041		
	Travel	570				570		
	Rent	0						
	Insurance	0						
	IT costs	0						
	Office costs	0						
		1,611	0	0	0	1,611		
Surplus / (Deficit) of Income over Expenditure		(1,361)	0	0	0	(1,361)		
Funds b/f		11,360	(2,043)	2,000	9,820	1,583		
Funds c/f		9,999	(2,043)	2,000	9,820	222		

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We provide food to around 40 organisations from Saltash to Penzance and as far north as Camelford.

Some of the worst poverty in Cornwall is in the rural areas. This is because of the following:

- a high percentage of homes are off the gas grid and are older and solid walled, hence heating costs can be much higher.
- there are challenges in terms of isolation due to limited public transport and difficult / poor access to essential services
- there are greater problems in terms of loneliness amongst older people, as demonstrated by the higher suicide rates.

In view of the above, we have endeavoured to provide food to providers in out of the way places, such as village halls, so that they are able to offer free or discounted meals for locals, however, there can be a significant distance between the food and the organisations utilising the material. To overcome this, Cornwall Food Action has previously supplied over 20 freezers to organisations around the county so that larger deliveries can be made, thus reducing the number of journeys that are needed to be made in order to distribute food.

Cornwall Food Action also has been able to use freezers at Cafe Chaos in Truro to store food over the short term before being distributed. We have also worked with organisations so that an increasing number now collect food from ourselves and co-ordinate with one another so that they take food to one another after collection from ourselves. In some cases we will also cover the travel expenses of recipient groups that collect food from pick up points.

We are a small group of people, all of whom are volunteers and our only overheads are expenses such as insurance, domain charges and mileage.

We intend to continue to operate in this low key but valuable manner to support Cornwall's food system in re-directing surplus, as well as assisting front line organisations to connect with material and supporting logistical costs where required and practical.

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Accounts for the Year Ended 29th February 2024

		Total	Lottery AWA restricted	Masonic mileage Mark restricted	CCF restricted	Other unrestricted		
Income								
Restricted	CCF	0					Bank bal b/f 1/3/23	11,569.50
Restricted	Lottery AWA	0					Surplus / (Deficit)	(209.87)
							Bank bal at 29/2/24	11,359.63
Donations		500				500	Since 1/3/20:	£k
		500	0	0	0	500	Bank b/f	5
							Income	28
							Expenses	(22)
							Bank 29/2/24	<u>11</u>
Expenditure								
	Consultancy	0						
	Travel	564				564		
	Rent	0						
	Insurance	146				146		
	IT costs	0						
	Office costs	0						
		710	0	0	0	710		
Surplus / (Deficit) of Income over Expenditure		(210)	0	0	0	(210)		
Funds b/f		11,569	(2,043)	2,000	9,820	1,792		
Funds c/f		11,360	(2,043)	2,000	9,820	1,583		

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			Lottery AWA restricted	Masonic mileage Mark restricted	CCF restricted	Other unrestricted
		Total				
Income						
Restricted	CCF	0				
Restricted	Lottery AWA	0				
Donations		1,400		1,000		400
		1,400	0	1,000	0	400
Expenditure						
	Consultancy	388	388			
	Travel	161				161
	Rent	0				
	Insurance	146				146
	IT costs	0				
	Office costs	0				
		695	388	0	0	307
Surplus / (Deficit) of Income						
over Expenditure		705	(388)	1,000	0	93
Funds b/f		10,864	(1,655)	1,000	9,820	1,699
Funds c/f		11,569	(2,043)	2,000	9,820	1,792

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Date 24/03/2023

Cornwall Food Action continues to broker surplus food in the supply chain into organisations supporting vulnerable people in Cornwall.

In Cornwall rurality remains a challenge, there can be significant distance between the food and the organisations utilising that material.

We are a small group of people working in hubs across the county, our reliance on representatives (volunteers) from the recipient organisations is a formula that works. In many cases we register people as Cornwall Food Action volunteers in order we can cover the food mileage expenses of the volunteers collecting and delivering the food.

None of the core members / trustees of Cornwall Food Action are re-numerated it is an entirely volunteer led entity which allows the Charity to focus its reserves on supporting mileage expenses as well as the day to day organisational expenses, insurance, domain charges etc.

We will continue to operate in this low key but valuable manner to support Cornwall's food system in re-directing surplus, as well as assisting front line

organisations to connect with material and supporting logistical costs where required and practical.

CFA accounts ye 28-2-22.xlsx

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YTD 1/3/21 to 28/2/22		Total	Lottery AWA restricted	Masonic mileage Mark restricted	CCF restricted	Other unrestricted				
Income										
Restricted	CCF	9,820			9,820		Bank bal b/f 1/3/21	13,083.09		
							Deficit	(2,218.99)		Check
Restricted	Lottery AWA	0					Bank bal at 28/2/22	10,864.10	10,864.10	0.00
Donations		1,400		1,000		400	Since 1/3/20:	fk		
							Bank b/f	5		
		11,220	0	1,000	9,820	400	Income	26		
							Expenses	(20)		
Expenditure							Bank 28/2/22	11		
	Consultancy	11,641	11,641							
	Travel	75				75				
	Rent	0								
	Insurance	146				146				
	IT costs	1,539				1,539				
	Office costs	39				39				
		13,439	11,641	0	0	1,798				
Surplus / (Deficit) of Income over Expenditure		(2,219)	(11,641)	1,000	9,820	(1,398)				
Funds b/f		13,083	9,986			3,097				
Funds c/f		10,864	(1,655)	1,000	9,820	1,699				



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Annual Report to The Charities Commission

Charity Number : 1179476

Address : The Lost House, Trethowel Woods, St Austell
Cornwall. PL25 5RT.

Reporting Period: 25th February 2020 to 4th March 2021

Cornwall Food Action's (CFA) focus is local food waste reduction. This is achieved through contact with food producers and processors in Cornwall's supply chain, CFA identify, secure, collect/broker surplus material in the system and redistribute it to areas of need. CFA records data relating to the supplier, the food type, its volume and cost as well as documenting the recipient organisation as part of the audit trail.

CFA does not supply individuals but brokers to over sixty recipient organisations in Cornwall, it does not make a charge for food but may ask for mileage expenses depending upon prevailing financial balance.

Until October 2020 CFA was entirely volunteer run and led, in the latter part of 2020 the organisation has commissioned some paid support capacity, which it continues to support going forward.

Until the Covid emergency CFA maintained a small room accommodating a freezer bank in the centre of Cornwall, paying quarterly rent to a landlord Cornwall Hospice.

When Covid hit the food support landscape in Cornwall changed considerably, many of CFA's recipient organisations closed their doors due to the fact they were servicing a more covid vulnerable cohort. In addition with emergency funds available the number of organisations moving food in Cornwall rose from just over 60 to 180 plus. Many made local surplus supply arrangements with local processors, essentially the CFA operating arena changed overnight. During this period CFA have been supporting a range of organisation but moving food already in the system, reacting to the prevailing need.

One observation relates to the data quantifying local surplus in the system. The "pop ups" and new incumbents servicing Covid emergency food need have been moving significant volumes of food some locally sourced some imported across the land border but not robustly collecting the data.

Recognising this shortfall, Cornwall Food Action has identified the potential system risk and has obtained a mandate from Cornwall Food Access Alliance and Cornwall's Public Health Team and has designed a project to address this challenge. Our next phase will also help redefine the (surplus) supply chain in Cornwall position CFA as a sustainable broker and help establish capacity to service more rural areas whilst also underwriting the ability of others in Cornwall's food support network to maintain service levels going forward.

Finance

Cornwall Food Action remains considerably under the £25K annual income threshold. The last 12 months account summary below) have been accepted as a true

record by the organisations Trustees in a formal meeting held on the 20th January 2022.

Cornwall Food Action Last 12 months accounting summary

Starting Balance (25th Feb 2020)
£5,035.02

Money In £15,186.00

Money Out (rent / mileage / insurance/ Admin)
£8,086.43

Bank balance at (4th March 2021)
£12,234.59

All paid up and no outstanding creditors as at 4th March 2021

Declaration: Cornwall Food Action declare that the contents of this report represent a true and accurate report of activity and financial position for the period between the 25th February 2020 and 4th March 2021.

The trustees of Cornwall Food Action jointly declare there are no serious matters or incidents that require reporting or should have been reported to the charities commission.

This record is a true and accurate account of CFA activity during the 2020/2021 period.

Mark Summers

Chair Cornwall Food Action

