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**BEDFORD FOODBANK**

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**UNAUDITED**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**



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### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

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**Trustees**                      Rev A L Davis (resigned 20 January 2025)  
                                        E Ponsonby (appointed 20 January 2025)  
                                        J E M Hyne  
                                        K Middleton  
                                        G R Moore, Chair

**Charity registered  
number**                      1179538

**Principal office**              8-9 Murdock Road  
                                        Manton Industrial Estate  
                                        Bedford  
                                        MK41 7PL

**Accountants**                Streets Chartered Accountants  
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                                        81 High Street  
                                        Bedford  
                                        MK40 1YN

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                                        25 Kings Hill Avenue  
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### **TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Bedford Foodbank for the year from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025.

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### **a. Policies and objectives**

The purpose of the charity, as set out in its governing document, is:

The relief of financial hardship amongst people in Bedford and the surrounding area, or in other parts of the United Kingdom in such way as the Trustees from time to time think fit, in particular but not exclusively by:

- i) Providing emergency food, essential toiletries, and other household items to individuals and families in need and / or for distribution by charities and other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.
- ii) Such other means including (but not limited to) the provision of support or signposting to relevant information and other advisory services.
- iii) And to provide such services with a Christian ethos, supported by established churches in the area of benefit.
- iv) The benefit of our purpose to support people in need is to feed individuals and families who, for one reason or another, may have difficulties in feeding themselves and/or their families. Our service improves the ability of families to care for children and achieve goals of self-sufficiency.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

##### **b. Strategies for achieving objectives**

We exist to provide emergency help to local people in food poverty; we are satisfied that we have achieved this to the best of our ability.

##### **c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives**

The charity manages Bedford Foodbank, providing three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

##### **d. Grant-making policies**

We do not offer grants to any individuals, groups or other charities other than limited donations to our clients who are food-poor, who may have identified a lack of funds for gas or electricity services, where small grants are available from time to time.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

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#### Objectives and activities (continued)

##### e. Main activities undertaken to further the Charity's purposes for the public benefit

Schools, churches, businesses and individuals donate non perishable, in-date food to the foodbank which is checked, sorted and packed into crates ready to be given to people in need. The organisation received a significant amount of financial donations in addition to food donations. Financial donations are used to purchase food for clients and to cover administration and running costs of the Charity.

Care professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers, Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) and police amongst other organisations, including charities, identify people in crisis and issue them with a foodbank voucher.

Foodbank clients bring the voucher to a foodbank distribution centre where it is redeemed for approximately three days emergency food. Volunteers meet clients and are able to signpost them to agencies which are able to help solve the longer term problems.

##### f. Volunteers

Our volunteers are an absolutely key part of our work, and we could not achieve any of the objectives without their contribution.

Following some changes to the profile of our volunteer population partly related to the Covid pandemic, we have been pleased to welcome new volunteers and we have sufficient help to enable us to carry out our work.

#### Achievements and performance

##### a. Main achievements of the Charity

Bedford Foodbank ('The Foodbank') is an independent charity, operating as a member of Trussell Trust network of foodbanks and we follow the Trussell Trust's policies. The foodbank employs five paid full-time and part time staff and is supported by approximately 120 volunteers each week.

The Foodbank operates from a rented warehouse with offices close to Manton Lane in Bedford. November 2025 marked two years' operating out of the larger warehouse. The 11,000sqft (14,000sqft including offices and store rooms) has had a significant positive impact on our operation, providing a safer working environment, storage space for bulk purchase pallets, as well as social spaces for staff & volunteers.

With more space we have been able to offer more volunteering opportunities including Student Midwives, Student Health visitors and Prison Officers. The Foodbank provides emergency food and short-term support to local people who are experiencing food poverty. Food is distributed to clients through 7 distribution centers (mainly church premises) on working day afternoons.

Client numbers decreased by 17% during this year compared with last year. In the year ending September 2025 the Foodbank distributed 20,944 food parcels, which included 6927 to children, from 10,195 vouchers. This compares with 2024 where 24,864 food parcels, including 8,460 children, from 10,756 vouchers. The decrease has been due to a number of factors including excellent advice and support given by CAB, meeting regularly with Referral agencies to emphasize the emergency nature of the Foodbank parcels and the rise of the community supermarkets in the town.

The Charity's donors and supporters of food and cash have continued to be generous this year but there has been a noticeable decline in giving. During the past year, local charities and organisations have found fundraising increasingly difficult and Bedford Foodbank has been no different. The challenges are due in part to the increase in rising operational costs, economic pressures like inflation, reduction in local authority funding and intense

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#### Achievements and performance (continued)

competition for grants. Giving to the Bedford Foodbank has been down compared to last year, therefore next year the Foodbank will need to concentrate on "getting ready for fundraising", including not running a deficit budget, a revised reserves policy of 6 months or less and ensuring all policies and procedures are in place, documented and up to date.

The Foodbank continues to maintain a healthy financial state but increased purchasing costs mean that the Trustees continue to manage the funds with care. The cost of food being purchased monthly has slightly decreased during this year to £116,473 compared to £120,000 last year, spent on food and toiletry items. Joining together with other foodbanks to bulk buy stock items has reduced the buying costs. We now place regular orders from Sheffield Foodbank, who acts as a broker for other foodbanks, procuring full & half pallets at a competitive price, this has seen a saving of £25k in this financial year.

In the year ended 30 September 2025, 98 tonnes of food was donated to us (previous year 101 tonnes). The Trussell Trust uses a figure of £2.77 (2024 £2.77) as the value of 1kg of donated stock. This figure is nationally agreed by Trussell Trust in conjunction with the food industry, and these values have been used to estimate the value of donated goods in the financial statements. In addition, 80 tonnes of food was purchased. Food is donated through supermarket collection points across the town of Bedford and this accounts for approximately 50% of donations. The remaining donated food is collected through local churches, schools and generous individuals. Last year 42 schools and 33 churches and 1 wine club donated their Harvest Festival collections to the Foodbank making a grand total of 7,325kg of food.

Bedford Foodbank partners with over 240 statutory organisations, churches & charities who can act as referral agencies and are ideally placed in the community to identify individuals and families who are in need and are able to issue to E vouchers. All Bedford Foodbank Referral agencies will be working with the individuals, so will be aware of the background stories and what other help is being received. The Foodbank continues to have a good working relationship with Citizens Advice Bureau, who attends all 7 distribution centres, offering extra advice & support to our clients and issuing vouchers if a need is identified. Funding for this has come through Trussell Trust during the past 3 years. This funding has now ended but CAB have managed to secure additional funding from Bedford Borough Council (BBC) to continue this partnership. BBC has recognised how important the preventive intervention of BFB & CAB is and have agreed to give additional funding to continue this essential work.

To assist households during the cold weather and with increased fuel costs, the Foodbank is registered to issue fuel bank vouchers from the Fuelbank Foundation to clients accessing the Foodbank. This enables households to cook the food received and keep warm. During 24/25, 366 vouchers were issued by Bedford Foodbank. The value of a voucher is recalculated every month on the average cost for a household between £30 - £97.

In summary, the Foodbank continues to be very busy meeting the increased demands of their clients. The work could not continue without the support of donors, staff and volunteers, for whom they are very grateful. The Foodbank staff and Trustees continue to work towards providing for the growing need for food and finding the funding to support this. The outcome is that many thousands of people have received help from The Foodbank and it is a privilege to offer them support.

#### Financial review

##### a. Review of the charity's financial position

Details of the charity's income and expenditure are shown in the attached Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. They include both monetary donations and estimated values for the donation of goods, using the standard measurement and valuation procedures adopted by the Trussell Trust. The vast majority of donations are received from individuals who make contributions via bank, online and cash donations or as gifts in kind from donated items of food, toiletries and other items.

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The financial trends reflect a continuation of the generous giving from many sources supportive of Bedford Foodbank, but there has been a reduction in both monetary donations and gifts of food during the year. In the year ended 30 September 2025, financial contributions from donations, grant and other income amounted to £346,711 (2024 £389,709) and the value of donated goods received was estimated to be £270,587 (2024 £282,316).

The value of donated goods distributed in the year was estimated to be £469,248 (2024 £527,340). The vast majority of donated goods were distributed to clients, but stock with an estimated value of £6,249 (2024 £9,205) had to be scrapped as it was out of date at the time the charity received it.

The financial contributions received have enabled the charity to meet the increased demand from clients and the charity was in a strong financial position at the reporting date. However, the trustees are mindful that a significant number of one off donations have been received and there is a much smaller number of committed, regular donors so the levels of income may fall again in the forthcoming years.

#### **b. Reserves policy**

During the year the reserves policy was reviewed. It was agreed to retain the policy of aiming to hold the equivalent of twelve months' worth of our budget in reserve. This is to enable us to continue operating should we face a situation wherein we are unable to secure sufficient income to meet our needs; the expectation is that this should be sufficient to meet our needs until such time as funding can be secured.

The level of reserves takes into account

- the financial commitment of the lease agreement for the larger premises,
- the increased commitment around staffing costs,
- the fall in donations of food items and financial donations (both of which increased significantly during the covid-19 pandemic),
- the increased demand for support due to the increased cost of living

In 2025, the charity's expenditure from general funds was £86,202 higher than income, reducing the level of general funds from £511,040 to £424,838. At the reporting date, the actual level of reserves remained above the target reserves policy, but the trustees are forecasting a further deficit in 2025/26 in a planned use of funds for charitable purposes.

#### **c. Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

#### **d. Principal risks and uncertainties**

We do continue to review risks. At present, we do not consider that these are substantial or grave.

We review the national and local economic climate regularly and as the financial year for Bedford Foodbank ended we were aware of both the energy crisis and general economic uncertainty caused by the cost of living crisis. We keep all this things uppermost in our minds as we review and adapt our procedures and policies.



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#### **e. Principal funding**

The principal source of funding for the Foodbank is through financial donations made by the public, some in the form of occasional donations and other through regular, structured giving. The Foodbank structures its receipt of donations so as to capture any gift aid benefits accordingly. It is noted that the basis of the Foodbanks operation is around the donation of food, which is then distributed to the needy and hungry in Bedford Borough.

During the covid pandemic the charity saw an increase in financial donations compared to donated food items. The overall level of donations (food and finances) increased year on year from 2020 to 2023 but both sources of donations have fallen in 2025.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### **a. Constitution**

Bedford Foodbank is a registered charity, number 1179538, and is constituted under a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Foundation Constitution.

##### **b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co opted under the terms of the constitution, and appointed by existing trustees.

##### **c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies**

The organisation structure of the Foodbank is based around the Board of Trustees, and reporting to the Board is the Project Manager/Director who has direct reports of seven employed staff members. The simple structure serves the Foodbank well being able to make swift and effective decisions at an operational level - complemented by detailed considerations and discussions by the Board of trustees for larger decisions and strategic matters.

Initiated in September 2023, the Board developed a Strategic Plan for the Foodbank that sets out a three to five year plan for operations, people and finances. The Trustees consulted with staff and volunteers on the process and took a number of external inputs into account. In 2024, the Trustees commissioned an independent HR review to look at and advise on structures and policies for the Foodbank which have now been implemented.

##### **d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees**

Appropriate training is given to trustees, including to new trustees. This includes but is not limited to the training offered to foodbanks by the Trussell Trust.

##### **e. Pay policy for key management personnel**

Pay policy for key staff employed by the Foodbank is under the control of a small remuneration committee comprising of two members of the Board of Trustees. Outside factors, market trends and inflationary pressures are all taken into account in setting pay levels, as performance levels on occasions. The timeliness of any pay changes is also addressed by the remuneration committee when assessing changes to staff pay.

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#### **Structure, governance and management (continued)**

##### **f. Related party relationships**

As part of the Trussell Trust network, we follow their policies and benefit from their regional structure, where we benefit by learning with/from similar, local, Foodbanks. We enjoy good relationships with other charities and bodies in the local area who also seek to relieve poverty. These relationships are informal; we do not, for example, make grants to other charities, but may from time to time offer to share resources with other local foodbanks.

##### **g. Decision-making process**

The charity makes its larger decisions through a Board of Trustees within the context of regular Board Meetings that are scheduled in advance. Any decisions required are set out in advance of the meeting through an agreed agenda and any supporting documents are provided in advance. The Board of Trustees delegate smaller operational decision making to the Project Manager for Bedford Foodbank who has suitable experience and capability to support this delegation of authority. The Charity operate against a detailed annual budget and any financial decision is made in conjunction with the pre-approved budget. For operational matters the Project Manager is in regular contact with each of the Trustees, and in particular the Chair, and discusses more operational decisions always on a timely basis.

##### **Plans for future periods**

The Foodbank is committed to delivering a high standard of service to anyone who engages with our work. The Trustees believe that the best way to improve service is by learning from the people who use it so we welcome comments, compliments and complaints from clients, referral agencies, volunteers and anyone else Foodbank comes into contact with. These help the Trustees to see what the Foodbank is doing well and where it can make improvements for the future. To this end, the Foodbank has now successfully established itself into a new enlarged warehousing facility to cope with the extra food requirements and is now looking to bed this in to the operational procedure and establish improved efficiencies whilst maintaining a safe working environment and an engaging place to work for all staff and volunteers.

##### **Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & 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 of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)  
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**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities (CONTINUED)**

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and 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 Trust deed. They 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.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



**G R Moore**  
Chair of trustees  
Date: 18 May 2026

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### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

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#### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bedford Foodbank ('the Charity')

We report to the charity Trustees on our examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30 September 2025.

#### Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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

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

#### Independent Examiner's Statement

Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. We confirm that we are qualified to undertake the examination because we are a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

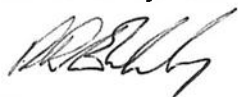
We have completed our examination. We confirm that no matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

We 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.

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 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 Independent Examiner'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 work or for this report.

Signed:



Alan Endersby

Dated: 20/05/2026

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#### Streets Chartered Accountants

Potton House, Wyboston Lakes, Great North Road, Wyboston, Bedford, MK44 3BZ

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Restricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	322,345	24,366	346,711	389,709
Charitable activities	4	270,587	-	270,587	282,816
Investments	5	5,907	-	5,907	6,290
<b>Total income</b>		<b>598,839</b>	<b>24,366</b>	<b>623,205</b>	<b>678,815</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	6	-	-	-	204
Charitable activities	7	673,408	39,801	713,209	790,296
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>673,408</b>	<b>39,801</b>	<b>713,209</b>	<b>790,500</b>
<b>Net expenditure</b>		<b>(74,569)</b>	<b>(15,435)</b>	<b>(90,004)</b>	<b>(111,685)</b>
Transfers between funds	16	(11,633)	11,633	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(86,202)</b>	<b>(3,802)</b>	<b>(90,004)</b>	<b>(111,685)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		511,040	3,802	514,842	626,527
Net movement in funds		(86,202)	(3,802)	(90,004)	(111,685)
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>424,838</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>424,838</b>	<b>514,842</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 13 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	12	24,447	20,468
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	13	98,967	84,471
Debtors	14	90,869	65,975
Cash at bank and in hand		234,630	374,327
		<u>424,466</u>	<u>524,773</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(24,075)	(30,399)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>400,391</u>	<u>494,374</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><u>424,838</u></u>	<u><u>514,842</u></u>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Restricted funds	16	-	3,802
Unrestricted funds	16	424,838	511,040
<b>Total funds</b>		<u><u>424,838</u></u>	<u><u>514,842</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



**G R Moore**  
Chair of Trustees  
Date: 18 May 2026

The notes on pages 13 to 27 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
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	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net cash used in operating activities	(134,189)	(82,603)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	5,907	6,290
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(11,415)	(6,078)
<b>Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities</b>	(5,508)	212
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>	-	-
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>	(139,697)	(82,391)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	374,327	456,718
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<u>234,630</u>	<u>374,327</u>

The notes on pages 13 to 27 form part of these financial statements

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### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025**

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#### **1. General information**

As set out in the trustees' report, Bedford Foodbank is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The address of their registered office is 8-9 Murdock Road, Manton Industrial Estate, Bedford, MK41 7PL.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

#### **2. Accounting policies**

##### **2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Bedford Foodbank 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.

##### **2.2 Income**

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation (using standard valuation procedures adopted by the Trussell Trust) and recognised as income when they are donated to the charity.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

##### **2.3 Expenditure**

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

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Charity to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

The value of gifts in kind distributed by the charity are included at valuation (using standard valuation procedures adopted by the Trussell Trust).



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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

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#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

##### 2.3 Expenditure (continued)

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

##### 2.4 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 institution with whom the funds are deposited.

##### 2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Motor vehicles	-	25%	Reducing balance
Office equipment	-	33%	Straight line
Other equipment	-	10%	Straight line

##### 2.6 Stocks

Stocks of donated and purchased goods are valued using the standard valuation procedures adopted by the Trussell Trust.

##### 2.7 Debtors

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

##### 2.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and 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.

##### 2.9 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

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## 2. Accounting policies (continued)

### 2.10 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 measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### 2.11 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

### 2.12 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

## 3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations	217,573	-	217,573	210,306
Grants	102,505	24,366	126,871	173,595
Similar incoming resources	2,267	-	2,267	5,808
	<u>322,345</u>	<u>24,366</u>	<u>346,711</u>	<u>389,709</u>
Total 2024	<u>316,042</u>	<u>73,667</u>	<u>389,709</u>	

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**4. Income from charitable activities**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Donated goods	270,587	270,587	282,816

**5. Investment income**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Interest received	5,907	5,907	6,290

**6. Expenditure on raising funds**

**Costs of raising voluntary income**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Fundraising expenses	-	-	204

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**7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities**

**Summary by fund type**

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Foodbank operations - Monetary expenditure	402,821	39,801	442,622	507,480
Donated goods	270,587	-	270,587	282,816
	<u>673,408</u>	<u>39,801</u>	<u>713,209</u>	<u>790,296</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>724,659</u>	<u>65,637</u>	<u>790,296</u>	

**Summary by expenditure type**

	Staff costs 2025 £	Depreciation 2025 £	Other costs 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Foodbank operations - Monetary expenditure	122,796	7,436	312,390	442,622	507,480
Donated goods	-	-	270,587	270,587	282,816
	<u>122,796</u>	<u>7,436</u>	<u>582,977</u>	<u>713,209</u>	<u>790,296</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u>103,440</u>	<u>7,040</u>	<u>679,816</u>	<u>790,296</u>	

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**8. Analysis of expenditure by activities**

	<b>Activities undertaken directly 2025 £</b>	<b>Support costs 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Foodbank operations	266,060	176,562	<b>442,622</b>	507,480
Foodbank operations - Donated goods	270,587	-	<b>270,587</b>	282,816
	<u>536,647</u>	<u>176,562</u>	<u><b>713,209</b></u>	<u>790,296</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u><u>532,938</u></u>	<u><u>257,358</u></u>	<u><u>790,296</u></u>	

**Analysis of direct costs**

	<b>Foodbank operations 2025 £</b>	<b>Donated goods 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Staff costs	122,796	-	<b>122,796</b>	103,440
Client energy vouchers and purchases	-	270,587	<b>270,587</b>	283,076
Purchases of food and toiletries	103,463	-	<b>103,463</b>	87,165
Support from CAB advisor	39,801	-	<b>39,801</b>	59,257
	<u>266,060</u>	<u>270,587</u>	<u><b>536,647</b></u>	<u>532,938</u>
<i>Total 2024</i>	<u><u>250,122</u></u>	<u><u>282,816</u></u>	<u><u>532,938</u></u>	

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**8. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)**

**Analysis of support costs**

	<b>Foodbank operations 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Depreciation	7,436	<b>7,436</b>	7,040
Rent, rates and insurance	112,583	<b>112,583</b>	119,411
Premises costs	10,162	<b>10,162</b>	20,990
Travel, subsistence and other expenses	3,421	<b>3,421</b>	6,535
Equipment, office and sundry expenses	38,068	<b>38,068</b>	93,154
Legal and professional fees	1,583	<b>1,583</b>	7,468
Governance costs	3,309	<b>3,309</b>	2,760
	<u>176,562</u>	<u><b>176,562</b></u>	<u>257,358</u>

**9. Independent examiner's remuneration**

	<b>2025 £</b>	<i>2024 £</i>
Fees payable to the Charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the Charity's annual accounts	<u><b>2,937</b></u>	<u>2,760</u>

**10. Staff costs**

	<b>2025 £</b>	<i>2024 £</i>
Wages and salaries	<b>115,738</b>	98,142
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	<b>7,058</b>	5,298
	<u><b>122,796</b></u>	<u>103,440</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	<b>2025 No.</b>	<i>2024 No.</i>
Staff	<u><b>7</b></u>	<u>7</u>

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**10. Staff costs (continued)**

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The charity's key management personnel are the trustees (who give their time voluntarily) and the Foodbank Manager. Total remuneration for key management personnel amounted to £32,605 (2024 £23,296).

**11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

During the year ended 30 September 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - £NIL).

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**12. Tangible fixed assets**

	Motor vehicles £	Office equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>			
At 1 October 2024	41,930	9,177	51,107
Additions	-	11,415	11,415
At 30 September 2025	<u>41,930</u>	<u>20,592</u>	<u>62,522</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 October 2024	26,962	3,677	30,639
Charge for the year	3,742	3,694	7,436
At 30 September 2025	<u>30,704</u>	<u>7,371</u>	<u>38,075</u>
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 30 September 2025	<u><u>11,226</u></u>	<u><u>13,221</u></u>	<u><u>24,447</u></u>

**13. Stocks**

	2025 £	2024 £
Goods available for distribution	<u><u>98,967</u></u>	<u><u>84,471</u></u>

**14. Debtors**

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Prepayments and accrued income	74,544	50,545
Gift aid recoverable	16,325	15,430
	<u><u>90,869</u></u>	<u><u>65,975</u></u>



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**15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other taxation and social security	<b>1,557</b>	<b>1,624</b>
Accruals and deferred income	<b>22,518</b>	<b>28,775</b>
	<u><b>24,075</b></u>	<u><b>30,399</b></u>

**16. Statement of funds**

**Statement of funds - current year**

	<b>Balance at 1 October 2024 £</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Transfers in/out £</b>	<b>Balance at 30 September 2025 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Fund	<b>490,572</b>	<b>598,839</b>	<b>(665,972)</b>	<b>(23,048)</b>	<b>400,391</b>
Fixed asset reserve	<b>20,468</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(7,436)</b>	<b>11,415</b>	<b>24,447</b>
	<u><b>511,040</b></u>	<u><b>598,839</b></u>	<u><b>(673,408)</b></u>	<u><b>(11,633)</b></u>	<u><b>424,838</b></u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Trussell Trust	<b>3,802</b>	<b>24,366</b>	<b>(39,801)</b>	<b>11,633</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<u><b>514,842</b></u>	<u><b>623,205</b></u>	<u><b>(713,209)</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>424,838</b></u>

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**16. Statement of funds (continued)**

**Statement of funds - prior year**

	<i>Balance at 1 October 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 30 September 2024 £</i>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General Fund	609,405	605,148	(717,823)	(6,158)	490,572
Fixed asset reserve	21,430	-	(7,040)	6,078	20,468
	<u>630,835</u>	<u>605,148</u>	<u>(724,863)</u>	<u>(80)</u>	<u>511,040</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
Trussell Trust	(4,308)	67,367	(59,257)	-	3,802
Bedford Borough Council - Ward funds	-	6,300	(6,380)	80	-
	<u>(4,308)</u>	<u>73,667</u>	<u>(65,637)</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>3,802</u>
<b>Total of funds</b>	<u>626,527</u>	<u>678,815</u>	<u>(790,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>514,842</u>

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**16. Statement of funds (continued)****General Funds:**

The majority of the charity's income and expenditure is for the purpose of running the Bedford Foodbank and is, therefore, freely available to be used for any charitable purpose.

**Fixed Asset Reserve:**

The charity maintains a fixed asset reserve, equivalent to the value of fixed assets held for use by the charity. Depreciation is charged to the fixed asset reserve and additions are recognised by way of a transfer between funds.

**Restricted Funds:**

Trussell Trust: The charity continued to receive funding from the Trussell Trust amounting to £28,021 (2024 £77,472), of which £3,655 (2024 £10,105) was to be treated as an unrestricted contribution towards operational overheads and £24,366 (2024 £67,367) was to be treated as restricted funds, to enable the charity to receive support from the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB). A CAB advisor attended each of the distribution centres during the year, offering advice on budgeting and debt management. Costs of the CAB advisor amounted to £39,801 (2024 £59,257) with the excess costs being met from the charity's own resources and reported by way of a transfer between funds.

Bedford Borough Council - Ward funds: In 2024, four wards within Bedford Borough Council contributed a total of £6,300 for the charity to purchase food. Purchases of food from these grants amounted to £6,380, hence £80 of the charity's own funds was used to cover the shortfall and reported by way of a transfer between funds.

**17. Summary of funds****Summary of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 October 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 30 September 2025 £
General funds	511,040	598,839	(673,408)	(11,633)	424,838
Restricted funds	3,802	24,366	(39,801)	11,633	-
	<u>514,842</u>	<u>623,205</u>	<u>(713,209)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>424,838</u>

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**17. Summary of funds (continued)**

**Summary of funds - prior year**

	<i>Balance at 1 October 2023 £</i>	<i>Income £</i>	<i>Expenditure £</i>	<i>Transfers in/out £</i>	<i>Balance at 30 September 2024 £</i>
General funds	630,835	605,148	(724,863)	(80)	511,040
Restricted funds	(4,308)	73,667	(65,637)	80	3,802
	<u>626,527</u>	<u>678,815</u>	<u>(790,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>514,842</u>

**18. Analysis of net assets between funds**

**Analysis of net assets between funds - current year**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2025 £</b>
Tangible fixed assets	24,447	<b>24,447</b>
Current assets	424,466	<b>424,466</b>
Creditors due within one year	(24,075)	<b>(24,075)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<u>424,838</u>	<u><b>424,838</b></u>

**Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year**

	<i>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Restricted funds 2024 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2024 £</i>
Tangible fixed assets	20,468	-	20,468
Current assets	520,971	3,802	524,773
Creditors due within one year	(30,399)	-	(30,399)
<b>Total</b>	<u>511,040</u>	<u>3,802</u>	<u>514,842</u>

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**19. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	<b>(90,004)</b>	<b>(111,685)</b>
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	<b>7,436</b>	<b>7,040</b>
Dividends, interests and rents from investments	<b>(5,907)</b>	<b>(6,290)</b>
Increase in stocks	<b>(14,496)</b>	<b>(36,734)</b>
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	<b>(24,894)</b>	<b>42,023</b>
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<b>(6,324)</b>	<b>23,043</b>
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(134,189)</b>	<b>(82,603)</b>

**20. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash in hand	<b>234,630</b>	<b>374,327</b>
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>234,630</b>	<b>374,327</b>

**21. Analysis of changes in net debt**

	<b>At 1 October 2024</b>	<b>Cash flows</b>	<b>At 30 September 2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	<b>374,327</b>	<b>(139,697)</b>	<b>234,630</b>
	<b>374,327</b>	<b>(139,697)</b>	<b>234,630</b>

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**22. Operating lease commitments**

At 30 September 2025 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Not later than 1 year	<b>93,600</b>	<b>93,600</b>
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	<b>374,400</b>	<b>374,400</b>
Later than 5 years	<b>265,200</b>	<b>358,800</b>
	<b>733,200</b>	<b>826,800</b>