

CHILTERN FOODBANK CIO

TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Charity Registration Number: 1181094

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees present their annual report and charity accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Charity Information

Chiltern Foodbank was registered with the Charity Commission on 10 December 2018 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered number 1181094.

Trustees

Jonathan Stewart Salkeld, appointed as Trustee on 21 May 2024 and appointed Chair on 27 November 2024

Michael John Ridout resigned as Trustee on 10 December 2024

Emma Burgham

Colin Osbaldeston passed away on 9 May 2025.

John Shaw

Christopher Paul Kay

Varkey M Abraham, resigned as Trustee on 26 November 2025

Brian John Mullens, appointed on 24 September 2025

Jonathan Stewart Salkeld was appointed Chair on 27 November 2024. Prior to that, meetings had been chaired by Michael Ridout.

Michael Ridout's term of office ended on 10 December 2024 and he resigned as a trustee effective that date.

Subsequent to the year-end Colin Osbaldeston passed away on 9 May 2025. Brian John Mullens was appointed as a Trustee on 24 September 2025. Varkey M Abraham resigned as a Trustee on 26 November 2025.

During the year the Trustees met on 6 occasions to discuss and review operations and policy.

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Annual report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

Management and Governance Arrangements

The CEO and Coordinator of the Foodbank is Diane Rutter and the Warehouse Manager is Kizzy Ross.

Distribution centre team leaders during this year have been Helen Emmerson (Prestwood), John Shaw (Wendover) and James Simmons (Chalfont St Peter).

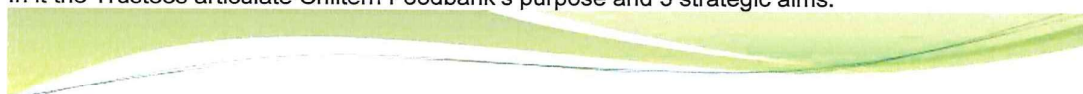
Change of personnel - Chair of Trustees and Treasurer

Jonathan Stewart Salkeld was appointed Chair on 27 November 2024. Prior to that, meetings had been chaired by Michael Ridout during the recruitment process for a new Chair.

The Treasurer throughout the year was Colin Osbaldeston. Subsequent to the year end, Colin Osbaldeston passed away on 9 May 2025, and we take this opportunity to pay tribute to Colin's faithful service over a number of years. John Shaw became Interim Treasurer in May 2025, and Brian Mullens took over as Treasurer from 1 December 2025.

Strategy

Activity during the year was guided by the 3-year strategic plan which aligns with Trussell's strategy. In it the Trustees articulate Chiltern Foodbank's purpose and 3 strategic aims.



Strategic Direction

Our strategy on a page



Purpose	Ensure that nobody in our communities has to wonder where their next meal is coming from		
Specific Aims	Enable everyone in our communities to access food when they need it	Reduce the need for clients to return to the foodbank	Help address the causes of extreme poverty
Actions	Increase awareness among those who may need our service	Support other services that help our clients	Build public awareness of food poverty and its causes
	Ensure that our services are accessible at time of need	Improve our understanding of our clients and their needs	Gather data & generate evidence to influence national and local policy
	Develop effective partnerships and networks		
	Attract, retain and motivate the volunteers on whom our service depends		
Values	Compassion – Justice – Community – Dignity		

A strategy review was initiated by the Chair in January 2025 and is underway.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity, and its financial activities for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF CHILTERN FOODBANK CIO FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

Chiltern Foodbank CIO (CFB) continues to be grateful to the general public and many organisations and businesses that have supported it with food and financial donations to enable it to meet the volume of need amongst our clients and to keep our operations running smoothly.

Chiltern Foodbank CIO & The Trussell Trust

CFB continues to be a member of the Foodbank Network run by the Salisbury based Trussell Trust. In 2024/25 this network comprised 1,711 food bank centres across the country. CFB has a licence agreement with Trussell. Trussell continues to be involved in lobbying national government about inadequacies, inefficiencies and unfairness in the benefits system as well undertaking significant media coverage which has a very beneficial effect on food and financial donations to individual Foodbanks, including CFB, as well as increasing the number of volunteers willing to work at Foodbanks. Trussell is a campaigning organisation against poverty in the UK, and CFB's data contributes to the evidence base about food poverty in the UK.

Premises

CFB continues to use 71 Broadway, Chesham as its principal warehouse and distribution centre supported by satellite distribution centres in Wendover, Prestwood and Chalfont St Peter. The lease on the Chesham property expired on 31 July 2019 and a verbal agreement was made between the then Foodbank Coordinator, Dave Worrall, and the landlord that the arrangements could continue until 31 July 2024 on the same terms and conditions. CFB is currently in negotiation with the landlord for a new lease. We have been given an indication that the landlord is supportive of CFB continuing to use the premises and we expect those negotiations to be concluded in the near future.

Numbers Fed

2024/25 saw a 27% decrease in the number of people fed from the previous year.

	Vouchers redeemed	% Increase (decrease)	Adults Fed	% Increase (decrease)	Children Fed	% Increase (decrease)	Total Fed	% Increase (decrease)
2021/22 April - March	2090	-24%	3043	-30%	1849	-30%	4892	-30%
2022/23 April - March	2288	10%	3335	10%	2205	19%	5540	13%
2023/24 April - March	1794	-22%	2573	-23%	1671	-24%	4244	-23%
2024/25 April - March	1369	-24%	1931	-25%	1167	-30%	3098	-27%

Food Donations and Distribution

There was a reduction in amount of food received this year. There was also a reduction in food distributed because of a lower number of referrals from our partners.

Donated stock and purchases in 2024/5 was 50,390kg (2023/24 was 60,793kg).

Stock out to clients & other distributions in 2024/25 was 50,465kg (2023/24 was 60,147kg)

The value attributed to food donated to CFB and food given to clients is determined at a fixed unit price per kg. This was £2.37 per kg at the beginning of the reporting period, and increased to £2.77 per kg in September 2024, as advised by Trussell.

CFB continues to be generously supported by the local community with the donations made by the customers of the Amersham Tesco Superstore being the main contributor. Tesco also provide a financial top up based on the weight of goods donated by their customers.

Permanent collection bins are also found in the supermarket branches of Sainsbury's, Waitrose and Tesco in Chesham, Sweeney's in Wendover, Sainsbury's in Prestwood and Co-op in Great Missenden and Prestwood. In addition, community shops at the Wigginton Village Store and at The Lee Village Shop are doing regular collections. Customers of all stores made important donations.

Fairtrade has consistently delivered good quality products to us, purchased with donations from their customers. This is an all-round win, for our clients and for Fairtrade's producers.

Special collections have been carried out by various communities and organisations including the Little Chalfont community and many schools and churches.

We continue to have a network of Food Champions in the Amersham area who collect food donations from their neighbours, churches and workplace, and bring them to the Foodbank. A benefit of this is that people who purchase online groceries and no longer visit a supermarket, are still able to donate to the Foodbank. Food Champions collected 183 kg throughout the year. The Trustees are grateful to all the Food Champions, and to Susan Bosher, their volunteer team leader who pioneered this scheme.

We also utilise an app called Bank the Food, which pings when people with the app enter one of our food collection points and lets them know what the Foodbank currently needs. Donations via this route are very low, but it is a means for people who wish to engage by app to do so.

At times we have more stock coming in than we can safely store at our premises. While we want to have sufficient stock to give out to everyone referred to us, we do not wish to stockpile large quantities as it has been given for people in food crisis and we want to keep it flowing out to those who need it. We have guidelines for when our stock levels reach the capacity of our warehouse, or when we have excess of particular items. Throughout the year we have donated excess stock to other charities serving local people in poverty:

- a. First priority: groups serving people in food crisis within our own geographical area, because the food was given for local people in food crisis – e.g. Family Food Hub at Little Chalfont <https://www.facebook.com/familyfoodhub.uk>
- b. Second priority: other groups who are serving people in need in our communities, who might be facing poverty issues and could potentially be our clients – e.g. Holiday lunch clubs, events for elderly residents, welcome spaces etc.
- c. Third priority: adjacent Foodbanks who do similar work to ourselves, supporting people who are local to us although not directly in our catchment area – e.g. One Can Trust <https://onecantrust.org.uk/>

As well as provision of products to clients, CFB provided food to a number of local initiatives which we promoted to our clients such as Welcome Spaces, and a cooking course on making nutritious food at a low cost. These activities were in partnership with Chesham United Reform Church, Chesham Library, Hope Church Chesham, and Oasis.

Other initiatives that we supported with food, toiletries and other items where appropriate were Meet and Eat (a child holiday lunch provision run by Chesham United Reform Church), Chesham Community Fridge, Chesham Christmas Day Lunch Party for the Elderly, Family Food Hub (St George's Little Chalfont), Christians Against Poverty, Chesham Library Warm Space (now called Welcoming Space); Holy Trinity Lunch Club (Prestwood); Hope Church Chesham Pop up Cafe & Warm Space, RSPCA, and Women's Refuge (Aylesbury).

Out of date stock (OOD) was disposed of by offering it to the Chesham Community Fridge, and a *help yourself* facility to volunteers, however, some items had to be binned. Most of the products found to be out of date were already past their *best before* dates when received by us.

Referral Partners

CFB has 99 referral partners (voucher issuers) registered with us, of whom 61 have actively issued vouchers in the year 2024/25. (Previously 109 in 2023/24 of whom 62 were active). The breakdown by referral partner type is:

Statutory Agency	57
Charity	16
Church	17
Voluntary Agency	3
Community Group	6
Total	99

Citizens Advice Buckinghamshire was the largest issuer of vouchers in 2024/25, (556) with substantial numbers also issued from Community Support for Bucks (Buckinghamshire Council's Helping Hands) (242) and Paradigm Housing (93). Other referral partners each issued less than 100, with most issuing less than 10.

Volunteers

The Foodbank continues to be supported by a well-trained and enthusiastic group of 83 volunteers. These support the work of CFB at its main warehouse in Chesham and its distribution centres in Chesham, Chalfont St Peter, Prestwood and Wendover, and through local food collections. The Trustees are truly grateful for the very hard work that all volunteers give in ensuring that the most vulnerable in our community are fed. CFB would like to acknowledge and thank Kizzy Ross, our warehouse manager and her team of warehouse volunteers, all the front of house volunteers, all van drivers, all delivery drivers, plus the many other volunteers who perform vital functions in the life of the Foodbank.

Fundraising

Our communities have been very generous and we saw a continued generosity in financial donations from individuals and organisations, many of whom undertook self-initiated fundraising activities.

CFB has not needed to undertake any additional fundraising activities.

IT and Digital Support

We make significant use of IT in the running of the Foodbank. Most notable is that all our data concerning our stock, our clients and food distributed is held on Trussell's cloud-based Data Collection System. The data and statistics are overseen by our volunteer Margaret Irvine. All our files and information are held on Trussell's cloud based Google Drive. These are secure systems that are GDPR compliant.

The CFB website is a generic one based on Trussell format. Our volunteer Robert Pender has been regularly updating our website with improvements and news items throughout the year. There is a "Donate" button on the CFB website and access to a giving portal run by Enthuse/Charity Checkout.

We have a Just Giving account, used mainly by Corporate partners and overseen by Kate Turnock, our Lead volunteer for Corporate Liaison.

During the year, CFB continued to receive online donations via Enthuse/Charity Checkout. We have an Instagram account, developed and managed by our volunteer Lucy Chapman, which enables us to share information, campaigns, thanks and insights via social media.

IT support was provided by Cloud Smart Solutions, a local IT support provider at a charity preferential rate.

The Trustees are grateful to Margaret, Robert, Kate and Lucy for their data, IT and digital support.

Financial

CFB continues to be blessed with healthy financial reserves as income from gifts and grants exceeded expenditure in 2024/25 by £43,675.

Buckinghamshire Council continued to support CFB through its grants to support the work of providing emergency food to local people. In particular they enable Foodbank volunteers to have access to parking permits enabling them to park for free when volunteering at the Foodbank.

During the year the following payments were made to Trustees in reimbursement of expenses personally incurred in running CFB:

- Colin Osbaldeston £44.95
- John Shaw £315.65

No other Trustees were reimbursed any expenses.

As well as emergency food distribution, Chiltern Foodbank awards discretionary grants to help to alleviate poverty. During the year 2024/25 the following grants were made:

- £740 in Hardship grants to assist individual clients in need.
- £30,627 to Citizens Advice Buckinghamshire, our main referral partner, to run a dedicated freephone food crisis line that allows clients to access food vouchers. This is coupled with the provision of expert advice for all callers designed to address the underlying issues contributing to their financial insecurity which in turn drives their need for food vouchers.
- £6,000 to Restore Hope Latimer, to enable them to provide fresh fruit, vegetables and eggs to some of our clients.
- £7,500 to Christians Against Poverty for supporting many of our clients in their journey to becoming debt free.
- £1,000 to Chesham United Reform Church to run summer sessions of Meet & Eat providing food and activities in a safe and fun environment for families trying to manage on a tight budget during the holidays.
- £850 to Holy Trinity Prestwood to fund their Make Lunch Club sessions from May-December to enable families who have children that are eligible for free school meals to access a hot and nutritious two-course meal once a week in each school holiday.

The purchase of all equipment was written off by 100% during the year.

The part time CEO and Coordinator, Diane Rutter, was the only paid member of staff. Subsequent to year-end 2 more part time paid employees have been recruited.

TaxAssist in Chesham continue to provide payroll services on a pro bono basis, which they have done since 2021, for which the Trustees are most grateful.

Reserves

The Trustees considered the Charity's reserves target, in accordance with its reserves policy, when developing and approving financial plans and budgets for 2024/25. The purpose of the reserves policy is to ensure the stability of the delivery of the mission and ongoing operations of the Chiltern Foodbank.

Unrestricted general fund reserves are intended to provide an internal source of funds for situations such as a sudden increase in expenses, one-time unbudgeted expenses, unanticipated reduction in funding, or uninsured losses.

The target range for unrestricted general fund reserves is based on a risk-based approach. When assessed this equated to a minimum fund balance at the end of 2024/25 of between £110,000 and £145,000, which represents approximately 9 to 12 months of planned unrestricted expenditure. The Trustees have considered the level of General Funds, including designated funds for hardship and dilapidations, held at the end of the financial year. The level of these funds is £589,601, which is £444,601 in excess of the top of reserves target range. This has arisen due to the generosity of donors and grant makers and without any specific effort being put into fundraising in the previous years.

The Trustees have continued to allocate a Designated Fund of £350,000 to support the delivery of the Strategy. In addition, there are Designated Reserves for Dilapidations and for the Hardship Fund. During the year the Trustees set aside out of General Reserve Funds an amount of £2,000 to the Dilapidations Reserve. The resulting balances at the year-end were £12,000 and £2,529 respectively.

It is anticipated that the balance of excess reserves of £80,072 will reduce significantly in future years due to higher rent and payroll expenses along with additional expenditure in areas that contribute to CFB's purpose of helping to address the causes of poverty.

Foodbank Van

The van purchased by the Buckinghamshire Building Society in 2013 continues to be well used for the collection of goods from Tesco, Sainsbury's and Waitrose as well as the delivery of boxes to the distribution centres at Prestwood and Chalfont St Peter. However, annual mileage is low and a replacement will hopefully not be required for a number of years.

The Trustees are grateful to Oakleigh Garage in Chesham for the free provision of servicing and MOT inspection of the van during the year.

Tesco sim cards

Throughout the year CFB has been able to access Tesco sim cards through a partnership with Trussell and Tesco, which provide 6 months of free data, calls and texts. These can be given to clients in need when requested by our referral partners. Five were given out during the year. (Previously the partnership was with Vodafone).

Tesco Gift cards

Following on the positive reception of Tesco gift cards that we gave to clients in 2023-24, the Trustees agreed to purchase £15,000 worth of gift cards in the 2024-25 budget for distribution to clients during the winter months when household costs are usually at their highest. Once again, the gift cards were well received and eased pressure on household budgets of our clients, helping to reduce the need for them to return to the Foodbank.

Risk Management

The principal risks and uncertainties considered by the Trustees included:

- **Health & Safety** – Risk assessments and Health and Safety policy reviewed and updated in July 2024 (and again in July 2025), with mitigations put in place as appropriate to ensure that staff, volunteers and clients were protected.
- **Safeguarding** – The Safeguarding Policy and associated procedures were reviewed and updated and approved by the Trustees in July 2024 (and again in July 2025).
- **Financial** – As the report and accounts show, the Chiltern Foodbank had a healthy financial position at the end of the year. The Trustees reviewed and agreed the Charity's reserves policy on 23 May 2024 (and again in May 2025), which, along with ongoing financial reporting and planning, will help ensure that financial risks are managed effectively. In addition, the Trustees have developed a full financial controls policy agreed in March 2025. Subsequent to the year end the grant giving policy was reviewed and agreed in May 2025
- **Data Protection** – The Data Protection policy was last reviewed and approved by Trustees in September 2023. It is due to be reviewed again in January 2026. Guidance is also in place to help Trustees, staff and volunteers comply with this policy and relevant data protection legislation. No data breaches were reported to the ICO during the year, or since then to the date of this report.

Returners Project

Our Returners Project in partnership with Trussell and Citizens Advice Buckinghamshire has continued throughout the year. Funded through a Financial Inclusion grant from Trussell this project helps us to address our second strategic aim to *reduce the need for people to keep returning to the Foodbank*. We pay Citizens Advice Buckinghamshire for caseworker time to provide direct support to Foodbank clients who have had more than 3 parcels in a 6-month period. This enables a review of their finances and help to access any additional income they are entitled to or support with debts etc., to ensure that they receive the maximum income possible. Volunteer Nicola Raheer is the project lead for the Foodbank and the Trustees are grateful for her help in overseeing and delivering this project. In January 2025 we carried out an internal review of the success of the project. Options were proposed to the trustees for ways forward beyond the current funding. We subsequently met with the CEO of Citizens Advice to set out what changes we would require to enable us to fund the project beyond November 2025.

Future Plans - Strategy review and HR changes.

In January 2025 we launched a review of our strategy which had run from 2021-2025. In each trustee meeting we have progressed this, completing SWOT analyses, Boston matrices, and exploring options to mitigate our weaknesses and build on our strengths and opportunities. As a result of discussions over the past two years, it was agreed to recruit a part time deputy Coordinator to free up the CEO time to focus on strategy development. Subsequent to the year-end, two of our existing volunteers have been appointed into a paid job-share role that commenced on 1st June 2025. We are delighted to have Julie Gamston and Kate Turnock in the paid staff team.

Approved by the Trustees on 23 January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



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Jon Salkeld
Chair of Trustees

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

		Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Year to 31 March 2025	Year to 31 March 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES FROM GENERATED FUNDS						
	Note					
Income from donations and legacies	3a	£286,897	£0	£0	£286,897	£302,437
Income from charitable activities	3b	£11,960	£0	£34,442	£46,402	£50,963
Investment income	3c	£18,776	£0	£0	£18,776	£12,159
Other income	3d	£2,078	£0	£0	£2,078	£0
Total Income		£319,711	£0	£34,442	£354,153	£365,559
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Expenditure on Raising Funds		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	4	£275,196	£740	£33,780	£309,716	£318,619
Other Expenditure – Governance Costs	5	£762	£0	£0	£762	£726
Total Expenditure		£275,958	£740	£33,780	£310,478	£319,345
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES BEFORE TRANSFERS						
		£43,753	(£740)	£662	£43,675	£46,214
Transfers between funds		(£2,000)	£2,000	-	£0	£0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		£41,753	£1,260	£662	£43,675	£46,214
Surplus funds brought forward		£183,319	£363,269	£16,559	£563,147	£516,933
SURPLUS FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		£225,072	£364,529	£17,221	£606,822	£563,147

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BALANCE SHEET		31 March 2025		31 March 2024	
		£	£	£	£
	Note				
FIXED ASSETS					
Furniture, fixtures & equipment	7	£0		£0	
		£0		£0	
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock		£22,033		£19,029	
Debtors	8	£20,661		£17,705	
Cash in bank and in hand - General Funds		£547,670		£527,139	
Cash in bank and in hand - Fuel Bank Account		£17,221		£0	
		£607,584		£563,873	
Creditors falling due within one year	9		£762		£726
NET ASSETS		£606,822		£ 563,147	
FUNDS:					
Unrestricted Income Funds	10		£589,601		£546,588
Restricted Income Funds	10		£17,221		£16,559
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		£606,822		£563,147	

The notes at pages 13 to 18 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Trustees on 23 January 2026 and signed on their behalf



 Jon Salkeld
 Chair of Trustees

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity has taken advantage of the provision in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these financial statements.

(b) Funds structure

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed.

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the Trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 10.

(c) Income recognition

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is certain the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with reliability.

The value of donated goods, calculated at the rate set by the Trussell Trust, is shown in incoming resources.

Tax refunds are recognised when the income to which they relate is received.

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 bank.

(d) Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings.

Grants payable are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objects of the charity. In the case of an unconditional grant offer this is accrued once the recipient has been notified of the grant award. The notification gives the recipient a reasonable expectation that they will receive the grant. Grants awards that are subject to the recipient fulfilling performance conditions are only

accrued when the recipient has been notified of the grant and any remaining unfulfilled condition attaching to that grant is outside of the control of the charity.

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty as to the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

(e) Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

(f) Support and governance costs

Support and governance costs for the charity include all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to fees payable for the independent examination of the accounts together with other administrative expenses.

Unless directly attributable to a specific fund, all these costs are met out of unrestricted funds.

Further details of these costs can be seen in notes 5 and 6.

(g) Expenditure on charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities includes donations of food and grants made, as shown in note 4.

(h) Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	5 years straight line
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(i) Stock

Stock, received by way of donation is valued at the year end at the value set by the Trussell Trust.

(j) Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due or income amount accrued net of any discounts due.

(k) Creditors

Creditors are recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

(l) Contingent liabilities

The charity does not have any contingent liabilities.

2 Trustees' Expenses and Remuneration

The Trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind (2024: £nil). The Charity has employed a co-ordinator who has been remunerated in the period amounting to £28,564 (2024: £26,201). Current trustees were reimbursed a total of £361 (2024: £1,229) in the year.

3a Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year to 31 March 2025	Year to 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Food donations	£132,750		£132,750	£144,079
Cash donations	£154,147		£154,147	£158,358
Donations including tax recoverable	£286,897		£286,897	£302,437

3b Income from Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year to 31 March 2025	Year to 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Grants – Buckinghamshire Council	£11,960	£0	£11,960	£12,877
Grants – Trussell Trust	£0	£0	£0	£4,968
Grants – Financial Inclusion	£0	£34,442	£34,442	£33,118
Fund raising events	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total	£11,960	£34,442	£46,402	£50,963

3c Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year to 31 March 2025	Year to 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Interest on Cash Deposits	£18,776	£0	£18,776	£12,159

3d Other Income

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year to 31 March 2025	Year to 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£
Gain on revaluation of stock	£2,078	£0	£2,078	£0

4 Analysis of Charitable Expenditure

	Year to 31 March 2025	Year to 31 March 2024
	£	£
Food/clients etc		
Value of food given to clients	£131,824	£142,548
Purchase of Food	£0	£309
Gift cards given to clients	£14,966	£19,687
	£146,790	£162,544
Running Expenses		
Salary and pension	£28,564	£26,201
Rent	£12,000	£12,000
Uniforms and other volunteer costs	£7,602	£6,045
Storage and packing materials	£3,965	£4,482
Repairs and maintenance	£16,966	£4,233
Van expenses and travel	£3,815	£3,060
Communications and publicity	£617	£0
Post & stationery	£1,079	£1,762
Telephone	£502	£422
Computer running costs	£406	£0
Insurance	£1,442	£1,194
Light, heat and water	£2,208	£2,284
Bank Charges	£164	£245
Equipment	£703	£1,373
Depreciation	£0	£1,135
Sundry	£2,319	£1,389
	£82,352	£65,825
Grants		
Citizens Advice Buckinghamshire	£30,627	£29,666
Big Community Takeaway	£0	£12,500
Christians Against Poverty	£7,500	£6,000
Restore Hope Latimer	£6,000	£6,000
UCR Meat and Eat	£1,000	£1,000
Prestwood Make Lunch	£850	£785
Oasis Cookery Course	£78	
Southend Foodbank Van Appeal	£0	£200
St George's Little Chalfont	£0	£0
Financial Inclusion Returners Project	£33,780	£32,481
Hardship Fund	£740	£1,618
	£80,575	£90,250
Total	£309,716	£318,619

£33,780 (2024: £32,481) of the Financial Inclusion Returners Project and £nil (2024: £0) of fuel vouchers given to clients were met out of restricted funds. £740 (2024: £1,618) for the Hardship Fund was met out of designated funds. The rest of the costs were met out of unrestricted funds.

5 Other Expenditure – Governance Costs

Governance costs for the Trust include all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to independent examination fees as follows:

	Year to 31 March 2025	Year to 31 March 2024
	£	£
Independent Examiner's Remuneration (Note 6)	£762	£726
	£762	£726

All of the above costs were met out of unrestricted funds.

6 Independent Examiner's Remuneration

The independent examiner's remuneration comprises an independent examination fee of £762 (2024: £726)

7 Fixed Assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
As at 1 April 2024	£5,678	£5,678
Additions	£0	£0
As at 31 March 2025	£5,678	£5,678
Depreciation		
As at 1 April 2024	£5,678	£5,678
Charge for the year	£0	£0
As at 31 March 2025	£5,678	£5,678
Net Book Value at 31 March 2025	£0	£0
Net Book Value at 31 March 2024	£0	£0

All assets relate to unrestricted funds

8 Analysis of Debtors

	At 31 March 2025	At 31 March 2024
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	£20,661	£17,705
Other debtors	£0	£0
	£20,661	£17,705

All debtors relate to unrestricted funds

9 Analysis of Creditors falling due within one year

	At 31 March 2025	At 31 March 2024
	£	£
Accruals	£762	£726
	£762	£726

All creditors falling due within one year relate to unrestricted funds

10 Analysis of Charitable Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers between funds	Balance at 31 March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	£183,319	£ 319,711	(£275,958)	(£2,000)	£225,072
Designated Funds – Hardship	£3,269	£0	(£740)	£0	£2,529
Designated Funds – Dilapidations	£10,000	£0	(£0)	£2,000	£12,000
Designated Funds – New Strategy	£350,000	£0	(£0)	£0	£350,000
Restricted Funds – Fuelbank	£0	£0	(£0)	(£0)	£0
Restricted Funds – Financial Inclusion	£16,559	£34,442	(£33,780)	£0	£17,221
	£ 563,147	£ 354,153	(£310,478)	£0	£606,822

11 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2025 are represented by:				
Total Assets	£225,834	£364,529	£17,221	£607,584
Creditors due within 1 year	(£762)	£0	£0	(£762)
	£225,072	£364,529	£17,221	£606,822
Fund balances at 31 March 2024 were represented by:				
Total Assets	£184,045	£363,269	£16,559	£563,873
Creditors due within 1 year	(£726)	£0	£0	(£726)
	£183,319	£363,269	£16,559	£563,147

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHILTERN FOODBANK CIO

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 11 to 18.

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 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

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. 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 charity as required by section 130 of the 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.

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.

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