



Blacon Beacon

Food • Advice • Support

PANTRY FOR BLACON CIO (Known as Blacon Beacon)

Registered charity number 1183763



Annual Report

for the year ending 31st December 2021.

Pantry for Blacon is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registration number 1183763

Governance and management

There were 6 trustees of the charity in 2021:

- Rev Christina Upton (Chair)
- Ms Sheila Little
- Mr Edwin Green
- Mrs Jenine de Leie
- Mr John Reid was appointed trustee and Treasurer in February 2021
- Ms Kerry Cook was appointed trustee in November 2021

Through 2021 we employed a Store Manager 16 hours per week, and for 6 months a Kickstart employee who worked as Store Assistant for 25 hours per week. Additionally, from February 2021 we employed an assistant to provide computer support to local residents for 12 hours per week, alongside the activities of the charity. This proved most valuable, helping people with such things as CV writing, driving theory test practice and basic computer skills. We managed to receive funding to recruit an Administrative Assistant for 16 hours per week, and she began with us in December 2021. Our work would not be possible without the great support of our volunteers, who are involved with many different roles, including maintaining stock in the store, serving members when they attend, packing fruit and veg into bags ready for collection, and preparing sandwiches and other food for families attending for holiday meals.

Objectives

The charity exists to relieve food poverty in Blacon, Chester, and also to promote health, through the provision of good quality food at an affordable price, and encouraging healthy diet through education on food preparation.

Activities

Through 2021 we continued to serve members with weekly bags of ambient and fresh food. In return, they make a weekly contribution towards the costs (£3 per individual and £5 per family). We began to give members a choice (within in different food categories) of what they could have, to cater for different tastes.

We also continued to provide Foodbank parcels for those eligible, and some of those recipients we encouraged to become our members. We had to cap our membership at 50, due to lack of storage space, and so we began to build up a waiting list.



2021 began with Covid restrictions continuing, and so we continued delivering meals and activities to local families in the spring term. This grew as well to two meals and activities provided during the Easter holidays. At May half term we provided a recipe bag, with all the ingredients to make a nutritious meal for the family, alongside activity bags. We did the same at October Half Term. It was a delight in the summer holidays, to be able to cater for families on site, so they could also take part in activities being provided in Holy Trinity Hall, Church and grounds. At Christmas, we returned to delivering Christmas dinners with activities to families.

We became involved with a couple of other projects through the year as well. The Slow Cooker project was delivered jointly with Cheshire Food Hub, providing residents with slow cookers, and then regularly giving them recipe bags to use in the slow cooker. The Steps Challenge was funded by Sports England to purchase pedometers which were given out to residents with the challenge of who could do the most steps in one day, with prizes for the winners.

The Blacon Art Trail was a project in which 20 different groups or artists produced a painting which was displayed outdoors around the community. A map of these was produced (alongside details of local history places of interest) and the map was both printed and published on social media, so people of all ages could (and did) follow the trail around the community. This work was followed up with workshops in the lead-up to Christmas, to make Christmas decorations.

Our expanding and continuing work meant that we quickly outgrew our original premises, so plans we made to expand the room. Thanks to a grant from National Lottery Community Fund, and support from Holy Trinity Church the work started early autumn 2021, and was completed before Christmas. The ongoing relationship with Holy Trinity Church, who own the hall where we operate from, was formalised with a Memorandum of Understanding signed by both parties in December 2021, and to be reviewed annually.



GRANTS RECEIVED

We are very grateful for grants received from the following generous funders in the year to December 2021:

Cheshire West and Chester council

Cheshire Community Foundation

Westminster Foundation

Avenue Services (Holiday Activity Fund)

Edsential (Holiday Activity Fund)

Welcome Network

Anne Duchess of Westminster Fund

Sport England

Police and Crime Commissioner

National Education Union

West Cheshire Foodbank

TNL Awards for All

Marjorie Boddy Trust

Michie Trust

Spacehive

Cheshire West Voluntary Action (Christmas hardship fund)

Pantry for Blacon R.C.

Accountants Report for year ended 31st. December 2021.

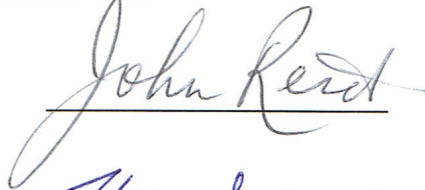
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In accordance with instructions given to us we have prepared the accounts on the following pages from the accounting records of Pantry for Blacon R.C. and from information and explanations supplied.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the business as at the 31st. December 2021 and of its profits for the year thus ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with accounting practice.

Taking into consideration the restricted grants received and the expenditure of those and of grants carried over from the previous year, at 31st December 2021 we had £34,318.37 restricted funds remaining and £22,028.14 of unrestricted reserves. This represents about 25% of our usual activity (since last year we had large expenditure on building works) and so is in line with our reserves policy which is to have 3-6 months worth of funds in unrestricted reserves.

Accounts prepared by:



John Reid. CH1 5AL.

Accounts Approved and Audited



Harry Dobson CH1 6AN.

Date:

1st. August 2022

Pantry for Blacon R.C.

Trading & Profit & Loss Account to:

Charity Number: 1183763

31st. December 2021

| | | 2021 | | |
|------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|-------------------|
| | | £'s | £'s | £'s |
| INCOME: | | | | |
| Grants | Restricted | 73437.70 | | |
| | Unrestricted | 3021.50 | 76459.20 | |
| Donations | | | 12274.83 | |
| Members Contributions | | | 10624.81 | |
| Prior Year Adj. | | | 2305.30 | |
| Holy Trinity Reimbursement | | | 0.00 | |
| HMRC | | | 0.00 | |
| Miscellaneous Income | | | 0.00 | |
| HTC Reimbursement | | | 975.65 | 102639.79 |
| Cost of Sales: | | | | |
| Purchases | | | 25622.21 | |
| Direct Wages | | | 27377.44 | |
| | | | | 52999.65 |
| GROSS PROFIT: | | | | £49,640.14 |
| Interest & Other Income | | | | 4.97 |
| less: EXPENSES: | | | | |
| Building Refurbishment | | | 18696.12 | |
| Educational Services | | | 2782.84 | |
| Emergency Support | | | 1009.00 | |
| Expensed Equipment | | | 1177.91 | |
| Insurance Expense | | | 260.40 | |
| Office Expense | | | 149.17 | |
| Printing & Stationery | | | 191.48 | |
| Rent of Premises | | | 504.75 | |
| Building Repairs & Maintenance | | | 126.91 | |
| Special Events | | | 3821.79 | |
| Training | | | 32.92 | |
| Miscellaneous Exp | | | 648.03 | |
| | | | | 29,401.32 |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure | | | | £20,243.79 |

Signed:



Harry Dobson.

Auditor.

Date:

1st. August 2022

Pantry for Blacon R.C.

Charity Number: 1183763

Balance Sheet @ 31st. December 2021

| Current Assets: | 2021 | 2020 |
|----------------------|------------|------------|
| Current Account | 6101.85 | 11260.79 |
| Savings Account | 50504.97 | 0 |
| Cash | 0 | 0 |
| Wages Control | 0 | 0 |
| Total Current Assets | £56,606.82 | £11,260.79 |

Current Liabilities

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Accounts Payable | 260.31 | 0 |
| Suspense | 0 | 0 |
| PAYE & NI | 0 | 0 |
| Pensions | 0 | 0 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 260.31 | 0 |
| Nett Current Assets | £56,346.51 | £11,260.79 |

Financed By:

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| Capial Account | £56,346.51 | £11,260.79 |
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Signed:



Harry Dobson.

Auditor.

Date:

1st. August 2022