



South Gwynedd Foodbank

ANNUAL REPORT

Chairperson's Report 2022

The end of the first year of COVID left the foodbank in a relatively strong position. Having relocated the main Foodbank Centre and store to the new part of the building, we now have everything in one level area with easier access for clients and easier working conditions for our volunteers. It was anticipated that foodbanks would see a marked increase in demand, whilst this has occurred with many foodbanks, here at South Gwynedd we have actually seen a small reduction in the number of people receiving three days' worth of food, from 1062 in 2020/21 to 895 in 2021/22. The biggest difference seen was in the amount of food donated to the foodbank, down from 24200kg to 14916 kg – a reduction of around 10 tonnes.

Many of our Agencies had still not returned to normal working practices and were not seeing their clients face to face. We are pleased that the e-referral system has been taken up by many of the Agencies, enabling vouchers to be issued remotely and we would encourage all Agencies to move to this system. We continue to locate Emergency Food Boxes around South Gwynedd which help clients to pick up their food without having to travel long distances. We are grateful to the staff at all of these locations.

Our team of volunteers continued to work throughout the pandemic, receiving food donations, sorting, checking, storing and packing food parcels. Whilst some volunteers have left us, we welcome new volunteers who have joined during the year.

As we work together towards seeing the UK without the need for foodbanks, we have received a number of opportunities to apply for grants that help us fulfil these aims. A number of these grants encourage the development of food schemes that promote activities that help reduce the need for foodbanks. We have been successful in obtaining grants to purchase kitchen equipment with the aim of establishing a 'Community Kitchen' that can provide free lunches for those in need. The kitchen will also provide for breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea clubs, bringing together people of all ages, helping to reduce loneliness and isolation. Utilising items from our Community Foodshare Scheme, volunteers will be able to produce nourishing meals whilst also reducing the amount of food waste.

We continue to see clients with the whole range of needs putting them in crisis, unable to afford to buy enough food for themselves and their family. We are anxious to make sure that our clients are receiving all of the income that they are entitled to. The joint project between South Gwynedd Foodbank, Arfon Foodbank Gwynedd CAB has enabled us to refer people for help with debts, housing, benefits or other general advice. It is planned to continue this aspect of Financial Inclusion as a means to reduce the need for foodbanks.

No Annual Report would be complete without recognising the valued support that we receive from so many individuals. Those who regularly place their donations in our collection points around South Gwynedd, those who are giving finance through regular monthly donations to our Bank, those who have given us generous one-off donations and, of course, the volunteers who serve so willingly week on week. Thank you to you all.

Trustees, Staff & Volunteers

Our Trustees:

Mrs Claire Owen - Chair

Rev Dawn Robinson

Mrs Helen Hooper

Mrs Denise Bott

Our Staff:

Mr Dave Hooper – Manager.

Our Volunteers:

We have a regular weekly rota of volunteers working in the foodbank Centre in Barmouth, receiving the donations, checking use by dates, sorting, placing into store, packing three-day food parcels for clients who come to the Centre and packing the Emergency Food Boxes ready for distribution. Volunteers collect donations from the various collection points in supermarkets, other shops and churches and deliver them to the Centre, they deliver Emergency Food Boxes to the various locations and man supermarket collections – in all, over 60 people are involved. We are most grateful to those who allow us to place the Emergency Food Boxes at their premises and take the time to serve our clients often interrupting their business activities.

Agencies

We now have over 70 Agencies registered with us who can hold and issue vouchers to clients although but not all are currently active. It is the Agencies who are in regular contact with their clients, know individual's circumstances and determine when help is needed.

The more active Agencies include:

Adra	Age Cymru	Barnardo's	Cais
CAB	Cyfle Support Services	GISDA	Gorwel Domestic Abuse Service
Grwp Cynefin	Health Visitors	Hafal	Community Mental Health Teams
Hafan Cymru	Shelter Cymru	PCSO's	Social Services – numerous departments
Housing Officers	Job Centres	Church Ministers	Job Centres
The Probation Service	North Wales Housing Association		

Facts and Figures (to end March 2022):

	<u>All time</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
People fed	7080 (5302 Adults + 1778 Children)	1062	895
Food donated	111168 Kg	24200 Kg	14916
Food distributed	102542Kg	18185 Kg	16560
Food stock in hand	8626 kg		

SOUTH GWYNEDD FOODBANK**Summary of Accounts for Year Ended 5th April 2022****Balance at Beginning of Year**

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>
Bank	69,804.65	61,560.58	8,244.07
Petty Cash	544.85	544.85	-00
	<u>70,349.50</u>	<u>62,105.43</u>	<u>8,244.07</u>

Income

Individual Donations	21,877.11	21,877.11	-00
Company/Organisation Donations	10,364.26	10,364.26	-00
Grants	29,148.49	5,298.54	23,849.95
Total Income	61,389.86	37,539.91	23,849.95

Expenditure

Food Purchase + Ancillaries	955.75	251.63	704.12
Client Electricity or Gas	385.00	25.00	360.00
Client Transport	-	-00	-00
Stationary/Printing	803.90	803.90	-00
Telephone & Computer	242.90	242.90	-00
Postage	-	-00	-00
Catering & Cleaning	495.42	365.42	130.00
Travel & Van Costs	2,885.75	2,671.00	214.75
Accommodation Costs, Electricity & Water	2,096.90	1,955.77	141.13
Building Repair & Renovation	3,440.00	1,063.23	2,376.77
EWSL	-	-00	-00
Wages	11,697.52	8,257.03	3,440.49
Insurance	538.25	538.25	-00
Covid-19 Expenditure	34.24	34.24	-00
Equipment	23,585.79	440.36	23,145.43
Data Protection	35.00	35.00	-00
Independent Examiner	40.00	40.00	-00
TV Licence	159.00	159.00	-00
Other	418.00	418.00	-00
Total Expenditure	47,813.42	17,300.73	30,512.69

Balance at End of Year

Bank	83,071.04	81,489.71	1,581.33
Petty Cash	827.10	827.10	-00
Total	<u>83,925.94</u>	<u>82,344.61</u>	<u>1,581.33</u>

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26th July 2022

Dear Claire Owen

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the South Gwynedd Foodbank.

report on the accounts of the Foodbank for the financial year ended 5th April 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

The Foodbank's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Foodbank's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- . examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- . to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act) and
- . to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, apart from the difficulties with your Electricity Supplier no matter has come to my attention

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - . to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
 - . to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met, or
- 2) to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

My Fee is £40

Rm Williams

(R.M. Williams)

Dated the 26th day of July 2022