



South Gwynedd Foodbank

ANNUAL REPORT

Charity registration Number: 1185190

Chairperson's Report 2024

The objects of the Charity are:

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

- (a) providing emergency food, essential toiletries and household items to individuals and families in need and/or for distribution by charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.
- (b) such other means, including (but not limited to) the provision of support or signposting to relevant information and other advisory services.

Governance:

Type of Governing Document – CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Our Trustees:

Mrs Claire Owen - Chair

Rev Dawn Robinson

Mrs Helen Hooper

Mrs Denise Bott

Our Staff:

Mr Dave Hooper – Manager.

Mr Damian McKeown – Assistant Manager

Affiliation:

South Gwynedd Foodbank is affiliated to the Trussell Trust (Registered Charity Number 1110522) and undergoes an annual governance health check by the Trussell Trust which checks that we have all appropriate policies and procedures in place. Trussell Trust provides training, our Data Collection System, annual conference, and other regular meetings of other Trussell Trust foodbanks in North Wales.

Activity:

2024 has seen a steady continuation of demand for food parcels whilst ending in an 18% reduction in the number of people we helped over the number in 2022-2023. However, we saw a smaller reduction in the number of vouchers issued, indicating that we are seeing more larger families than in previous years. Our statistics also indicate that we are continuing to see more working families and more elderly people coming to us for help.

Although we are still receiving good support from the general public with donations of food to our numerous collection points around South Gwynedd, it is concerning to see that, year-on-year, the trend has been for more food to be given out than we are getting in. If we look at our stocks in 2021, we had over 10 tonnes but now, in 2024 it has reduced to 3.7 tonnes. Thankfully we receive financial contributions which enable us to buy those items that run short.

As always, we are very grateful to our team of volunteers who work hard ensuring that donations are brought into the warehouse, checked, sorted, and stored correctly, and who pack our emergency food parcels. However, this year has seen the appointment of our Assistant Foodbank Manager who took up his post at the beginning of February, now working four days a week. This appointment has been established in order to give the Foodbank Manager greater opportunity to consider and implement longer term strategies, develop different approaches for the provision of food to those in need and re-affirm relationships with our Referral Agencies.

As the foodbank serves a widespread rural area of South Gwynedd, we continue to locate Emergency Food Boxes in towns around the area to help clients pick up their food without having to travel long distances. We are grateful to the staff at all of these locations who are providing such a valuable service to the foodbank whilst carrying out their normal day-to-day tasks. We welcome the staff at Porthmadog Library who have now joined the team.

We are seeing more homeless people being placed into local hotels where they are unable to cook a proper meal. With the provision of a grant from Gwynedd Council, we are developing the provision of 'Food Vouchers' that can be redeemed in local cafes where hot meals can be obtained.

Finally, a word of thanks to everyone who supports the foodbank, whether by volunteering, donating food, donating money, or generally encouraging us in our work. Thank you.

Statistics for 2023-2024

No. of Vouchers issued: 757

No. of people receiving three days' worth of food: 1408 (992 adults, 416 children)

Amount of food received: 16649kg

Amount of food given out: 17569kg

No of active Referral Agencies: 49

Main reasons for referrals: Rising Costs

Health (Physical & Mental)

Insecure Housing (Homeless)

Debt

Unexpected Expenditure

SOUTH GWYNEDD FOODBANK**Summary of Accounts for Year Ended 5th April 2024****Balance at Beginning of Year**

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>
Bank	101,975.72	98,154.39	3,821.33
Petty Cash	408.96	408.96	-00
	<u>102,384.68</u>	<u>98,563.35</u>	<u>3,821.33</u>

Income

Individual Donations	23,192.68	23,192.68	-00
Company/Organisation Donations	32,245.55	32,245.55	-00
Grants	11,800.00	-00	11,800.00
Total Income	67,238.23	55,438.23	11,800.00

Expenditure

Food Purchase	1,883.12	1,883.12	-00
Client Electricity or Gas	650.00	100.00	550.00
Client Transport	62.90	62.90	-00
Stationary/Printing/Computer	444.32	444.32	-00
Telephone	123.61	123.61	-00
Postage	27.80	27.80	-00
Catering & Cleaning	681.31	681.31	-00
Travel & Van Costs	4,387.03	4,387.03	-00
Accommodation Costs, Electricity & Water	7,945.12	7,945.12	-00
Building Repair & Renovation	415.48	415.48	-00
EWSL	481.57	-00	481.57
Employment Costs	22,413.60	22,413.60	-00
Insurance	750.50	750.50	-00
Transfer to Dep A/C	110,000.00	110,000.00	-00
Equipment	905.00	905.00	-00
Data Protection	35.00	35.00	-00
Independent Examiner	50.00	50.00	-00
Food Vouchers	250.00	-00	250.00
Other	1,539.14	739.14	800.00
Total Expenditure	£153,045.50	150,963.93	2,081.57

Balance at End of Year

Bank	Current A/C	15,855.03	2,315.27	13,539.76
Petty Cash		721.28	721.28	-00
	Total	<u>16,577.41</u>	<u>3,037.65</u>	<u>13,539.76</u>

Balance at Deposit Account 110,000.00 + 1424.72 interest

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29th May 2024

Dear Claire Owen

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

I report on the accounts of the Foodbank for the financial year ended 5th April 2024.

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 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 £50



(R.M.Williams) Dated the 29th day of May, 2024.