

## ANNUAL REPORT

**Charity registration Number:  
1185190**

## **Chairperson's Report 2025**

### **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  
Mr David Gee (New Trustee)  
Mrs Denise Bott (Retired June 2024)

### **Our Staff:**

Mr Dave Hooper – Manager.  
Mr Damian McKeown – Assistant Manager

### **Affiliation:**

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

### Activity:

2025 has seen a steady continuation of demand for food parcels whilst ending with a very small increase in the overall number of people we helped over the number in 2023-2024, almost one third being children. Our statistics indicate that we are providing more food parcels to the younger working age group of clients (26.5% to 25-34 yr olds, with 21% to 35- 44 yr olds).

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 2025 it has reduced to just over 3.0 tonnes. Over £3,000 has been spent by the foodbank during the year in buying essential items to fulfil our food parcels.

As always, we are very grateful to our team of volunteers and staff who work hard ensuring that donations are brought into the warehouse, checked, sorted, and stored correctly, and who pack our emergency food parcels. In addition, we are grateful to all of the Agencies who support our work by referring clients to us. We rely upon these Agencies to assess the client's needs before making the referral, Signposting and referring go both ways, we are directly able to make referrals to CAB.

The foodbank base and warehouse are located in King Edward Street, Barmouth, occupying premises owned by Barmouth Oasis Community Group Ltd. (Reg. Charity No. 1199257). Through BOCG, we have access to a Community Support Hub, charity shop and numerous advisory services including CAB, Energy Support and Cost of Living Advice, Carers Support, Dementia Support and others.

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 are seeing more homeless people being placed into local hotels where they are unable to cook a proper meal. We continue to provide 'Food Vouchers' that can be redeemed in local cafes where hot meals can be obtained in both Porthmadog and Barmouth.

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 2024-2025

No. of Vouchers issued: 782

No. of people receiving three days' worth of food: 1409 (1017 adults, 392 children)

Amount of food received: 17801kg

Amount of food given out: 18518kg

No of active Referral Agencies: 54

Main reasons for referrals: Rising Costs

Health (Physical & Mental)

Insecure Housing (Homeless)

Debt

Unexpected Expenditure

**SOUTH GWYNEDD FOODBANK**  
**YEAR ENDED 5th APRIL 2025**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**



		2024 - 2025			2023 - 2024
		<b>Total</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	5th April 24
		£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>					
Donations	- Individuals	22,278	22,278	-	23,298
	- Organisations	22,619	22,619	-	32,246
		44,897	44,897	-	55,543
Grants		4,740	1,500	3,240	11,800
Bank Interest Received		2,345	2,345	-	1,425
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>51,982</b>	<b>48,742</b>	<b>3,240</b>	<b>68,768</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Food Purchases		3,080	3,080	-	1,863
Café Vouchers		910	910	-	250
Client Bills		45	45	-	713
Wages & salaries		34,376	34,376	-	22,305
Employers NIC		-	-	-	-
Pension costs		833	833	-	108
Repairs, Renewals & Equipment		4,505	1,265	3,240	1,802
Travel & Van costs		4,695	4,695	-	4,387
Utility costs		9,411	9,411	-	7,945
Insurance		796	796	-	751
Telephone		241	241	-	124
Printing, postage & stationary		730	730	-	453
Cleaning		528	528	-	681
Professional fees		278	278	-	69
Computer maintenance		1,008	1,008	-	-
Sundry expenses		630	630	-	1,274
Gifts to Others		350	350	-	300
Bank Charges		110	110	-	106
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>62,526</b>	<b>59,286</b>	<b>3,240</b>	<b>43,132</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) for the year</b>		<b>-10,544</b>	<b>-10,544</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,636</b>
<b>RESERVES:</b>					
As at 6th April 2024 :	Current Act	15,855	15,855	-	101,976
	Deposit Act	111,425	111,425	-	-
	Petty Cash	741	741	-	409
Total B/fwd		128,021	128,021	-	102,385
Movement for the year		-10,544	-10,544	-	25,636
As at 5th April 2025 :	Current Act	8,244	8,244	-	15,855
	Deposit Act	108,770	108,770	-	111,425
	Petty Cash	464	464	-	741
Total C/fwd		117,477	117,477	-	128,021

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17<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 .....day of ..... 20.....

