



Junction 7

Annual Report
&
Financial Statements
for the year ended
31 March 2023
Charity No: 1185423



Trustees Annual Report for the period 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

The trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)

("Accounting and Reporting by Charities") in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity

Reference and Administration Details

Name of Charity: Junction 7

Registered Charity number: 1185423

Registered Address: 7 Silverdale Place, Newton Aycliffe DL5 7DZ

Principal Operating Address: The ARK 7 Silverdale Place, Newton Aycliffe DL5 7DZ

The Charity's Trustees:	Office held	Term of Office
Simon Day	Chair	20 September 19 – To Present
Ms Jane Day	Honorary Secretary	20 September 19 – To Present
Mrs Gill Stebbings	Treasurer	05 December 19 – To Present
Shaun Mclean	Trustee	04 October 21 – To Present



Bankers:

Barclays: Bank PLC, Jenkins House, Bob Hardisty Drive, Bishop Auckland DL14 7TH

Engage Bank: Engage 1st Floor, Navigation House Belmont Wharf Skipton, North Yorkshire BD23 1RL

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity's governing documents are a Trust Declaration adopted on 20th September 2019. There must be a minimum of 3 trustees and a maximum of 7, who are appointed or re-appointed annually. Apart from the first trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of 3 years by a resolution of the trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as trustees, the trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Charity.

All trustees must sign a confidentiality agreement. All trustees give their time and skills voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

The Charity is supported by supporters from many walks of life who provide donations of food, assist with food collections, donate financially and act as volunteers. We work closely with the range of agencies in Newton Aycliffe and the surrounding areas and an extended network of local front-line professionals including local Schools, Doctors' surgeries, Citizens' Advice Bureaux, Social Services and local churches. Distribution Centres are operated from the Ark 8-9 Silverdale Newton Aycliffe DL5 7DZ Place.

Objectives and Activities

The prevention or relief of poverty in Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas by providing items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable in accordance with section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008

Chair of Trustee's Report, Simon Day

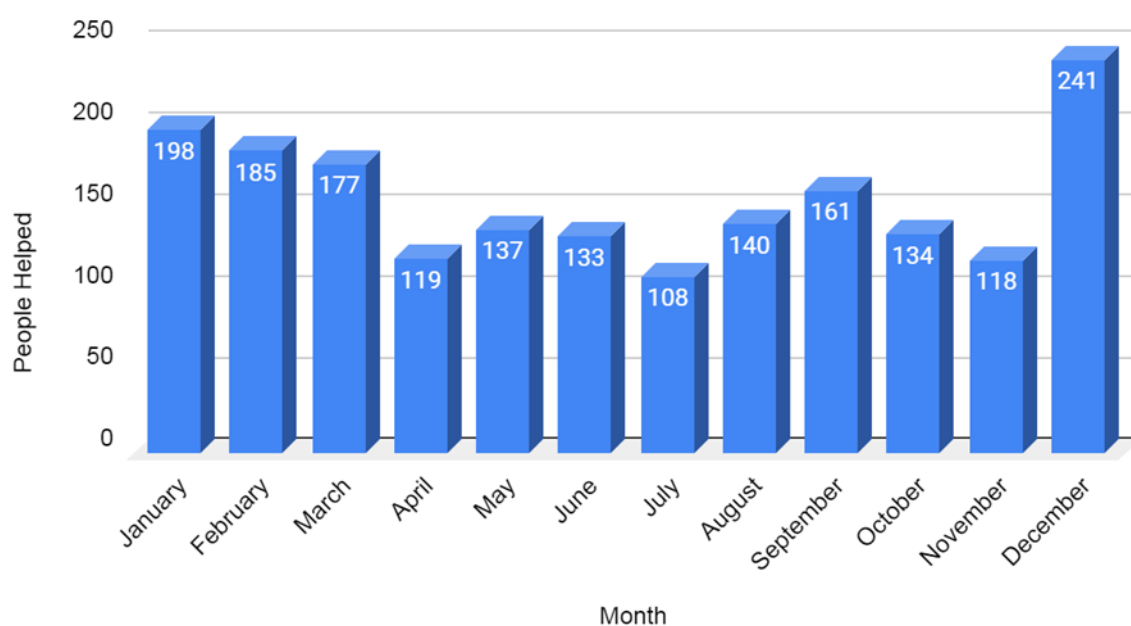
I'm pleased to introduce the annual report for Junction 7 for the year 2022-2023. Unfortunately, I must report once again that this year was extremely busy again. It corresponds with the gloomy reports in the press of ever-increasing pressure on our finances, with people on low incomes being the most vulnerable. Hopefully this will be the worsts to date, but that may well not be the case.

This only shows the number of food parcels given out, but some parcels are for single people, some are for large families, and everything in between.

In 2022 we gave away enough ambient crisis food to feed 1851 people for the year.

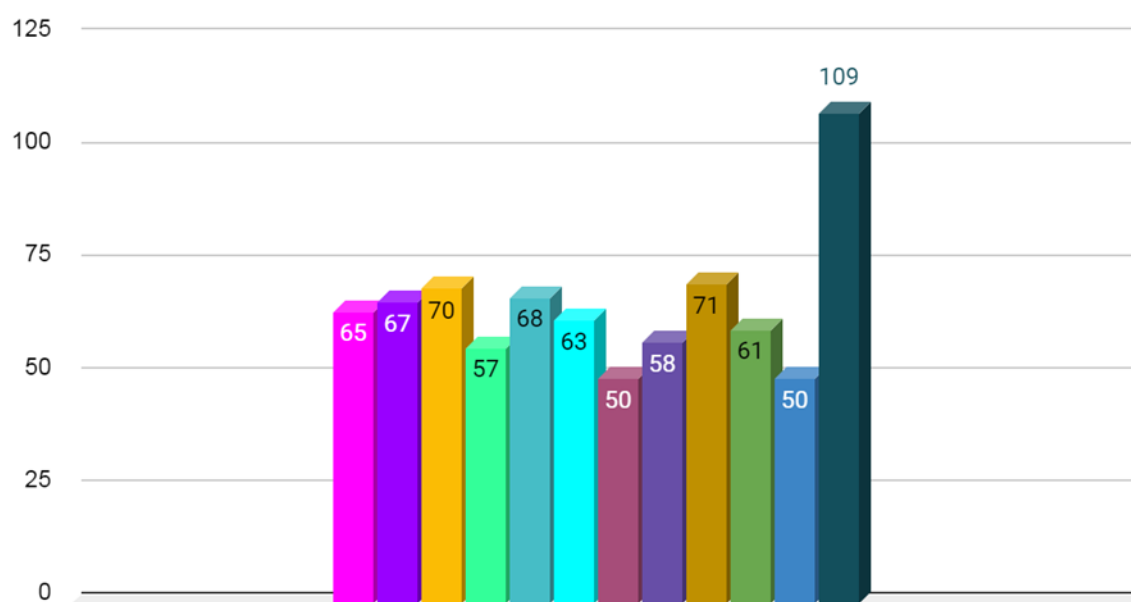
The following graph shows how many people we helped each month:

People Helped vs Month 2022



The next graph shows how many food parcels we gave out each month:

Food Parcels per month 2022



From these two graphs December was our busiest month in every respect. If you look at December 2022, we gave out 109 crisis food parcels (ambient food) in one month.

Our volunteers worked extremely hard this December. As well as food parcels, we also gave out Christmas hampers in December; one with each food parcel, and 42 separate “nominated Christmas hampers” which were requested by referring agencies. The “Nominated Christmas hampers” included age-appropriate toys for children, and we are very grateful to the children and parents of Wooden Academy School for donating most of these hampers. We had so many toys that we were able to give them away to other clients in need and a Human Trafficking Charity (Ashiana) for 35 children. We also have a wonderful benefactor who gifted Aldi and Greggs vouchers for the Homeless

The other interesting statistic is the number of different individuals we have helped in 2022.

As usual, some people need repeat parcels, as the crisis they are facing doesn’t always resolve quickly. When we remove all the repeats, we have helped 1015 different individuals in 2022. If the population of Newton Aycliffe is 10,000, we have helped 10% of the population.

The following are some thoughts from a Donations Collector:

The main thing that I've noticed this year is that, while demand on the Food Bank is steadily increasing, so are donations. Not only do they seem to have gone up in quantity, but the quality also seems to have improved: Thoughtful non-food items that hungry people may well neglect to buy for themselves and their families, and especially those without the means to cook a proper meal seem to be thought of more.

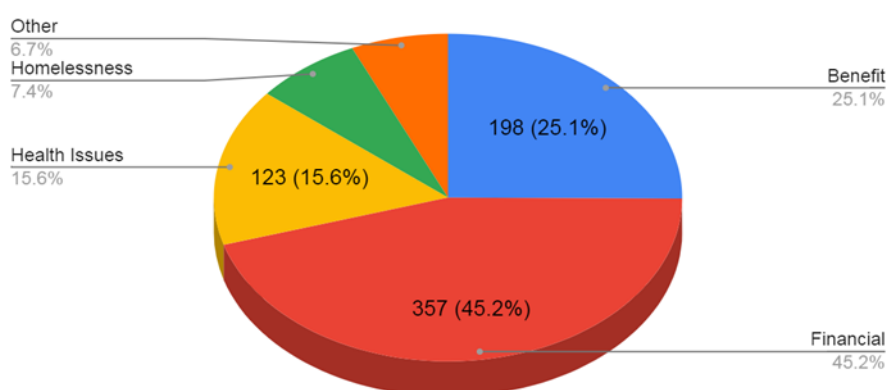
It's also worth mentioning that a further ten to twenty percent of donated groceries are brought into the food bank by individual, private donors (to say nothing of local schools and clubs) and during our weekday sessions when we are open, two or even three such donations are not unusual.

Now and again we've also had some surprising (and large) corporate donations from the food retailers themselves, often things fast approaching their sell by date, these go through our Community Food Project

It's quite humbling to feel a small but useful part of this extensive network of generosity that is making such a difference to so many lives.

The graphs below show the reasons given for needing a food parcel.

Reasons for needing a food parcel



For the 198 parcels given to people who have given "Benefit" as a reason, this is usually delays in receiving their benefit, or having their benefit sanctioned.

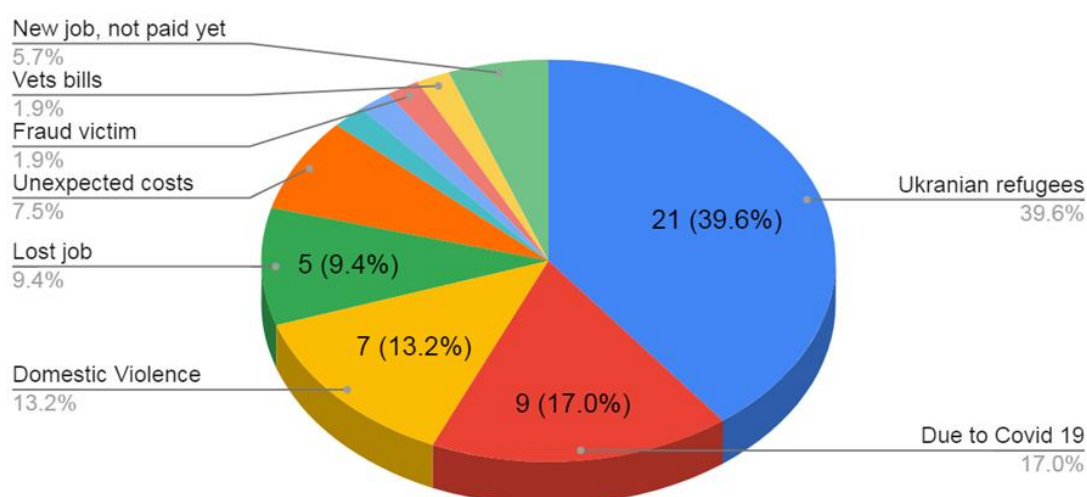
When someone applies for Universal Credit, there is a minimum wait of 8 weeks before any payment is made. On some occasions the wait is longer if there are any queries. The DWP does offer an advance (basically a loan) to help people through this waiting period, but this will be paid back by people receiving less benefit until it is paid off. Many people do not take this option, and therefore have 8 weeks with no income.

Sometimes, people can be sanctioned by the DWP, and their benefits will be stopped or greatly reduced. We have heard of people who were sanctioned because they were late for an appointment at the Job Centre, or the person's phone was out of credit, and they were unaware that an appointment had been made. This was more of a problem when Universal Credit was first introduced, and for many years the main reason people needed a food parcel was because the system wasn't working very well. This does seem to have improved, and now the main reason for needing a food parcel is lack of finances.

It is interesting to note that in November we became relatively quiet when the "Cost of Living Payments" were made.

The Other reasons people needed food parcels is shown below:

"Other" reasons

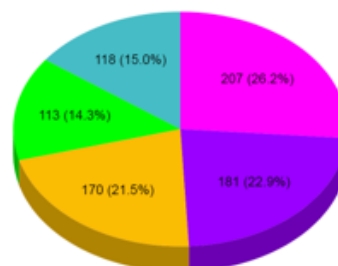


The 9 parcels which were delivered to people suffering from Covid 19 were all at the start of the year when Shielding was still in place. We have given 21 food parcels to families and individuals who are Ukrainian refugees. This year has seen a reduction in the number of people needing a food parcel due to fleeing domestic violence. Last year there were 14 parcels, and this year only 7. This is a very welcome change.

Single Male	207
Single Parent Family	181
2 Parent Family	170
Single Female	113
Couple	118
	789
Single adult	501
Married adult	576
Children	663
Dependant adults	112
Total number of people helped	1852
Number of individuals helped	1015
(removing repeats)	

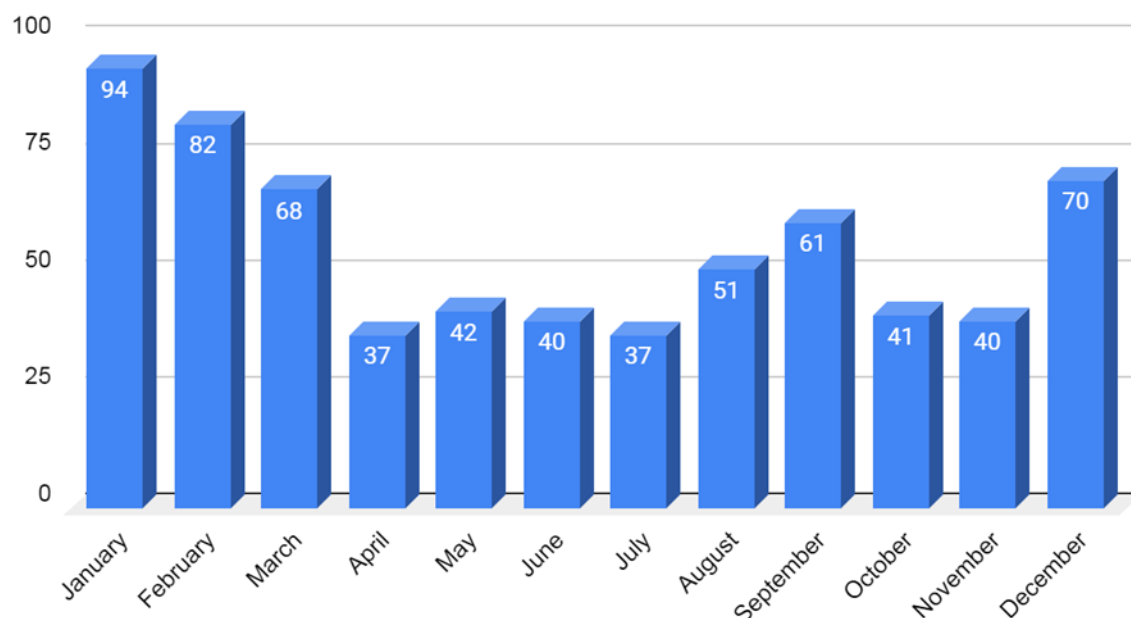
Family Type

- Single Male
- Single Parent Family
- 2 Parent Family
- Single Female
- Couple



The table and chart above show the demographics of the people who have had food parcels. Single men are the most frequently in need.

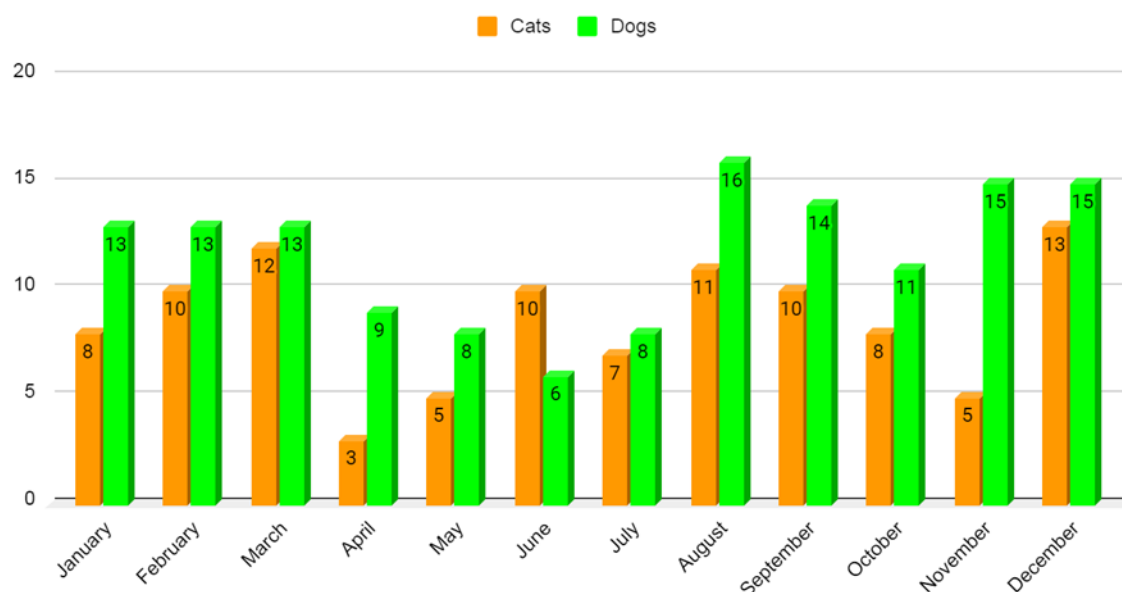
Children helped per month



We helped 663 children in 2022.

Cats and Dogs

2022



In 2022 we helped 102 cats and 141 dogs. Often when people are in crisis, they are more worried about their pet than themselves. NASSL a Darlington based animal rescue centre supported Junction 7 with items of dog and cat food and we had quite a number of other donations of cat and dog food from kind residents of Newton Aycliffe.

Hardship Vouchers

During 2022 we became a Fuel Bank as well as a Foodbank. In partnership with DCC Hardship Fund we were able to issue vouchers to households which use pre-payment meters.

In this scheme, which is funded by the DWP, people can visit a participating Foodbank or community group and receive (in 2022) a £49 credit which they can use to top up their gas, electricity meter, it also can be used for help with food and items such as extra heating equipment and blankets This enables households that have run out of energy to get the power back on within a few hours and keep the lights and heating on for up to two weeks.

Warehouse & Storage

We continued to rationalise and manage our stock to enable us to operate effectively from the limited space in the ARK where we are based. Around Christmas in particular, storage space is inadequate, and the work can continue only with very careful management of stock. We are grateful to our local AAP for the funding we received to operate from an industrial unit in Newton Aycliffe (6 Sydney House Riknall Avenue Newton Aycliffe) this has helped our operation tremendously and we continue to use a storage container in Newton Aycliffe (Inbox Parnaby Self Storage Ridgeway Newton Aycliffe) for the storage of excess long-dated stock and sports equipment for school holidays sessions with our youth club. We review our storage options regularly.

One of our goals Ethical Food Charity is to reduce food waste and help people in need. Junction 7 play a big role in helping achieve those things.

Surplus Food.

Food donations have been given generously by the people of Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas, we also collected surplus food from various supermarkets which exceeded over 178 tons in the period from 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

A total of 3,271 people were given fresh food in this period. We have also seen increase towards the end of March 31, 2023, due to cost-of-living expenses. The supermarket surplus food would have gone to Landfill if Junction 7 had not collected.

We have been active members of the Independent Food Aid Network (IFAN), contributing our data and experience to their work lobbying both UK and Scottish governments.

Once again, I am indebted to my fellow trustees and all the volunteers for their help and support during this year. This year marks the 4TH year of operation for Junction 7. Over this period, we have seen a growth in Junction 7 with the continued support of Livin Housing one of our Local Authorities for the use of Two of their buildings the (ARK Newton Aycliffe & 7 Silverdale Place).

We feel we have an increased community responsibility to serve those unfortunates enough to require the provision of emergency food supplies. Especially with the onset of Covid 19 from the 1st Lockdown on March 19th to March 2022 we have seen an increased need for our service with more clients requesting emergency food.

Achievements and Performance

How did we do in 2022?

Looking back on 2022 and considering our purpose, there are some important activities and achievements to focus on:

We still provide our NEFirst Credit Union collection and service point.

Provided Warm Spaces for Housing Association

Held Resident Bee Keeping Courses for Kids Club and Residents

Introduced Beehives to J7 Community Garden

Held sessions in J7 Community Garden for other Charities and residents.

Feeding up to 90 Homeless people a week

Started new Toddle Group (little ducklings) 15 attendees.

Supported and delivered residents Royal Jubilee Street party in Westward.



We organised and delivered Guitar Lessons for residents.

We organised and delivered a free Slow Cooker project for residents and offered free cooking lessons taken by volunteer chefs from our local businesses.

Organised and delivered Newton Aycliffe Funday on Silverdale Green (250 + people)

Organised and delivered Community Food Festival in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre with special presentations by Chef Shaun Wilson, Martin Platt (Coronation Street) to help support local business.

We have been able to increase the amount of fresh fruit, vegetables, and dairy products that we give out. We have also provided frozen ready-meals and other frozen food.

In April 2022 we recorded the number of adults and children who were receiving our food parcels.

We have over 26 volunteers regularly involved in many different aspects of Junction 7 operations.

We still operated with packing and delivering 6 days a week. Obviously, some of the days were busier than others but the ability to respond to a request for help usually within 24 hours was an important factor in maintaining our operating hours.

We had various family day trips and went to places such as Animal Sanctuaries, Christmas Market, and Raby Castle.

We continued to develop new groups and had our traditional Christmas family grotto for the residents of the estate where we are based, and we took families to Eden Grange Shildon for their Christmas Grotto.

Highlights of 2022

Eden Grange Christmas Grotto



Junction 7 Christmas Grotto 2022



Support for Westward residents with Queens Jublie Party



Junction 7 Light House Kids



Junction 7 Beekeeping



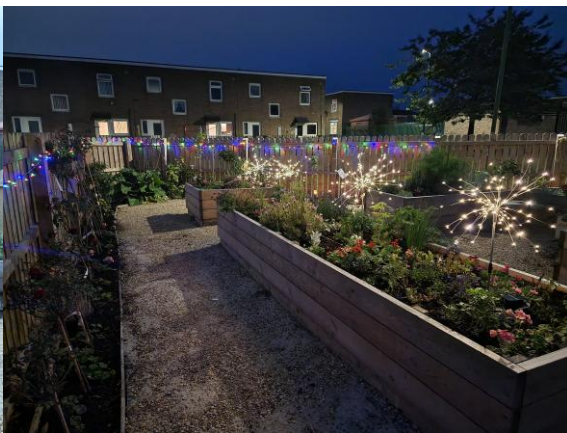
Family Fun Day Silverdale Green Newton Aycliffe



Junction 7 Newton Aycliffe Town Centre Food & Craft Festival



Community Garden





Toddler Group (little Ducklings)

Men's Group



Homeless Project

Slow Cooker Give Away



Food Donations

Surplus Fresh Food (ASDA) Frozen Meals local Business Ambient Food (Morrisons)



Pet Food Donation



Food Rescue, On tour Project & Warm spaces



Aid Trucks Ready to leave for Ukraine.



Partnerships

Building upon the online partnerships created during the first year of the Pandemic we continued as part of a wider community support to people in need. The opportunities this network creates was invaluable in signposting clients to other local charities and supporting groups.

Referral Agencies

Our relationship with a large number of referring agencies is also of prime importance to us. During the pandemic, many of the offices used by these agencies were closed, and support workers were working from home. These stringencies helped to accelerate the move already begun, to streamline and plan for new projects. This in turn helped to simplify the process for clients, to gain access to our school holiday club, men's group, and other social events.

Work with other charities.

It's always a challenge to match the stock we receive with the clients we serve. We were gratified to take in more donations of some products than we were able to distribute directly to clients. Fortunately, we have built up contacts both with nearby foodbanks and with a number of other local charities whose work involves supporting people in crisis. The charities we worked with received our excess donations.

Volunteers

We have over 26 volunteers regularly involved in many different rolls for the running of Junction 7.

Once again, we must record our thanks to everyone who has volunteered during the year. It would be impossible to help as many people as we do without the wonderful team who give their time so freely. Their energy and kindness help create a charity that truly cares for those experiencing poverty. During the year we bade farewell to a number of our volunteers who were moving away and welcomed a handful new and returning volunteers. We have continued to work with a smaller number of volunteers (around 14) working in small bubbles to help manage the risks associated with the ongoing pandemic. The smaller teams have continued to display remarkable resilience and flexibility whilst undertaking the collecting, sorting, dating, shelving, picking, and packing tasks.

Policies

Junction 7 has the following policies in place:

- Policy Statement for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults from Abuse
- (Safeguarding)
- Health and Safety: Statement of General Policy
- Anti-Discrimination Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Code of Conduct
- Financial Control Policy
- Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Confidentiality Policy
- Lone Working Policy
- Conflict of interest policy
- Disciplinary Procedure
- Environmental Policy
- Equality and Diversity Policy
- Ethical Fundraising and investment policy
- Harassment and Bullying Policy
- health and safety
- ICT Policy
- Junction 7 Safeguarding – DBS (CRB) checking Procedures
- Organisational Risk Assessment

- Recruitment Policy
- Resolution of conflict between trustees Policy and procedure
- Supervision Procedure
- Trustee Recruitment Policy
- Whistle Blowing Policy.

Junction 7 is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and has taken steps to ensure that it is fully compliant with the terms of the General Data Protection Regulations. We have a Waste Carriers Licence.

These are reviewed appropriately. In addition, the Foodbank is operated in accordance with our Operating Manual, Food Standards Agency level 5 kitchen rating and Environmental Health.

AIMS FOR 2023

In our last annual report, we noted that we were emerging from the Covid-19 pandemic, with all the disruption that brought. The worsening cost of living crisis presents challenges and unknown factors make planning difficult. Nonetheless these are our aims for 2023:

- Assess the needs of our clients and provide them with appropriate emergency food parcels.
- Maintain stock of a nutritionally balanced range of food, liaising with other food banks to share excess and address gaps.
- Recruit and train volunteers to engage with clients to establish what their underlying cause of crisis is, identify and refer/signpost to other support agencies.
- In cases of crisis, provide support and advocate for individuals during transition from food bank to benefits.
- Consolidate the work of the HSF working alongside the Junction 7, in view of the escalating cost of fuel which impacts most severely on those we already serve.
- Overtake the backlog of Safeguarding training caused by the Covid pandemic.
- Monitor changes in local our local community to ensure the continuation of effective, local provision in Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas.
- Continue to seek out new opportunities to address poverty, particularly food poverty, in Newton Aycliffe and surrounding areas, working with our volunteers, collaborating with new and existing referral agencies, partners, donors and supporters.

The Trustees have agreed:

1. To seek to ameliorate the impact of the Pandemic on our clients
2. To increase the amount of food donated via Supermarket collections
3. To work with other agencies to ensure families with children on free school meals receive enough food during school holidays and develop a School Holiday Activity Programme.
4. To increase the availability of different items for example fresh food, frozen food and bread via our Foodbank and Community Fridge
5. To increase the number of Agencies to assist with referrals.
6. To Involve the community with new activities such as youth work, men's group, community café fundays and outside events, a new developing community garden to help recover from the social isolation issues that the Pandemic is creating.
7. To develop more our On Tour project

Finally, having been with Junction 7 since its inception and Chair of Trustees for this period. It has been a pleasure to be involved with Junction 7 to help to successfully develop what will be a thriving and sadly, necessary Charity. The success of the Junction 7 would simply not be possible without the tireless effort of my fellow Trustees and the large number of Volunteers that make Junction 7 the success it is. Thank you all.

Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 March 2023

Mrs Gillian Stebbings, Treasurer

As well as receiving so many donations from people in and around Newton Aycliffe, we do quite often need to do shopping to make sure that the parcels include all the essentials. This was also supported by our help me fund and access to the DCC Hardship fund.

Thankfully we have a good number of kind donors who give us money regularly, there have been several fundraising events around the town, and we have been able to apply for a small number of grants.

I have been asked whether we check if all our food parcel recipients receive Universal Credit. We do not quiz every food parcel recipient, as they are all referred to us by professional agencies. Being in receipt of Universal Credit is not a prerequisite for receiving a food parcel, as that would exclude many very needy people such as people fleeing domestic violence, refugees, or newly homeless people. We do have people in work coming to us, but they are normally during a crisis such as falling victim to fraud, their washing machine breaking down or other unexpected urgent expenses.



Some of our financial well-being has been the result of the generosity of several donors but it is now clear that this will reduce in future.

The Trustees have continued with their policy of prudence and fairness in managing the financial affairs of Junction 7 and intend to continue in that vein for the indefinite future.

A professional audit is now required for our Accounts since the income of the charity has risen above the threshold level prescribed by The Charity Commission.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees of Junction 7 seek to maintain adequate reserves to ensure that all reasonable day-to-day running costs can be met as and when they fall due, recognising the basic financial principle that the Board of Trustees is responsible for ensuring that solvency is maintained. 'Adequate reserves' is deemed to be sufficient funding for 3 months' of normal expenditure.

Statement of the Examiner



JUNCTION 7

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the surplus of the trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to.

Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will 'continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 26/03/2025

Trustee Signatures

Name

Signature

Simon Day

Simon Day

Jane Day

Jane Day

Gillian Stebbings

Gillian Stebbings

Shaun Mclean

Shaun Mclean

JUNCTION 7

THE ARK, 7 SILVERDALE PLACE, NEWTON AYCLIFFE DL5 7DZ
CHARITY NO:- 185423
APRIL 2022-MARCH 2023

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
		£	£	£	£
Notes					
Current Account	2a	76,520	-	76520	56,324
Current ac (bank c/f)	2b	34,528	-	34,528	
-					
Total Receipts					
		111,048	-	111,048	56,324
PAYMENTS:					
Current Account	3a	109,548	-	109,548	42,635
TOTAL PAYMENTS		109,548			
NET INCOMING /(OUTGOING)					
RESOURCES					
Balances Brought Forward	34,528	-	34,528	-	
Transfer Between accounts	78489 -	-	-		
-					
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD					
		669.28	-	669.28	13,689

The Charity’s operations are classed as continuing operations.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
	£	£	£	£
Notes				
ASSETS				
CASH FUNDS:				
Cash at Bank & (Reserves)	2294			
			2294	30,510
	2294	-		30,510
Charity funds:				
General Funds (bank)	669.28			
Restricted Funds	1500			
	2169.28	-		30,510
Assets retained for the Charity's own use				
LIABILITIES				
Independent Examiners Fee				
			500	500

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Approved by the Trustees on 26/03/2025

Trustee Signatures

Name

Signature

Simon Day

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts & Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commissioners and documents meet the appropriate legal requirements.

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
£	£	£	£

2. RECEIPTS

a) Donations & Legacies

Current Account.

Van rental	120	
Engage J7	675	
Café	47	
Livin		2703
Loy Reward	5	
S Humphrey	60	
P Howell	600	
DCC		40,955
Cash	400	

Food Festival 780

Craft Fair 884

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
	£	£	£	£

Fundraising 1139

Donations 4480

Engage Account.

Engage J7 22,057

Engage J7

Cash Raised From Fund Raise 1616

Gift Aid Tax Refund

76,520

b) Investment Income

Bank Interest

3. PAYMENTS

a) Costs of Charitable Activities

Current Account.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
	£	£	£	£

RFL Vans 739

Insurance 1,787

Commission 182

Family Trips 1327

Junc7 22,000

Fareshare 800

Junc7 Engage 70,059

Food Fest 4,335

Bank Refund	150			
Craft Fair	240			
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
	£	£	£	£
Weathering's		162		
Comm Garden		1695		
Harbour View	500			
Events	480			
Vehicle	1988			
Ev Lodge		300		
Parnaby Inbox	1020			
Engage Account transferred			78489	
Utilities		2770		
Fuel Gamp		4159		
Goods Gamp		2438		
J7 Fuel	2992.28			
Vehicle Costs	6126			
Bank Charges	189			
Café	966			
Insurance	634			
MSFT	18			
Unit Rent		6918		
Modern Slavery	211			
Clothing PPE		1681		
Homeless	215			
Volunteer Exp	2088			
Men's Group		940		
Stationary	751			
Youth Group		2219		
Crafts Gamp		2139		
Misc	1148			

Security	305			
Unit 6		648		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
	£	£	£	£
DCC HSF		28,920		
Subscriptions	287			
Assets TV	350			
Gazebo		350		
Tumble Dryer	279			
Washing Machine	250			
			78,489	42,635
Total between accounts			109488	42,635
b) Governance Costs				
Independent Examiners Fee			650	
Insurance Costs				
			650	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

Junction 7

4. RESTRICTED FUNDS
CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

Balance 01-Apr-22	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31-Mar-23
£	£	£	£	£
				1500

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities, Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities preparing their accounts as receipts and payments.

FUNDS

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purposes and are available as general funds.

2. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period other than for reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the CIO. No material transactions took place between the organisations and a trustee or any person connected with them.

3. RISK ASSESSMENT.

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks

4. RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour to set aside funds unnecessarily.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/members of Junction 7 on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 set out on pages 5 to 20.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

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

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

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the trustees concerning any such matters.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

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Founder Signed:

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Dated: 24/03/2025

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JUNCTION 7

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Charities Act 2011 require the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the surplus of the trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to.

Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.

Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will 'continue in existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 26/03/2025

Trustee Signatures

Name

Signature

Simon Day

Simon Day

Jane Day

Jane Day

Gillian Stebbings

Gillian Stebbings

Shaun Mclean

Shaun Mclean

JUNCTION 7

THE ARK, 7 SILVERDALE PLACE, NEWTON AYCLIFFE DL5 7DZ
CHARITY NO:- 185423
APRIL 2022-MARCH 2023

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
		£	£	£	£
Notes					
Current Account	2a	76,520	-	76520	56,324
Current ac (bank c/f)	2b	34,528	-	34,528	
-					
Total Receipts					
		111,048	-	111,048	56,324
PAYMENTS:					
Current Account	3a	109,548	-	109,548	42,635
TOTAL PAYMENTS		109,548			
NET INCOMING /(OUTGOING)					
RESOURCES					
Balances Brought Forward	34,528	-	34,528	-	
Transfer Between accounts	78489 -	-	-		
-					
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD					
		669.28	-	669.28	13,689

The Charity’s operations are classed as continuing operations.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
	£	£	£	£
Notes				
ASSETS				
CASH FUNDS:				
Cash at Bank & (Reserves)	2294			
			2294	30,510
	2294	-		30,510
Charity funds:				
General Funds (bank)	669.28			
Restricted Funds	1500			
	2169.28	-		30,510
Assets retained for the Charity's own use				
LIABILITIES				
Independent Examiners Fee				
			500	500

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments Account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Approved by the Trustees on 26/03/2025

Trustee Signatures

Name

Signature

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounts have been prepared under the "Receipts & Payments" basis as prescribed by the Charity Commissioners and documents meet the appropriate legal requirements.

Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
£	£	£	£

2. RECEIPTS

a) Donations & Legacies

Current Account.

Van rental	120	
Engage J7	675	
Café	47	
Livin		2703
Loy Reward	5	
S Humphrey	60	
P Howell	600	
DCC		40,955
Cash	400	

Food Festival 780

Craft Fair 884

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
	£	£	£	£

Fundraising 1139

Donations 4480

Engage Account.

Engage J7 22,057

Engage J7

Cash Raised From Fund Raise 1616

Gift Aid Tax Refund

76,520

b) Investment Income

Bank Interest

3. PAYMENTS

a) Costs of Charitable Activities

Current Account.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
	£	£	£	£

RFL Vans 739

Insurance 1,787

Commission 182

Family Trips 1327

Junc7 22,000

Fareshare 800

Junc7 Engage 70,059

Food Fest 4,335

Bank Refund	150			
Craft Fair	240			
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
	£	£	£	£
Weathering's		162		
Comm Garden		1695		
Harbour View	500			
Events	480			
Vehicle	1988			
Ev Lodge		300		
Parnaby Inbox	1020			
Engage Account transferred			78489	
Utilities		2770		
Fuel Gamp		4159		
Goods Gamp		2438		
J7 Fuel	2992.28			
Vehicle Costs	6126			
Bank Charges	189			
Café	966			
Insurance	634			
MSFT	18			
Unit Rent		6918		
Modern Slavery	211			
Clothing PPE		1681		
Homeless	215			
Volunteer Exp	2088			
Men's Group		940		
Stationary	751			
Youth Group		2219		
Crafts Gamp		2139		
Misc	1148			

Security	305			
Unit 6		648		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23	Total 2021/22
	£	£	£	£
DCC HSF		28,920		
Subscriptions	287			
Assets TV	350			
Gazebo		350		
Tumble Dryer	279			
Washing Machine	250			
			78,489	42,635
Total between accounts			109488	42,635
b) Governance Costs				
Independent Examiners Fee			650	
Insurance Costs				
			650	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

Junction 7

4. RESTRICTED FUNDS
CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

Balance 01-Apr-22	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Balance 31-Mar-23
£	£	£	£	£
				1500

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities, Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities preparing their accounts as receipts and payments.

FUNDS

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purposes and are available as general funds.

2. PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period other than for reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the CIO. No material transactions took place between the organisations and a trustee or any person connected with them.

3. RISK ASSESSMENT.

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks

4. RESERVES POLICY

The trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and level of financial commitments held. The trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The trustees will endeavour to set aside funds unnecessarily.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees/members of Junction 7 on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 set out on pages 5 to 20.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

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

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

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the trustees concerning any such matters.

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