

The Grub and Gab Club incorporating Coventry open Christmas Annual Report and Financial Statement for year end April 2023



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Chairman's Report 2022 - 2023

Firstly, a massive thank you for everyone's assistance and volunteering over the past 12 months. Without your sacrifices we would be unable to offer the valued services we offer.

Another highly successful year, in increasing difficult times.

Our Saturday breakfast service is growing in attendance each week on week. Currently we were catering for approx. 100 to 140 breakfasts each week.

With the difficult financial times, our attendance of guests has increased, and expected to further increase. We are now seeing more family groups attending each week for the services we offer.

Our foodbank is still very popular and helps our guests in these difficult fiscal times. This is funded through our subscription fair share and our weekly shopping budget which is currently £150 a week.

As a charity we have recently fully funded the refurbishment of a new kitchen at St Barnabus. Which is of great benefit to ourselves when cooking breakfasts. Sadly, the old kitchen did not fully meet our needs

Currently we are fiscally stable, to offer our services over a short term.

Would like to thank Tash for her relentless applications for grant applications.

As with all organisations on we do need to urge on the side of caution with our outgoings, to remain stable.

We this year had our second success day trip to Skegness which proved popular with our guests.

We are currently looking at a trip to a local pantomime, this festive time, to give our younger guests an enjoyable, memorable experience.

Christmas 2022 was a hugely successful and we were able to open with our full 24hrs services, providing over 120 meals each night.

This year we are planning and hoping to be able to offer our services 24hrs a day, with limited overnight sleeping.

Please to advise the return of our Chef this year, to run the kitchen for us and comply with all the necessary regulations and obligations. This is a paid for position.

Along with this, as in previous years, we will be employing a security team, for the protection of our guest and volunteers for our overnight shift.

Thank you again for all your dedication and services over the last 12 months, without your help and dedication we would not be able to offer our valued services to those in need.

Trustee Report

The Trustees would like to thank our volunteers who are working tirelessly to address poverty and create opportunities for the most disadvantaged. We could not provide this much needed service without your dedication each week and we are grateful for it.

We voted and arranged for a new kitchen to be put into St Barnabas church to allow us to continue our much-needed service.

We are reviewing our policies each time we meet to ensure the charity funds are spent correctly to reach the people who need it the most.

Current Trustees:

Tim Helliwell

Sylvia

Wileman

Wayne Davies

Natasha Leese

Mathew Scott

Coventry Open Christmas 2022

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who helped to make Christmas 2022 a success. We have experienced a lot of difficulty over the past 2 years with the pandemic however we have managed to successfully complete Coventry Open Christmas each time.

Over the past 2 years we have had reduced hours and we have seen many people come and go but all pulling together we have still provided a much-needed service to the people of Coventry.

Christmas of 2022 we saw no reduction in the numbers of people using our service and cooked over 120 meals each evening. We employed a chef to help run the kitchen and I felt this was successful. We have several issues with the flooring which we will need to try and resolve this year.

We were asked about providing toys for children as the cost-of-living crisis gets worse. We managed to link with free radio's cash for kids and provided over 100 toys to the children of Coventry this was extremely hard and exhausting but again with the amazing volunteers we pulled it off.

We experienced some issues with the building we rent such as plumbing and leaks this was a financial impact to ourselves, but we felt we needed to take care of it to ensure we continue are very good relationship with the venue itself

We also had a few issues with the donations being accepted and distributed and we will put strict rules in place this year to make sure this does not happen again.

Christmas 2023 is well into the planning stages, and we will be going back to full service this year.

Finance Section

Grants Received:

This year thanks to Natasha our grants coordinator we have been successful in being awarded grants for April 2022- April 2023 in the amounts totaling £20000.00.

Statement of Balance:

Income and Expenditure for April 2022 to April 2023

	Money In	Money Out
Starting Balance signed off by trustees	£17221.99	
<u>April</u>	£165(donation)	£1264.59

Breakdown of **£1264.59**

Storage Unit

Food Shopping for free food bank

Bookers for disposable catering items

Trip to festival gardens circus for families

Staff Expenses for fuel

May

£2688.04(Grant)
£3204.17

Breakdown of **£3204.17**

Annual Fareshare Subscription fee £1664.44

Storage Fee

Food For free Food bank

Bookers

Inkind direct for toiletries

Rent for Church Building we use

June

£750 (Donations) £1972.80

Breakdown for money out: **£1972.80**

Website Costs domain name fees

Storage Fees

Amazon equipment breakfast i.e bain marie, hot food storage

Training costs – food hygiene certificates high speed training

Volunteer Expenses for fuel

items for breakfast such as PPE, paper bags aprons, from bookers

Argos – Charity application made for cooker from member of public

July

£8000 £2806.49

Breakdown for money out: **£2806.49**

Bookers – 2 months' supply of paper bag, beans, tom, etc

Storage Unit at Access 2 months fees July/Aug

Amazon Prime Now UHT Milk for breakfast and sugar

Amazon extra Shelves for storage unit

Free Trip provided to skegness for families at as cost of £1000

Foodbank shopping for free food bank

Staff expenses for fuel

Rent for Church Building we use

August

£3500

£3193.14

Breakdown for money out: **£3193.14**

Seaside Trip free packed lunch and hot meal £500

Bookers

Free food for food bank

Storage fees

Staff Expenses

Rent for Church Building we use

September
£1957.52

£9768.03(Grant)

Breakdown of £**1957.52**

Back to School Shoes for 6 our families we support
Back to school packs of school supplies
Food for free food bank
Bookers Supplies for Breakfast
Storage Fees
Staff Expenses for fuel
Rent for Church Building we use

October
£2389.13

£4681.72(Isa Matured)

Breakdown of £**1957.52**

Food for free food bank
Bookers Supplies for Breakfast
Storage Fees
Staff Expenses for fuel
Rent for Church Building we use
Amazon Supplies, Hair Nets, Aprons, rubber gloves

November

£3978.05

This is during Open Christmas times so expenses are high

Breakdown of £**3978.05**

Camp Bed
Pillows
Storage Fee
Rent for Church Building we use
Bookers
Food for free food Bank
Staff Costs for administrator during open Christmas
Printing Costs for Posters for COC

<u>December</u>	£10552(Grants + Donation)	£5769.16
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This is during Open Christmas times so expenses are high

Breakdown of £**5769.16**

Food for free food bank
Bookers
Hire Costs for Queens Road
Van Hire
Skip Hire
Floor Covering for Church
Staff Costs for open Christmas £2000 alone

<u>January</u>	£2300 (Donations)	£1393.92
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Breakdown of £**1393.92**

Clean up Fee for Queens Road
Food for free food bank
Storage Fees
Bookers for kitchen supplie4s
Staff Expenses

<u>February</u>	£2293(PayPal Donations)
£2546.78	

Breakdown of £**2546.78**

Food for free food bank
Rent for church use
Bookers
Amazon for apron, hairnets etc
Staff expenses

<u>March</u>	£525.75 (Paypal Donation)	£1745.98
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Breakdown of £**1745.98**

Storage Fee
Bookers
Rent for church we use
Food for free food bank
Staff Expenses

End Balance as of 31/03/2023:

£30.644.73

£10,000 is set aside for the kitchen renovations of the church
£6,000 is our reserve fund.

Accounts Agreed and Signed by Trustees:

Natasha Leese
Sylvia Wileman