

VALE OF CLWYD FOODBANK

England & Wales · Charity number 1187463

Details

Other names BANCBWYD DYFFRYN CLWYD

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2020-01-20

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONGST PEOPLE IN DENBIGH AND RUTHIN AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS 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.

Activities: As a foodbank covering the Vale of Clwyd we supply emergency parcels of food and other essentials to those identified as needy in the area

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Denbighshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£18,715	£15,694	-	-
2024-03-31	£24,087	£17,460	-	-
2023-03-31	£28,922	£19,740	-	-
2022-03-31	£18,637	£8,210	-	-
2021-03-31	£28,351	£12,897	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mark Antony Owen	Chair	2022-06-01
Dr Meinir Michael		2024-06-25
Elaine Thomas		2012-10-05
Kate Meredith Jones		2016-12-05
Lowri Smith		2012-10-05
MORFUDD JONES		2012-10-05
NIGEL THOMAS		2017-03-12
Nicholas Snape		2012-10-05
Robert Gwyn Parry		2020-07-09

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Report to Charity Commission - Year April 2022 to March 31, 2023

As required by Charity Commission I am pleased to present my report on the year's activities. The year for this purpose is April 2022 to end of March 2023.

This was my first year as the Chair of the Trustees and I am hugely grateful to my predecessor, Dr Idris Humphreys, who ensured that I received a full and supported handover. It is clear that Idris had put a huge amount of time and energy into the role of Chair over many years and his contribution has led to the Vale of Clwyd Foodbank being successful in terms of meeting its charitable aims and in terms of achieving a position of financial resilience.

The year saw us leave the restrictions imposed by the Covid19 pandemic. However, even though we were still providing a good service to all referred to us or requesting help directly, through the excellent work and commitment of our volunteers, we found it challenging to move back to a pre Covid business as usual method of operating. Social distancing and a less personal way of operating had become the new normal.

This was entirely understandable, especially as many of our volunteers are themselves in a vulnerable category.

We therefore spent much of the year redefining how we operated and how we could restore that more personal service whilst at the same time being cognisant of the needs and safety of our volunteers.

We held cluster meetings with our volunteers to thank them for their ongoing support and to consult and work with them to formulate new, more client focused, ways of working. We are hugely grateful to each and everyone of them.

We also used the year to strengthen our connections with The Trussell Trust, who we operate under their franchise. We connected to its local and all Wales managers to help us scrutinise our management and governance arrangements. Working in collaboration with them we have refreshed various policies and procedures to ensure that they remain fit for purpose. We are grateful to The Trussell Trust for the support they have generously provided.

In keeping with our ambition to provide a better, more client focused service sharp focus was brought to our Foodbank premises in Denbigh. We are operating from the sub ground floor of an old chapel. Whilst these premises are fine as a storage facility, and we remain very grateful to the Chapel for allowing our continued use, they are not customer friendly.

We have therefore been searching the area for suitable replacement premises. Our search is over and we have been offered a previous shop premises that is much more suitable for our needs. This will provide a welcoming environment for our clients as well as a safe and suitable working environment for our volunteers. We have been successful in raising charitable donations towards the costs of commissioning these premises.

Our ambition is that these premises will be fully operational during the first half of the 2023 / 2024 Financial Year.

We have deliberately increased our profile and the awareness of our charitable purpose locally. We have done this by attending events such as the Emergency Services Carol Concert at St Asaph Cathedral, attending Sporting Events that have supported us, such as a charity netball competition in Denbigh. We have also been in contact with the local Free Press. These endeavours have resulted in us benefiting in increased levels of donations, both in money and food donations, which have been able to convert into direct benefit of our clients via initiatives such as Christmas Hampers and the purchase and distribution of energy efficient cooking equipment.

During the year we have been able to move more of our Trustee meeting from online platforms and back to being face to face. However, it's also clear that there are benefits to both approaches and we have adopted a hybrid approach.

During the previous year, 2021 /22 referrals from agencies dropped very considerably as offices were closed due to Covid and contacts reduced. However, that situation reversed in 2022/23 and we are now back to pre Covid levels of referrals and demand for our services.

There is also evidence starting to emerge that there is a new client group forming. That is those who are in full time work but who are nevertheless unable to afford basics. This is without doubt the result of austerity measures and is likely to get worse before it gets better. We will therefore be cognisant of this emerging client group as we plan our services for the future.

We wish to thank the ongoing generosity of our local supporters, in cash and in food items, directly and through the

boxes in the local supermarkets. This has enabled us to ensure we had a very adequate supply of food throughout the period.

Our treasurer was able to report an increase in our bank balance and is exploring how we can manage our finances in a way that allows us earmark a proportion of our monies for investment and contingency purposes.

The audited accounts are presented separately.

In closing, I wish to expressed my very sincere thanks to all the officers and volunteers who have worked tirelessly over this reporting period and enabled us to deliver our objectives as a charity and provide an excellent service to our clients.

Mark Owen MBE

Chair Person

Vale of Clwyd Foodbank

January 2024.



Treasurer's Report 2022 - 2023.

In hand 6.4.22.
£41876.41

Income 6.4.22 to 6.4.23
£28922.56

Outgoing 6.4.22 to 5.4.23.
£19740.45

Balance 5.4.23
£51158.53

The financial year 2022/2023 proved to be a busy year for the Vale of Clwyd Foodbank, this was the year where we prepared and invested for the Denbigh depot to move from Capel Mawr to a new location at Mount Pleasant in Denbigh.

It involved significant spend on the new property, a proportion of this was covered by two grants from

The Trussell Trust and Denbighshire County Council.

The spend included re-furbishing works on the property including heavy duty shelving and some internal re-modelling to address our needs. We were supported in some works being undertaken free of charge by local companies. Our rental costs have increased as compared to Capel Mawr as well as increased energy costs. The shop will be up and running in the first half of the 2023 / 24 year and will present a far more user friendly environment for staff and clients, including Disability access to clients.

There are still minor capital costs as new systems are developed.

Other expenses reflected in the outgoings include the Ruthin Christmas hamper initiative which resulted in 250 hampers being prepared and delivered in 2022. A slimmed down version was undertaken in 2023, this will be reflected in spending in this financial year.

Our donations remained firm in 2022/23, which enabled us to buy in food as and when required. As with everything else in this period and beyond food price inflation. More effective shopping practices have been introduced in 23/24 getting better value for money by buying in non branded

foodstuffs and “shopping around” which hopefully will help moderate costs.

Our balances are robust and there should be a reduction in outgoings in 23/24

Mr G Parry
Treasurer
Banc Bwyd Dyffryn Clwyd

**Banc Bwyd Dyffryn Clwyd - Vale of Clwyd
Foodbank**

Balance Sheet for period 6.4.22 to 5.4.2023

In hand on 6.4.22.	£41976.41
Income 6.4.22 to 6.4.23	£28922.56
Outgoing 6.4.22 to 5.4.23	£19740.45
Balance. 5.4.23.	£51158.53

Balance Sheet Checked

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REPORT TO TRUSTEES Year April 2021 to March 31, 2022

As required by Charity Commission I am pleased to present my report on the year's activities. And which have been dominated by the restrictions of Covid19 for a second year. However, by the fantastic efforts of a limited number of volunteers we have been able to continue to provide a good service to all referred to us or requesting help directly, while being very aware that there were many more in the community who could benefit.

Zoom and WhatsApp have again been of invaluable help both for day-to-day communication between officers and volunteers, contacts with trustees, and with other North Wales foodbanks.

Referrals from agencies dropped very considerably as offices were closed and contacts reduced. The receiving of requests by telephone emails and e-referrals 6 or 7 days a week was a very demanding role. We continued to work closely with our CAB's and supported the fuel voucher scheme.

Our voucher numbers were affected very much during the year by the covid outbreak

Denbigh showed a drop from 1468 in year 2021-22 to 897 in the past year

Ruthin showed a similar drop from 1696 to 867 over the same periods

(Ruthin figures do not include the large number of Christmas bags packed and distributed.)

An AGM was held on zoom on 15 February 2022.

Thanks to the generosity of our local supporters, in cash and in food items, directly and through the boxes in the local supermarkets we had a very adequate supply of food throughout the period. Our treasurer was able to report a very substantial increase in our bank balance and was able to set-up online banking arrangements. The audited accounts are presented separately.

While the newer Ruthin premises continued to function well the anxieties about the state of Capel Mawr continued. It was necessary to rent additional storage space in Capel Lon Swan.

The potential limitation in our existing charitable status which restrict us in taking out contracts and employing staff if we wished continued as a worry and a new constitution to be submitted to the Charity Commission was agreed in principle. The wish to clarify the liabilities of trustees led to a request for a legal opinion from Mr Mullan Q.C. who very generously provided one free of charge soon after the end of the financial year.

In December I declared my wish to stand down as chairman/project manager after 7 years. A discussion paper on whether the two roles should be separated took place for clarity before nominations were requested. It was agreed that this should be in consultation with the new chair. Online voting arrangements were agreed. Two nominations were received from Lowri Smith and from Mark Owen, resulting in Mark being elected. He was also elected as an additional trustee. He took over at the end of the march meeting, conveniently at the end of the financial year.

In stepping down I expressed my very sincere thanks to all the officers and volunteers who had been so supportive of me over the years, together with my continuing support of our new chairman.

Idris Humphreys

In Hand April 5th 202 £31,548.84

04/21

6.4.2021	Auto Credit	£40.00
13.4.2021	Auto Credit	£25.00
15.4.2021	Auto Credit	£50.00
15.4.2021	Auto Credit	£25.00
19.4.2021	Auto Credit	£20.00
22.4.2021	Auto Credit	£100.00
22.4.2021	Auto Credit	£10.00
22.4.2021	Auto Credit	£50.00
26.4.2021		£40.00
26.4.2021		£100.00

INCOME £460

OUTGOING

05/21

4.5.2021		£40.00
4.5.2021		£10.00
4.5.2021	Auto Credit	£20.00
13.5.2021	Auto Credit	£25.00
17.5.2021		£25.00
17.5.2021	Auto Credit	£50.00
19.5.2021	Auto Credit	£20.00
24.5.2021	Auto Credit	£10.00
24.5.2021	AutoCredit	£50.00
25.5.2021		£40.00
25.5.2021		£100.00
26.5.2021	Auto Credit	£100.00

INCOME £490.00

06/21

1.6.2021	Auto Credit	£20.00
1.6.2021	Auto Credit	£10.00
1.6.2021	Auto Credit	£40.00
14.6.21	Auto Credit	£25.00
15.6.21	Auto Credit	£50.00
15.6.21	Auto Credit	£25.00
15.6.21		
15.6.21	Auto Credit	£461.39
15.6.21		£50.00
21.6.21	Auto Credit	£20.00
22.6.21		£10.00

22.6.21	Auto Credit	£50.00
23.6.21		£50.00
24.6.21	Auto Credit	£100.00
24.6.21		£221.62
25.6.21		£40.00
28.6.21		£40.00
28.6.21		£100.00
29.6.21		£1,268.22

INCOME		£2,581.23
07/21		

1.7.2021		£10.00
1.7.2021		£20.00
13.7.2021		£25.00
15.7.21		£25.00
15.7.21		£50.00
19.7.21		£20.00
22.7.21		£10.00
22.7.21		£50.00
23.7.21		£2,000.00
26.7.21		£100.00
26.7.21		£40.00
26.7.21		£40.00
		2390
		£2,390.00

08/21

2.8.21		£10.00
2.8.21		£20.00
6.8.21		£100.00
13.8.21		£25.00
16.8.21		£50.00
16.8.21		£25.00
16.8.21		£20.00
23.8.21		£40.00
23.8.21		£10.00
23.8.21		£50.00
25.8.21		£40.00
26.8.21		£100.00

£490.00

09/21

1.9.21		£20.00
1.9.21		£10.00
10.9.21		£50.00
13.9.21		£25.00
14.9.21		£102.00

15.9.21	£50.00
15.9.21	£25.00
20.9.21	£40.00
20.9.21	£20.00
22.9.21	£10.00
22.9.21	£50.00
27.9.21	£40.00
29.9.21	£100.00

£542.00

10/21

1.10.21	£10.00
1.10.21	£20.00
5.10.21	£130.00
5.10.21	£100.00
5.10.21	£30.00
6.10.21	£100.00
13.10.21	£25.00
13.10.21	£55.00
15.10.21	£50.00
15.10.21	£25.00
18.10.21	£40.00
19.10.21	£20.00
20.10.21	£30.00
22.10.21	£100.00
22.10.21	£10.00
22.10.21	£50.00
25.10.21	£40.00

£835.00

11/21

01.11.21	£10.00
1.11.21	£20.00
6.11.21	£20.00
15.11.21	£40.00
15.11.21	£50.00
15.11.21	£25.00
15.11.21	£25.00
16.11.21	£1,000.00
16.11.21	£100.00
19.11.21	£20.00
22.11.21	£10.00
22.11.21	£50.00
25.11.21	£40.00

£1,410.00

Dec-21

1.12.21	£10.00
1.12.21	£20.00
1.12.21	£100.00
1.12.21	£10.00
4.12.21	£250.00
8.12.21	£100.00
13.12.21	£25.00
13.12.21	£40.00
14.12.21	£2,750.00
15.12.21	£25.00
15.12.21	£50.00
15.12.21	£637.60
20.12.21	£25.00
20.12.21	£20.00
20.12.21	£100.00
22.12.21	£10.00
22.12.21	£50.00
23.12.21	£10.00
24.12.21	£155.00
24.12.21	
29.12.21	£40.00
	4427.6

01/22

4.1.22	£10.00
4.1.22	£20.00
4.1.22	£10.00
10.1.22	£40.00
11.1.22	£30.00
11.1.22	£50.00
11.1.22	£235.00
11.1.22	£100.00
11.1.22	£15.00
11.1.22	£10.00
13.1.22	£25.00
13.1.22	£25.00
17.1.22	£50.00
24.1.22	£20.00
24.1.22	£10.00
24.1.22	£50.00
25.1.22	£40.00
	£740.00
FEB	
1.2.22	£10.00
1.2.22	£20.00
1.2.22	£10.00
5.2.22	£10.00

7.2.22		£40.00	
9.2.22	226	£25.00	
14.2.22		£20.00	
14.2.22		£25.00	
15.2.22		£50.00	
15.2.22		£25.00	
21.2.22		£20.00	
22.2.22		£10.00	
22.2.22		£50.00	
22.2.22		£40.00	
INCOME		£355.00	OUTGOING

MARCH

1.3.22		£20.00	
1.3.22		£10.00	
1.3.22		£10.00	
7.3.22		£40.00	
8.3.22		£100.00	
14.3..22		£25.00	
15.3.22		£25.00	
15.3.22		£50.00	
21.3.22		£20.00	
22.3.22		£10.00	
23.3.22		£50.00	
23.3.22		£100.00	
25.3.22		£40.00	

£500

APRIL

1.4.2022		£20.00	
1.4.2022		£10.00	
1.4.2022		£10.00	
1.4.2022		£1,000.00	229
		£100.00	229
4.4.22		£40.00	§
4.4.22		£2,236.00	
		3416	

£3,416.00

14.4.2021	Vodafone	£9.36
15.4.2021	Inks&Paper	£36.75
16.4.2021	CAB	£500.00
Lon Swan		£50.00

£596.11

04/21
05/21
06/21
07/21
08/21
09/21
10/21
11/21
12/21
01/22
02/22
03/22
04/22

4.5.2021	Rent CM	£120.00
12.5.2021	Vodafone	£9.36
17.5.2021	Lon Swan	£50.00

TOTAL

179.36

1.6.21	Rent CM	£120.00
14.6.21	Vodafone	£9.36
15.6.21	Lon Swan	£50.00
23.6.21	Em Cash	£20.00 (*Emergency payment to cli
		£199.36

£199.36

1.7.2021	Capel Mawr	£120
12.7.21	Lidl Purch.	£26.25
14.7.21	Vodafone	£9.36
15.7.21	Lon Swan	£50.00

205.61

2.8.21	Capel Mawr	£120.00
6.8.21	Tesco (De)	£118.33
12.8.21	Vodafone	£9.36
16.8.21	Lon Swan	£50.00
23.8.21	Rhys T	£40.00 *Co-Op vouchers to client)

£337.69

1.9.21	Capel Mawr	£120.00
14.9.21	Vodafone	£9.36
15.9.21	Lon Swan	£50.00
23.9.21	Rent Ruthin	£910.00

£1,089.36

5.10.21	Capel Mawr	£120.00
6.10.21	Misc DFB	£191.51
	15.1 Vodafone	£9.36
	15.1 Lon Swan	£50.00
18.10.21	Ruthin FB	£130.00 (Rent)
21.10.21	Insurance	£407.38 (Public Liability etc)

908.25

1.11.21	Capel Mawr	£120.00
12.11.21	CAD	£500.00 Fuel Poverty Denbigh
12.11.21	CAD	£500.00 Fuel Poverty Ruthin
12.11.21	Vodafone	£9.36
15.11.21	Lôn Swan	£50.00
15.11.21	Ruthin	£500.00 Christmas Hampers
16.11.21	Rent Ruthin	£130.00
26.11.21	Ruthin	£500.00 Christmas Hampers
30.11.21	ICO	£35.00 Data Prot. Registration

OUTGOING £2,344.36

1.12.21	Capel Mawr	£120.00
14.12.21	Vodafone	£9.36
15.12.21	Lôn Swan	£50.00
16.12.21	Ruthin Rent	£130.00
		309.36

£309.36

4.1.22	Capel Mawr	£120.00	
4.1.22	Ruthin	£427.20	Christmas Hampers
12.1.22	Vodafone	9.36	
17.1.22	Ruthin Rent	£130.00	
17.1.22	Lôn Swan	£50.00	
		£736.56	

736.56

1.2.22	Capel Mawr	£120.00	
7.2.22	Ruthin Petty C	£500.00	265
10.2.22	Lidl Purchase	£40.35	
10.2.22	Lidl Purchase	£24.17	

15.2.22	Lon Swan	£50.00
16.2.22	Vodafone	£9.36
16.2.22	Rent Ruthin	£130.00
		873.88

873.88

1.3.22	Capel Mawr	£120.00
14.3.22	Vodafone	£9.36
15.3.22	Lon Swan	£50.00
16.3.22	Ruthin Rent	£130.00

£309.36

4.3.22	Capel Mawr	£120.00
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£120.00

MONTH X MONTH
INCOME OUTGOING SURPLUS

£460	£596.11	
£490.00	179.36	
£2,581.23	199.36	
£2,390.00	£205.61	
£490.00	£337.69	
£542.00	£1,089.36	
£835.00	£908.25	
£1,410.00	£2,344.66	
£4,427.50	£309.36	
£740.00	£736.56	
£355.00	£873.88	
£500.00	£309.36	
£3,416.00	£120.00	
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£18,636.73	£8,210	£10,426.10

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Banc Bwyd Dyffryn Clwyd – Vale of Clwyd Foodbank

Mewn Llaw/In Hand 6/4/21 £31548.84

Incwm am y flwyddyn/Income for the year £18636.73

Is gyfanswm/Sub Total £50185.57

Gwariant/Expenditure £8210.00

Cyfanswm/Total £41975.57

Mewn llaw/In hand 5.4.22 £41975.57

Gwahaniaeth dros y flwyddyn/

Difference over the year £10426.73

Accounts Checked by Ms Caron Williams
