

BIRCHGROVE COMMUNITY FOODBANK

England & Wales · Charity number 1188963

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-04-08

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

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONGST PEOPLE IN BIRCHGROVE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA 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 POVERTYB) SUCH OTHER MEANS, INCLUDING (BUT NOT LIMITED TO) THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT OR SIGNPOSTING TO RELEVANT INFORMATION AND OTHER ADVISORY SERVICES

Activities: Operating from the Birchgrove Community Centre in Lon Gwesyn Birchgrove. The relief of financial hardship amongst people in Birchgrove and the surrounding area in such ways as the trustees from time-to-time think fit, in particular, but not exclusively by providing emergency food, essential toiletries, and household items to individuals and families in need and/or for distribution by charities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- City Of Swansea

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£8,187	£8,606	-	-
2024-04-05	£15,202	£23,514	-	-
2023-04-05	£8,511	£11,981	-	-
2022-04-05	£26,720	£13,040	-	-
2021-04-05	£20,406	£8,320	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jordan Rees	Chair	2020-02-28
Juliet Rees		2020-02-28
Leanne Dymond		2020-02-28

BIRCHGROVE COMMUNITY FOODBANK

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Accounts



Birchgrove Community Foodbank

Annual Report
&
Financial Statement
2024 – 2025

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Charity's Principal Address:

Birchgrove Community Centre
Lon Gwesyn

Birchgrove
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Charitable Aims & Objectives

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Trustees:

Chair	Jordan Rees
Secretary	Juliet Rees
Trustee	Leanne Dymond

Chair's Report

This year, we focussed on the immediate pressures on the foodbank income and concerns of our clients. Providing much-needed support, signposting and food parcels.

The food bank has seen an increase in users this year as the cost-of-living crisis made the issue of food poverty more acute in our community.

With a very special thank you to all our supporters and all the volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the year ensuring all clients received their food parcels.



Jordan Rees - Chair

Food Parcels

In 2024-25, we continued to receive amazing support from our supporters in the form of donations, despite the increased pressure facing households. This year the foodbank has faced increased food costs and severe demand against an unexpected reduction in grants. We hope to improve this position in the next financial year. Despite these challenges, we handed out approximately 5000 bags of food to families in need.

Birchgrove Community Garden

The community garden continues to grow and mature each year. Summer 2024 was a challenging year for vegetable-growing due to adverse weather conditions. However, we added more fruit trees to the garden to mitigate this and ensure we can consistently provide nutritious fruit and vegetables. This met our objectives from 2023 also.

We regularly host group visits from local primary schools, who have enjoyed learning how to grow vegetables, including kale, tomatoes, cabbages, carrots, a variety of herbs and even some flowers. Schools visited once in the winter when the garden is empty and again in the summer when the community garden is in full bloom and they have learned about seeds and plants in their classroom learning. This highlights the work of the foodbank and how we help our community.



Christmas at the Foodbank

Christmas 2024, Birchgrove Community Foodbank received £500 in gift card donations from Faith in Families to help local families in need.

Birchgrove Community Centre hosted a Christmas fete in November 2024. The foodbank raised £300 from a raffle and craft stall which was kindly matched by CAF.

Sponsors & Donors

Special thanks to the local churches, schools, businesses, charities and supermarkets for their continued support enabling the foodbank to help families living within Birchgrove and the surrounding area.



We had several food donations from Tesco



Swansea Marina customers, CKs Birchgrove, Poundstretcher Llansamlet and Birchgrove Post Office.

Our Supporters this year included:

City & County of Swansea, Sullivans Estate Agents, Saron Evangelical Church, Arbourne's Winchwen, Glantawe Lions, Samlet Church, Tesco Marina, Farm Foods, CK Supermarket Birchgrove, JCP Solicitors, Sensitive Water Solutions, Elsbe, ATR Construction, Poundstretcher, Birchgrove Church, Plough and Harrow, Samlet Sunday Dinners, Tony Evans Swansea Male Voice Choir, Birchgrove WI, Ynystawe Cricket/Football Club, Seven Dragons, Faith in Families, KJ Hire, Swansea Vale Tri, Admiral, HSBC, CAF, Lloyds, Veramed, CKs Foodstores Birchgrove, Birchgrove Post Office, Glais Rugby, Old Glais Inn, Pobl.

Thank you!

Future Objectives

Supermarket Donation Baskets: We would like to increase the number of donation baskets in stores to meet increasing demand and also create a visible presence in the wider community. We will contact more supermarkets and small shops to host a basket for us.

Washing Powder and Toiletries: We struggle with donations for laundry and hygiene products. Clients regularly ask for washing powder in particular. This year we will try ways of meeting this demand for families.

Links with local groups: We would like to continue making links with local groups. We have had success partnering with local schools and would like to continue educating children in the community about food poverty and the work we do.

Pet Provision: Contact local charities and organisations for support with pet food for our clients with animals.

Special Thanks

Birchgrove Community Foodbank Trustees would like to give special thanks to the local Councillors for their continued support to the Foodbank and local community of Birchgrove.

Cllr Alyson Pugh

Cllr Ryland Doyle

Cllr Matthew Jones

Cllr Penny Matthews

Financial Statement

We, as Trustees, have agreed that a proportion of the monies currently available will be placed into a separate savings account as reserves to ensure the steady supply of food stock is available should the amount of donations lessen.

Income

Cash at 01.04.2023	
Bank b/f	£2,482
Petty cash	£0
Donations	£4,057
Grants/Funding	£4,130
Total	£8,187

Expenditure

Stock replenishment	£6,459
Office (incl phone)	£883
Community Garden	£504
Volunteer Expenses	£22
Insurance	£238
FiF Giftcards	£500
Total	£8,606

Less Cash in hand	£0
Less Reserves/Savings	£5,871
Balance C/f	£2,482

Notes to the accounts:

In previous years, the Trustees discussed and agreed the sum of £8,000 to be placed as a reserve/savings for the bank account. This year due to a decrease in grants, the foodbank has had to use a portion of these reserves. The remainder (£5,871) will remain in reserves for 2025-2026.

This will ensure the foodbank will have sufficient funds to continue to operate in the event of a reduction in donations.

I confirm the above accounts provide an accurate record of Birchgrove Community Centre Foodbank's financial transactions for the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 Signed

Name Juliet Rees
Position Secretary
Date: 17.01.2025

2024/25

Balance B/F £ 2,481.62

Income £ 8,187.25

Expenditure £ 8,606.08

Balance c/f (Operating A £2,062.79

Reserves (Held separately) £ 5,870.96

Total Funds at Year End 2024/2025

Operating Account Balance

Reserves Account Balance

Total Funds Held

At year end, the foodbank held £5,870.96 in reserves, reduced from previous years due to increased food costs and reduced grant income.

Date	Item Description	Amount
Apr	Food	£851.91
	Community Garden	£340.81
May	Food	£356.58
	Community Garden	£57.21
June	Food	£531.30
	Community Garden	£30.92
July	Food	£332.72
Aug	Food	£394.24
28.08.2023	Office	£24.89
Sept	Food	£428.60
	Mobile	£20.00
Oct	Food	£166.10
	Insurance	£238.24
Nov	Food	£645.85
Dec	Food	£1,778.53
	Volunteers	£21.60
	Faith in Families Gift Cards	£500.00
Jan	Food	£534.45
	Mobile	£20.00
	Office	£484.07
Feb	Food	£191.75
	Office	£333.98
March	Food	£247.35
	Community Garden	£74.98
Total		£8,606.08

Date	Item Description	Amount	Donation
5/22/2024	T Evans Swansea Male Voice Choir	£200.00	£200.00
5/24/2024	Arbournes Collection Box	£59.91	£59.91
5/24/2024	Birchgrove Post Office Collection Box	£23.21	£23.21
6/16/2024	T Evans Swansea Male Voice Choir	£110.00	£110.00
7/18/2024	Anon	£100.00	£100.00
7/18/2024	Anon	£10.00	£10.00
7/18/2024	Anon	£40.00	£40.00
7/19/2024	Anon	£5.00	£5.00
7/25/2024	Birchgrove WI	£21.53	£21.53
7/1/2024	Swansea LA Food Poverty Grant	£2,500.00	
8/11/2024	Summer Fete	£354.00	£354.00
8/15/2024	Llansamlet Church	£50.00	£50.00
9/14/2024	Llansamlet Church	£75.00	£75.00
9/14/2024	T Evans Swansea Male Voice Choir	£35.00	£35.00
9/14/2024	T Evans Swansea Male Voice Choir	£50.00	£50.00
9/20/2024	Anon	£100.00	£100.00
10/21/2024	Pobl	£830.00	£0.00
10/30/2024	Anon	£100.00	£100.00
01/110/2024	Old Glais Inn	£105.00	£105.00
11/11/2024	Llansamlet Church	£110.00	£110.00
11/22/2024	Llansamlet Church	£65.00	£65.00
11/22/2024	Birchgrove WI	£300.00	£300.00
11/25/2024	Christmas Fete	£300.00	£300.00
11/28/2024	Llansamlet Church	£40.00	£40.00
12/1/2024	Anon	£50.00	£50.00
12/10/2024	Anon	£50.00	£50.00
12/10/2024	Faith in Families	£500.00	£500.00
12/12/2024	Anon	£26.00	£26.00
12/12/2024	Anon	£510.00	£510.00
12/20/2024	Anon	£43.00	£43.00
12/20/2024	Llansamlet Church	£100.00	£100.00
1/15/2025	Anon	£20.00	£20.00
1/15/2025	Llansamlet Church	£50.00	£50.00
1/16/2025	Birchgrove Post Office Collection Box	£27.74	£27.74
1/30/2025	Llansamlet Church	£70.00	£70.00
2/12/2025	CAF Matched Funding	£300.00	
3/6/2025	Pobl	£500.00	£0.00
3/14/2025	Llansamlet Church	£80.00	£80.00
3/14/2025	KJ Hire	£100.00	£100.00
3/14/2025	Anon	£50.00	£50.00
3/20/2025	Arbournes Collection Box	£126.86	£126.86
	Total	£8,187.25	###

Funding Grant

£2,500.00

£830.00

Giftcards provided by FiF - given straight to clients.

£300.00

£500.00

Matched funding for summer fete

£300.00

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	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Balance B/F	£12,086		###	###
Income		###	£8,510.61	###
Expenditure		###	£7,481.36	###
Petty Cash	0			
Reserves			£8,000.00	£8,000.00
Total c/f		###	###	£2,481.62

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Petty cash **700**

Gift Cards **400**

Total **###**

Date	Item Description	Amount	Food Stock
Apr	Food	£2,343.89	£2,343.89
	Mobile	£20.00	
	Office	£45.00	
May	Food	£1,058.86	£1,058.86
	Office	£20.00	
	Community Garden	£108.97	
June	Food	£324.55	£324.55
July	Food	£492.09	£492.09
	Volunteers	£18.00	
Aug	Food	£1,284.69	£1,284.69
28.08.2023	Gift Cards - Faith in families	£1,000.00	
Sept	Food	£1,587.41	£1,587.41
	Mobile Phone Replacement	£99.99	
Oct	Food	£1,647.44	£1,647.44
	Mobile	£10.00	
	Insurance	£236.44	
Nov	Food	£487.35	£487.35
	Office	£28.00	
Dec	Food	£4,715.10	£4,715.10
	Christmas Meat & Veg hampers	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
	Volunteers	£657.50	
	Faith in families Gift Cards	£400.00	
Jan	Food	£608.68	£608.68
	Mobile	£10.00	
Feb	Food	£285.95	£285.95
March	Food	£334.92	£334.92
	Volunteers	£22.25	
	Community Garden	£1,667.48	
Total		###	###

Office/Mobile Community Garden Volunteer Expenses Insurance Christmas Stock

£20.00
£45.00

£20.00

£108.97

£18.00

£99.99

£10.00

£236.44

£28.00

£4,500.00

£657.50

£400.00

£10.00

£22.25

£1,667.48

£232.99

£1,776.45

£697.75

£236.44

£4,900.00

Date	Type	Item Description
April		TBC
May		TBC
10.06.2023	Donation	Anon
	Other trading activities	T Evans Swansea Male Voice Choir
10.07.2023	Donation	Anon
11.07.2023	Donation	Anon
14.7.2023	Donation	WI
19.07.2023	Donation	Anon
20.07.2023	Donation	Birchgrove Primary - Parents
16.08.2023	Gov LA	Swansea City Council - Food Poverty Grant
28.08.2023	Donation	Gift Cards - Faith in families
02.09.2023	Donation	Sullivans Estate Agents
15.09.2023	Donation	Anon
18.09.2023	Donation	Anon
18.09.2023	Other trading activities	T Evans Swansea Male Voice Choir
28.09.2023	Other trading activities	T Evans Swansea Male Voice Choir
28.09.2023	Donation	Anon
01.11.2023	Other trading activities	T Evans Swansea Male Voice Choir
17.11.2023	Donation	Birchgrove WI
17.11.2023	Donation	Anon
22.11.2023	Donation	Birchgrove WI
22.11.2023	Donation	Anon
24.11.2023	Other trading activities	Ynystawe Cricket/Football
27.11.2023	Donation	Anon
01.12.2023	Donation	Anon
01.12.2023	Donation	Birchgrove WI
01.12.2023	Donation	Anon
02.12.2023	Donation	Peniel Green Spiritualist Church
03.12.2023	Other trading activities	T Evans Sponsered Walk
15.12.2023	Gov LA	Llansamlet Ward Councillors
16.12.2023	Donation	Faith in families Gift Cards
19.12.2023	Donation	Seven Dragons
19.01.2024	Donation	Anon
06.02.2024	Donation	T Evans
06.02.2024	Donation	Anon
06.03.2024	Donation	Glantawe Lions
28.03.2024	Donation	Anon

Total

Amount	Donation	Funding	Grant
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£0.00

£0.00

£40.00 £40.00

£60.00 £60.00

£100.00 £100.00

£100.00 £100.00

£130.00 £130.00

£20.00 £20.00

£40.00 £40.00

£5,000.00

Parents donated money to Foodbank
£5,000.00

£1,000.00 £1,000.00

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£80.00 £80.00

£50.00 £50.00

£20.00 £20.00

£60.00 £60.00

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£100.00 £100.00

£15.00 £15.00

£100.00 £100.00

£110.00 £110.00

£20.00 £20.00

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£46.77 £46.77

£20.00 £20.00

£30.00 £30.00

£915.00 £915.00

£4,500.00

£4,500.00

£400.00 £400.00

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Trustees:

Chair Jordan Rees

Secretary Juliet Rees

Trustee Leanne Dymond

Chair's Report

This year, we focussed on the immediate issues and concerns of our clients. Providing much-needed support, sign-posting and food parcels.

The food bank has seen an increase in users this year as the cost of living crisis made the issue of food poverty more acute in our community.

With a very special thank you to all our supporters and indeed the volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the year regardless of weather ensuring all clients received their food parcels



Jordan Rees Chair

Birchgrove Community Garden

Summer 2023 was an excellent vegetable-growing year. This summer we were able to fill our food parcels to the brim with nutritional, fresh produce from the community garden.

We regularly host group visits from local primary schools, who have enjoyed learning how to grow vegetables,



including kale, tomatoes, cabbages, carrots, a variety of herbs and even some flowers. Once in the winter/spring when the garden is empty and again in the summer when the community garden is in full bloom and they have learned about seeds and plants in their classroom learning. This highlights the work of the foodbank and how we help our community.

Christmas at the Foodbank

Christmas 2023, Local Community Councillors provided funding and practical support to the foodbank at a difficult time for families in need.



Christmas week we delivered over 900 bags of food to approximately 150 families in the local community and surrounding areas. These special Christmas parcels included, turkey crowns, selection boxes and all the trimmings that we all enjoy on these special holidays.

Sponsors & Donors

Special thanks to the local churches, schools, businesses, charities and supermarkets for their continued support enabling the foodbank to provide help and assistance to people and their families living within Birchgrove and the surrounding area.



We have had several food donations from Tesco Swansea Marina customers and Peniel Green Spiritualist Church (pictured left) as well as local schools, churches and supermarkets.

Our Supporters this year included:

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Future Objectives

Advice and Information: The foodbank would like to set up complimentary advice & information sessions to provide support to its users. For example, collaborate with other charities for pet advice for our clients with animals and repair and recycling advice to help with the cost of living.

Fresh Produce Provision: Plant more fruit trees to include more fresh produce and variety in our food parcels.

Food Skills: We would like to teach cooking skills or recipes that will make the best use of the store cupboard essentials, such as tins and dried food, that we include in our food parcels.

Special Thanks

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Cllr Alyson Pugh Cllr Ryland Doyle Cllr Matthew Jones Cllr Penny Matthews

Financial Statement

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Income

Cash at 01.04.2023

Bank b/f	£ 18,794
Petty cash	£700
Donations	£5,701
Grants/Funding	£9,500
Total	£15,201

Expenditure

Stock replenishment	£19,171	
Christmas Stock	£4,900	
Community Garden	£1,776	
Volunteer Expenses	£698	
Insurance	£236	
Office Supplies (inc Phone)	£233	
Total	£23,515	
Less Cash in hand		£0
Less Reserves/Savings		£8,000
Balance C/f		£2,482

Notes to the accounts:

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Signed

Name Juliet Rees
Position Secretary
Date: 07.02.2025

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Trustee Tania Arthur

Chair's Report



Our third year has been our busiest yet, again focusing on the immediate issues and concerns of our clients, we were able to provide support, advice and of course food parcels to families and people living within the local community and surrounding area.

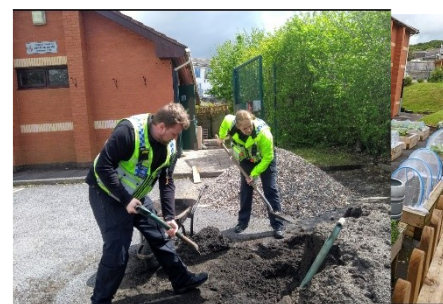
Working with the local Councillors we were able to develop the service and provide additional support during the 'cost of living crisis'. Most of this financial support has been allocated to the reserves to provide support when the food donations are low or reduced.

Jordan Rees Chair

Again, we the Trustees recognise we could not provide this service without the continued support of our volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the year regardless of the weather ensuring all clients received their food parcels, and the local businesses that have provided support by either financial or food basket donations.

Birchgrove Community Garden

The Community Garden has gone from strength to strength providing fresh home grown produce to the foodbank users. Juliet Rees (Foodbank Manager) working alongside a team of local community volunteers, including volunteers from the local Comprehensive and Primary Schools as well as a team from Lloyds Bank based in Swansea and Vera Mead Llansamlet .



Liaising with the local schools, Juliet has been able to arrange group visits from the children, who have enjoyed learning how to grow vegetables, including Kale, Tomatoes, Cabbages, Carrots, Onions, Beetroot, French Beans, Runner Beans, Broccoli, Spring Onions, Cucumbers, a variety of herbs and even some flowers.



Easter & Christmas at the Foodbank

Once again, our Local Community Councillors provided much needed funding and practical support enabling over 200 special food parcels to be delivered to the local community and surrounding areas. These food parcels included easter eggs, selection boxes and all the trimmings that we all enjoy on these special holidays.

Christmas at the Foodbank

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Future Developments

Working in partnership with the City & County of Swansea local councillors, we are in the process of setting up cookery classes free to people living within the community.

We are also looking at providing other courses (free) which may be beneficial to the local community e.g. First Aid.

Special Thanks

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Income

Bank b/f	£25,765
Petty cash	£0
Donations	£4,010
Grants/Funding	£4,500
Total	£34,275

Expenditure

Stock replenishment	£6,813
Christmas Stock	£4,617
Community Garden	£20
Volunteer Expenses	£136
Insurance	£210
Office Supplies (inc Phone)	£186
Total	£11,981
Less Cash in hand	£0
Less Reserves/Savings	£8,000
Balance C/f	£14,294

Notes to the accounts:

The Trustees discussed and agreed the sum of £8,000 to be placed as a reserve/savings for the bank account.

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I confirm the above accounts provide an accurate record of Birchgrove Community Foodbank's financial transactions for the year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Signed

Name Juliet Rees
Position Secretary
Date: 23.02.2024

BIRCHGROVE COMMUNITY FOODBANK

England & Wales - Charity number 1188963

Accounts



Birchgrove Community Foodbank

Annual Report
&
Financial Statement
2021 - 2022

Charity's Principal Address:

Birchgrove Community Centre
Lon Gwesyn
Birchgrove
SA7 9

Charitable Aims & Objectives

The relief of financial hardship amongst people in Birchgrove and the surrounding area in such ways as the trustees from time to time think fit, in particular but not exclusively by;

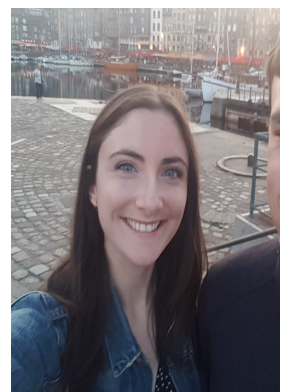
- Providing emergency food, essential toiletries and household items to individuals and families in need and/or for distributions by charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.
- Such other means, including (though not limited to) the provision of support or signposting to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

We, the trustees consider that these activities have been and continue to be conducted with regard to the guidance of the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Trustees:

Chair	Jordan Rees
Secretary	Juliet Rees
Trustee	Leanne Dymond
Trustee	Tania Arthur

Chair's Report



As we moved into our second year, we focussed on the immediate issues and concerns of our clients. Providing much needed support, advice and of course food parcels.

Liaising with the Local Authority, in particular Sue Reed Community Partnership & Destination Development Manager we were able to utilise the area behind the community centre and developed this space into a communal garden.

With a very special thank you to all our supporters and indeed the volunteers who worked tirelessly throughout the year regardless of the weather ensuring all clients received their food parcels

'' Jordan Rees Chair

Birchgrove Community Garden

Juliet Rees (Foodbank Manager) working alongside a team of local community volunteers, including 'Bags of Help' volunteers from Llansamlet Tesco and the local PCSOs were able to create a much needed vegetable garden for the local community to enjoy.



This included a mini orchard and quiet area to just sit and relax while watching the wildlife. The produce from the garden is distributed among the clients of the foodbank, and is also available to the local community in general.



Liaising with the local schools, Juliet has been able to arrange group visits from the children, who have enjoyed learning how to grow vegetables, including Kale, Tomatoes, Cabbages, Carrots, Onions, Beetroot, French Beans, Runner Beans, Broccoli, Spring Onions, Cucumbers, a variety of herbs and even some flowers.



A mini orchard including apple,



was also planted pear and plum trees.



Easter & Christmas at the Foodbank

Once again, our Local Community Councillors provided much needed funding and practical support enabling over 200 special food parcels to be delivered to the local community and surrounding areas. These food parcels included easter eggs, selection boxes and all the trimmings that we all enjoy on these special holidays.

Christmas at the Foodbank

Sponsors & Donors

Special thanks to the local churches, schools, businesses, charities and supermarkets for their continued support enabling the foodbank to provide much needed help and assistance to people and their families living within Birchgrove and the surrounding area.

Our Supporters included:

City & County of Swansea, Sullivans Estate Agents, Saron Evangelical Church, Arbourne's Winchwen, Glantawe Lions, Rivalslot Llansamlet, Samlet Church, Tesco Llansamlet, Tesco Marina, Farm Foods, CK Supermarket Birchgrove, Co-op Clydach, JCP Solicitors, Sensitive Water Solutions, Elsbe, ATR Construction, Asda, Eastside Foodbank.

Future Developments

We are in the process of setting up monthly Advice & Information days to coincide with the opening times of the foodbank, providing additional support and advice to all users and visitors to the centre.

Special Thanks

Birchgrove Community Foodbank Trustees would like to give special thanks to the local Councillors for their continued support to the Foodbank and local community of Birchgrove

Cllr Alyson Pugh
Penny Matthews

Cllr Ryland Doyle

Cllr Matthew Jones

Cllr

Financial Statement

In Partnership with the local Councillors from the City & County of Swansea we were able to apply for and receive funding to cover start-up costs for the new Community Garden

We as Trustees have agreed that a proportion of the monies currently available will be placed into a separate savings account as reserves to ensure the steady supply of food stock is available should the amount of donations lessen.

Income

Cash at 01.04.2021

Bank b/f	£12,086
Petty cash	£0
Donations	£5,694
Grants/Funding	£8,940
Total	£26,720

Expenditure

Stock replenishment	£4,483
Christmas Stock	£442
Community Garden	£7,441
Volunteer Expenses	£267
Insurance	£209
Office Supplies (inc Phone)	£196
Total	£13,040
Less Cash in hand	£0
Less Reserves/Savings	£8,000
Balance C/f	£4,679

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Community Centre Foodbank's financial transactions for the year 1st April 2021
to 31st March 2022

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Name Juliet Rees
Position Secretary
Date: 23.02.2023

BIRCHGROVE COMMUNITY FOODBANK

England & Wales - Charity number 1188963

Accounts



Birchgrove Community Foodbank

Annual Report
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Financial Statement
2020 – 2021

Birchgrove Community Foodbank is a registered charity, reg. no.1188963

Charity's Principal Address:

Birchgrove Community Centre
Lon Gwesyn
Birchgrove
SA7 9

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- Such other means, including (though not limited to) the provision of support or signposting to relevant information and other advisory services.

We, the trustees consider that these activities have been and continue to be conducted with regard to the guidance of the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Trustees:

Chair	Jordan Rees
Secretary	Juliet Rees
Trustee	Audrey Jones
Trustee	Leanne Dymond
Trustee	Tania Arthur

Chair's Report

With the COVID pandemic and ensuing restrictions raising safety issues, we rose to the challenges and succeeded in reaching over 1,260 people including families living within the City & County Swansea, providing much needed food parcels, support and advice.

Of those that received our help we were able to signpost 100 (approx.) people to other organisations that were able to complete benefit checks and assist with other issues/concerns raised by our clients.



Chair Jordan Rees

None of this would have been possible without the support provided by the City & County of Swansea local councillors including:

Cllr Mo Sykes, Cllr Alyson Pugh, Cllr Ryland Doyle and Cllr Penny Matthews.



Councillor Mo Sykes



Donor Samantha Sullivan & Foodbank Secretary Juliet Rees

Special thanks to the local schools, businesses, charities and supermarkets for their support in setting up the foodbank and continued support throughout what proved to be a very unpredictable and difficult year, these included:

Admiral Insurance, Glantawe Lions, Unite, Gerald Davies LTD, Birchgrove Colts, Tesco Llansamlet, Tesco Marina, CK Supermarket Birchgrove, Arbourne's Winchwen, Co-op Clydach, Morrisons, Farm Foods, Asda, Wilkinsons (Morrison) JCP Solicitors, Sensitive Water Solutions, Elsbe, Sullivans Estate Agents, ATR Construction, Samlet Church, Eastside Foodbank, Andy John Plumbing and Plantasia.

Not forgetting the Bridge End Inn for the scrumptious free Sunday dinners provided to families during the pandemic.

A very special thank you to Ava (age 6yrs) who raised a staggering £409.41 by making and selling rainbows, which helped to purchase all this food.



We did not allow the restrictions to stop children from enjoying Easter and must give a special note of thanks to City & County of Swansea as well and our local community which enabled us to deliver just over 300 easter eggs, and we did not stop there!



Special thanks to Tesco Llansamlet and Tesco Swansea Marina for helping to provide Halloween costumes and accessories, as well as gift cards that were used to purchase Christmas gifts and stockings.

As Christmas approached, we sent out a request for help via social media and were truly overwhelmed by the response. Not only did we receive donations of gift cards, gift sets and selection boxes, but we also received offers of help to deliver these items.

Some of those that ensured the children's Christmas was extra special are Sheree, Jade and Zoe from our local community that provided gifts and stockings for all the children and together with a fleet of volunteer drivers, we were able to deliver just over 300 food parcels that included a complete Christmas dinner (turkey crown with all the trimmings as well as stockings, crackers and gift cards for the children).

Whilst it has been an exceedingly difficult year, it was extremely humbling and encouraging to see the community come together to support one another during what has been an extraordinary time with so many uncertainties.

It goes without saying that we would not be able to reach the numbers of people referred to us without the support of our volunteers, who give their time and energy to support the foodbank by donating, collecting and delivering donations to those unable to come to the centre.



Secretary Juliet Rees

Financial Statement

During our first year, with the assistance of local Councillors from the City & County of Swansea we were able to apply for and receive funding to cover start-up costs for the foodbank.

We as Trustees have agreed that a proportion of the monies currently available will be placed into a separate savings account as reserves to ensure the steady supply of food stock is available should the amount of donations lessen.

Income

Cash at 01.04.2020

Bank b/f	£1,910
Petty cash	£0
Donations	£18,496
Total	£20,406

Expenditure

Start up Costs	£855
Stock replenishment	£4,554
Christmas Stock	£538
Freezer/Fridges	£947
Storage (Shelving)	£410
Office Equipment	£331
Volunteer Expenses	£28
Insurance	£209
Health & Safety (inc. PPE)	£75
Office Supplies (inc Phone)	£373
Total	£8,320
Net Inflow (Outflow) balance	£12,086
Less Cash in hand	£0
Subtotal	£12,086
Balance C/f	£12,086

Notes to the accounts:

The Trustees have agreed to operate a savings account as a reserve for the bank account.

This will ensure the foodbank will have sufficient funds to continue to operate in the event of a reduction in donations whilst trustees seek a solution to the funding issue.

I confirm the above accounts provide an accurate record of Birchgrove Community Centre Foodbank's financial transactions for the year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Signed

Name Juliet Rees

Position Secretary

Date: 23.01.2022