



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

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.

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 2021
to 31st March 2022

Signed

Name Juliet Rees
Position Secretary
Date: 23.02.2023