



Quantock Foodbank

Registered Charity No. 1189991

ANNUAL REPORT

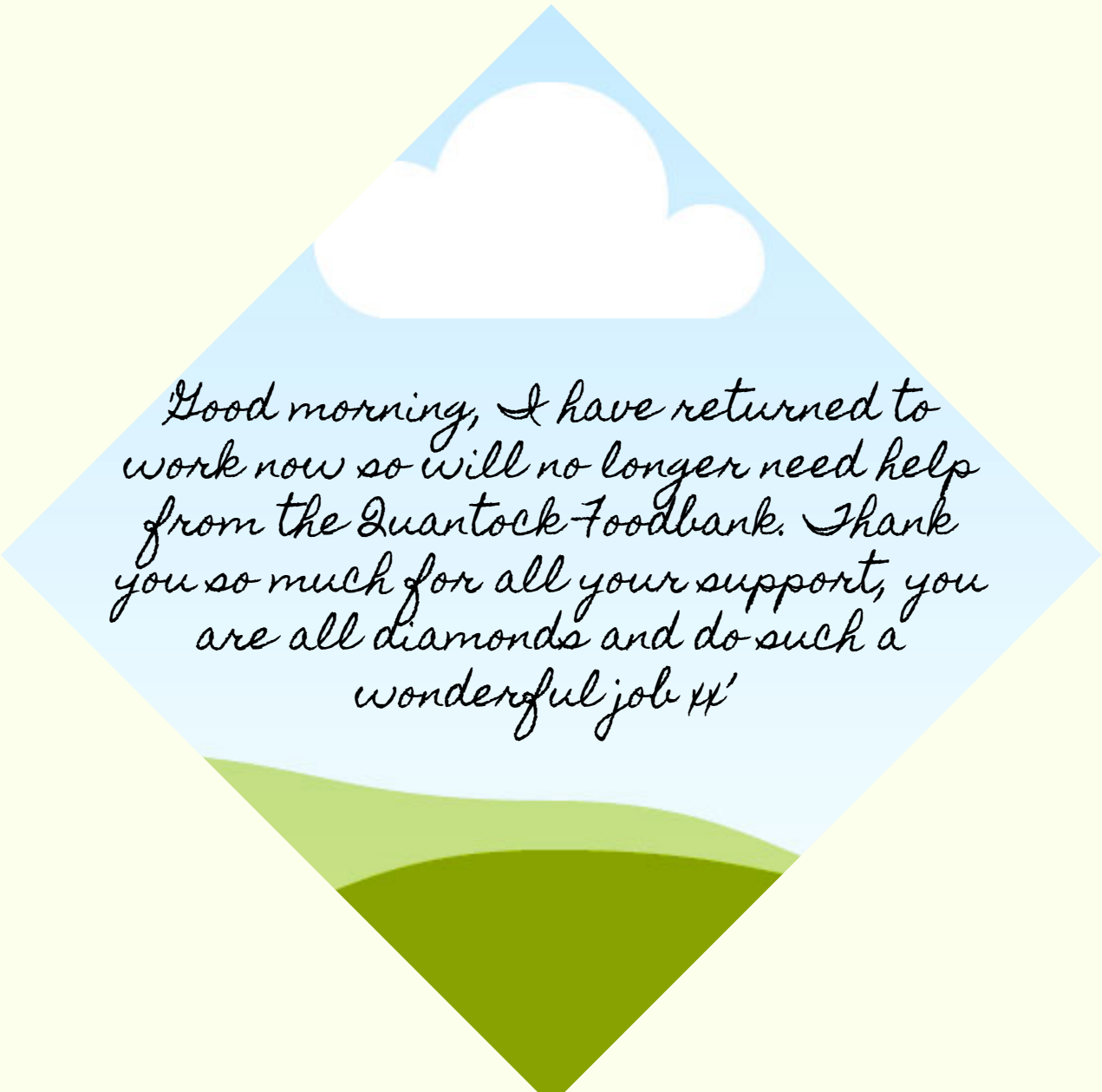


2024

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Good morning, I have returned to
work now so will no longer need help
from the Quantock Foodbank. Thank
you so much for all your support, you
are all diamonds and do such a
wonderful job xx'

From the Chair

Mr Clive Wooldridge

When I wrote the Chair's letter last year it was necessarily a little downbeat in respect of the limited progress of the Mobile Pantry, due to the delay on the vehicle arising from factors which were totally beyond our control. The situation we found ourselves in was very frustrating, but I did say also that anything worthwhile was worth waiting for. Consequently, when we launched the Mobile Pantry on the morning of 30th April, despite the inclement weather and having to introduce the Deputy Lieutenant of Somerset from under an umbrella, everyone was really happy, excited, and looking forward to this new part of a hugely successful project. That afternoon the Mobile Pantry made its first visit to client villages and I am happy to report that it was the first of many visits in the nearly six months since.

The brilliant vehicle was not the only technological improvement to the service we offer this year; we also took delivery of an electronic trolley which takes food trays from the Watchet Annexe to the Pantry vehicle, saving volunteers from having to carry heavy trays up the steep ramp to the main road. This was just another example of the thought which has gone into making the Mobile Pantry such a great addition to our already exceptional service made possible by all our volunteers past and present, and without whom we could not continue to offer such a vital service in the Quantock area. A heartfelt thank you to every one of them, and also to the people and organisations who continue to host the food bank in Watchet and the new vehicle in Williton.

I must also thank all our donors. Since we first introduced the idea of setting up a Foodbank in Watchet we have been blessed by the incredibly generous financial donations, as well as time and expertise of so many, and the enormous quantity of provisions flooding in from all of our surrounding communities and individuals which have maintained and strengthened our work. I could not possibly name them all, nor would I embarrass them; they know who they are and they continue their giving year by year. We are greatly indebted to them and we could not do without them!

I will finish this much more upbeat letter by thanking all the trustees for their continued support and by repeating our mantra of the last few years, "Wherever we are, whatever it costs, for as long as it takes." Without a doubt the Food Pantry, both mobile and static, carries on the excellent work the Foodbank began in 2018 and I feel sure it will continue to operate with great care and compassion, fulfilling the needs of all our clients within the wider Quantock area and its villages. I look forward to next year's opportunity to list the leaps forward we will have made in the coming year.





TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024

FOREWORD

The Trustees had two overriding aims during the year. The Quantock Foodbank would play its part in:

- Tackling the ongoing crisis of Food Poverty and
- Contributing to the reduction in harmful emissions fuelling climate change.

Research published in a working paper, led by the University of Bristol, claims schools have increasingly stepped in and are now the biggest source of charitable food and household aid for families struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. The report, reveals that there are more than 4,000 school-based 'food banks' in primary and secondary schools across England, which equates to one in every five schools running one. The study also found school food banks are more prevalent in deprived areas and schools; highlighting the severity of child food insecurity and the challenges facing low-income families. It calls for greater awareness amongst policy makers and reform, including an overhaul of the social security system, to address the growing issue.

The survey data used in the study indicates food banks exist in more than a fifth (21%) of schools and this rises to a third (33%) in schools with high numbers of students from deprived backgrounds. Charitable and third sector organisations, chiefly The Trussell Trust operating 1,646 food banks and The Independent Food Aid Network who have identified another 1,172 food banks, are key players. But the report suggests that the latest data indicates schools now outstrip this, running an estimated 4,250 'food banks'.

However, presenting facts from raw data may lead to false conclusions. The nature of a school food bank is not defined and many subscribed to, and had a weekly pallet of food delivered from Fareshare. In some instances, staffing constraints meant parents and students had unmonitored access, producing unwanted consequences. So the two providers are in a totally different category, fundamentally different, and cannot practically be compared; although it is true that access to Fareshare items offers a little extra each week, which may prevent families from needing the formal support of food banks and pantries.

Reform of our social security system is not the 'silver bullet' which will solve such a complex issue. With the rising influence of AI and automation in the jobs market and a widening global wealth gap, guaranteed income schemes have also been put forward as part of the solution to growing inequality. The most comprehensive system is known as universal basic income (UBI), defined by the World Bank as:

"A programme to be delivered in cash, unconditionally and to everyone. Its design features – all in cash, no conditions, and no targeting – challenge current practices to varying degrees." It says only a handful of countries have trialled UBI schemes and no country has one in place long-term.

The Welsh government's UBI pilot was launched to address the particular challenges faced by young people leaving local authority or foster care and transitioning into adulthood. It runs until May 2025 with the final evaluation, by Cardiff University, expected in 2027. However, it has announced that its UBI project will not be continued after the initial pilot ends in 2025 because of the cost.

There are other implications to be aware of which impact on food insecurity, including the effects of global climate change from which we are all likely to suffer. Consequentially, food insecurity looks likely to stay for the foreseeable future. Looking into such a future is not particularly easy, but the Trustees were prepared to face the challenge it presented, turning a vision into reality through dedication, strategy, and resilience. They were rewarded for their perseverance when their actions brought the vision to life, and the new all electric Mobile Pantry arrived.

On the day we took delivery of the new vehicle, an article in the Financial Times revealed that: "New members of the global super-rich gained more of their assets through inheritance than through wealth creation", the first time that this has been recorded. The great wealth transfer was "really gaining momentum from elderly baby boomers and Generation X to millennials and younger". However, it was really interesting to note that: whilst geopolitics was at the forefront of ultra-high-net-worth individuals' investment decisions, younger elites were far more likely to consider the societal impact of their assets than their parents. As the global wealth gap continues to widen and those in poverty increase, a quote in the article states that: "the key is to make sure that the next generation is properly prepared to handle the responsibility."

Without a shadow of doubt, our sponsors do take that responsibility seriously, sharing their wealth, time, and expertise with an unmatched generosity of spirit. The Quantock Foodbank is incredibly grateful to them, and we hope that they are satisfied with the outcome of their unstinting support and investment in the Charity, especially when they see the new all electric Mobile Pantry providing a service to those who had little or no access in and around the Quantock villages.

Our wonderful, loyal, volunteers, rather than live a quiet life of retirement, do what is needed for as long as they can, devoting their time and energy to serving others and living the prayer of St Ignatius of Loyola.

'Lord, teach us to be generous, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to look for any reward, except that of knowing that we do your will.'

The Quantock Foodbank is a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Charity Number: 1189991.

Registered address: 35 Brook Road, Williton, Taunton TA4 4TE

Email address: quantockfoodbank@gmail.com Telephone: 07483 815122

Operating address: The Annexe, Harbour Road, Watchet TA23 0AQ

Following the resignation of a Trustee in September 2023, the Trustees co-opted the Secretary to the Trustees as an Officer of the Charity. Seven meetings were held during the year and the Charity Trustees were as follows:

Name	Office Held	Representing
Clive Wooldridge	Chair	CtWW
Councillor John Irven	Banking Officer Financial Governance Team	Watchet Town Council
Marlene Mason	Company Secretary & Treasurer Financial Governance Team	CtWW
Councillor Peter Payne	Internal Auditor Financial Governance Team	Williton Parish Council
Susan Rose	Premises Trustee	Methodist Trustees
Jane Scott - appointed November 2023	Secretary	Trustees
Sam Searle	Bank Signatory	CtWW
Izzy Silvester		Referring Agencies
Catherine Benham		CtWW
Julie Pelling - resigned September 2023		CtWW
Jane Sperring - appointed May 2023		CtWW

The Foodbank and Pantries were dependent on Trustees and Volunteers in key positions:

Marlene Mason	General oversight of daily operations; Administration
Sam Searle	Yard operations; Maintenance of vehicle; Supervision of drivers
John Irven and Sam Searle	Driver training
Daphne Milton and Jackie White	Receipt of food donations; Control of stock levels; Stock monitoring and Crating up supplies for three pantries each week
Andrew Marshall	Driver Stogursey and Nether Stowey
Anna Thomas	Crew Stogursey and Nether Stowey
Kim Martin and Jane Wynne	Drivers Williton
Sharon Vandepeer	Crew Williton

The Foodbank had 17 Volunteers in total including those working in the Foodbank and Pantries, and those making collections.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity's governing document, a Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees ('Foundation' model constitution), was adopted on 15 May 2019 and subsequently revised on 25 March 2021.

Trustees may be appointed by one of the established churches in Watchet or Williton and/or by Watchet Town Council or Williton Parish Council (the appointing bodies), who must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. The churches concerned include, but are not limited to, Saint Peter's Church of England, Saint Decuman's Church of England, Watchet Methodist Church, Williton Methodist Church, Watchet Baptist Church, Watchet Salvation Army Corps and Watchet Roman Catholic Church.

All Trustees give their time and skills voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

RISK MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

Trustees confirm that they have given consideration to the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and satisfied themselves that systems or procedures are established in order to manage those risks.

Operational Risk Assessments have also been carried out in respect of planned new activity at Stogursey, Nether Stowey and Williton where the Mobile Pantry will operate.

The new Conflicts of Interest Policy requires Trustees to complete an annual declaration of interests form in addition to any declarations of interest made in respect of the business of a particular meeting. Trustees are elected and re-elected at the time of the Annual General Meeting; officers of the charity are elected at the first meeting after the AGM and Declaration of Interest Forms will require completion by all trustees at this time.

Development of a policy on serious incident reporting is in progress and will be retained as an item for action until complete.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

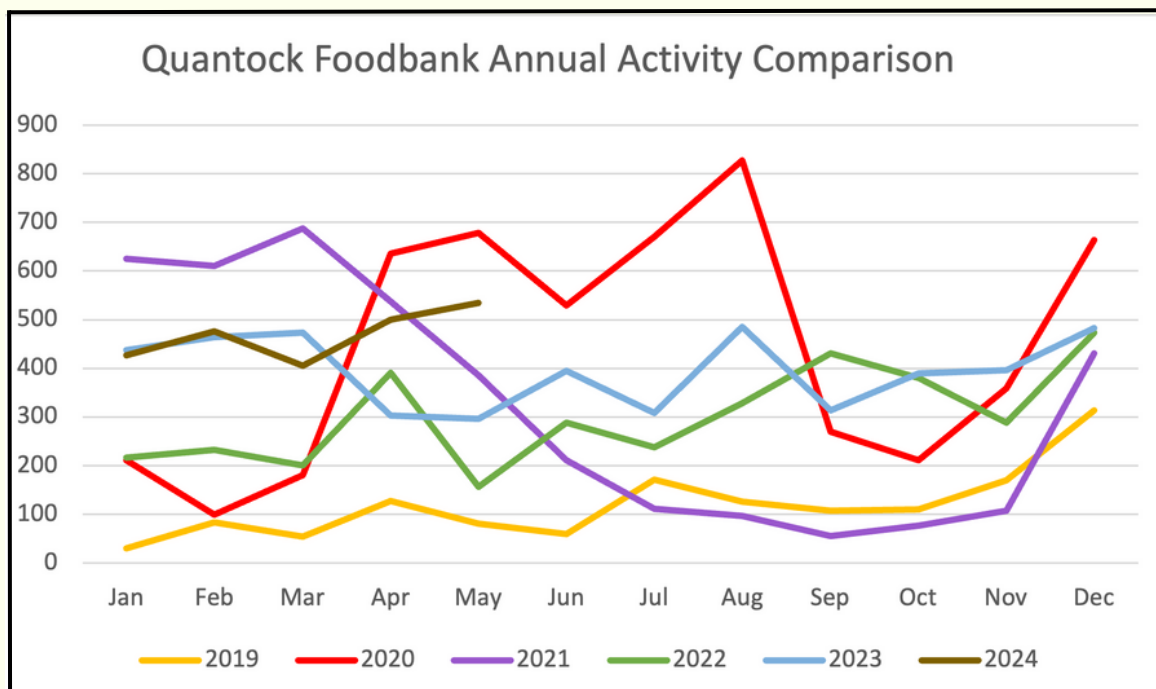
The purposes of the charity can be summarised as: The prevention or relief of poverty in Watchet, Williton and surrounding area by the provision of food, essential toiletries, and household items to people in need; working with professional partners to restore dignity, maintain health and support efforts to regain independence and stability, and providing support to access or signposting to relevant agencies, advisory or information services.

The main activity undertaken by the Foodbank is the distribution of ambient temperature food products, toiletries and other essential household items collected and/or donated by local shops and village stores, churches, individuals, schools and other community groups. The majority of clients are assessed and referred to the Foodbank or the Pantry by front-line professionals, however the Foodbank does act on emergency calls and messages before referring them to an appropriate agency for ongoing support.

Communicating with and maintaining a network of partners in the voluntary, public and private sector, which contributes to wrap-around service delivery, was made more difficult by Somerset Council's declaration of a financial emergency; resulting in extensive cuts to services and withdrawal of funding to charitable and community organisations. Providers facing greater workloads with less staff and diminished funds to support clients appropriately, referred them to the Foodbank and others such as Village Agents, in the hope that onward connections could be made locally.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Referrals to the Food Pantry continued to soar in the first quarter of 2024 as food prices continued to rise, even if at a lower rate. The extremely wet winter, with flooded fields, had an impact on the supply and cost of fresh vegetables, with broccoli and cauliflowers having to be imported.



The impact on wheat, barley, oats and oilseed rape harvests meant price rises on bread and biscuits. Meanwhile extreme weather globally drove up the price of cocoa, olive oil, rice, and soybeans, and people were struggling to accommodate the continually rising prices in their weekly budget. Many clients expressed delight when coffee, cakes, or chocolate treats were available on the pantry, as they could not afford them otherwise.

In the two years from April 2022 to March 2024, the Food Foundation's basket of food had increased by 24.1% outstripping any increases in benefits or wages. The cost of vegetables had risen by 39% on average, with some items like carrots increasing by as much as 150%. This dramatic increase in the cost of food on supermarket shelves has had a profound impact on people and their ability to eat a complete and healthy diet. Of 8 million people surveyed in January 2024, 44.2% of households who had experienced food insecurity, reported to have purchased less vegetables, and 59.9% said they had cut back on purchasing fruit.

To make healthy foods more affordable, it would help if the cost of healthy and sustainable diets were taken into account when setting benefits levels and the national living wage, and more use could be made of taxes to rebalance prices of healthy and unhealthy foods. In the meantime, it is therefore imperative that, whatever the cost, the Quantock Foodbank's Eat Well to Keep Well project continues.

Food Safety and Hygiene Inspection

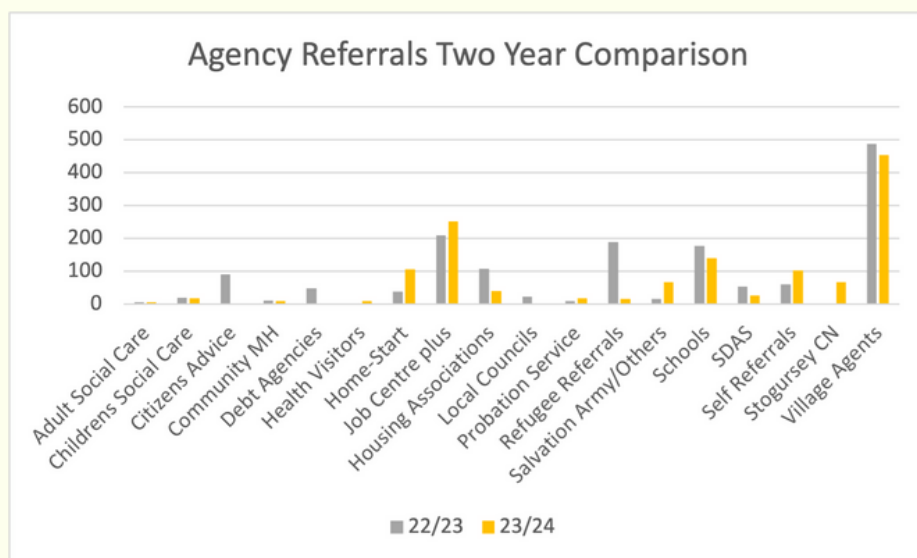
An inspection was carried out by Somerset Council on the premises of the Foodbank, at the Annexe and on the Mobile Pantry Vehicle. The highest Food Hygiene Rating of 5, Very Good, was awarded and certificates issued for the Annexe and the Vehicle.

Volunteer Training

Congratulations to the five volunteers who completed the Level 2 Food Safety course and, having achieved a pass on ten modules, were awarded their certificates.

Agency Referrals

Referral numbers will always fluctuate between services, however the drop in referrals made from 2022/23 to 2023/24 was due to the cessation of referrals from Citizens Advice, and mostly single Ukrainian refugees finding homes and work. Concurrently there was a rise in overall numbers of families accessing the Foodbank, as evidenced by an increase of more than 600 children.



Mini Police

Mini Police is delivered in Knights Templar school with the support of local Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). The scheme provides a fun and interactive way to introduce children to a positive experience of policing and to get them involved in the local community, developing a sense of moral justice and social responsibility. As a response to what they had learnt, the children decided to have a food collection for those in need in Watchet. The Foodbank was delighted to receive an invitation to see them in their Mini Police uniforms at one of their sessions; to talk to them, answer any questions and receive the donations which they had collected.

THE PANTRY PILOT

The Pantry in Watchet continued to be the only point of access for communities across the Quantock Area whilst Commissioning, Driver training, Risk Assessments, and Test runs were taking place in order to commence operations with the new Mobile Pantry.

On the Watchet Pantry, we did find time to disseminate Public Health information; provide a recipe and ingredients, and partner with 'Contains Art' who distributed Bags of Art Materials for children in different age groups.

In May, the Coronation of King Charles III took place and all pantry members at that time were given a commemorative tin of Biscuits.



Are your child's MMR vaccinations up to date?

Over 102,000 children starting primary school in England are at risk of catching measles.

If your child has missed their first or second dose of the MMR vaccine, contact your GP practice to book an appointment.

If you are unsure if your child is due a vaccination or has missed a vaccination, check their red book or contact your GP practice.



Measles was on the rise again with the start of the new school term, and parents were reminded that their children were at risk if they had missed their first or second vaccinations.

Top Tips for Energy Saving leaflets were distributed which included a link to the Martyn Lewis website outlining cost efficient ways to heat the person not the home.

top tips: energy saving

- 1 Turn your thermostat down by one degree**
You can save up to £100 a year by turning your thermostat down by one degree. Energy Saving Trust says dropping the temperature by one degree could save £100 a year on average for a typical home.
- 2 Fill your dishwasher and washing machine**
This means you will be doing less washing and drying. Also, you can save up to £100 a year by filling your dishwasher and washing machine.
- 3 Invest in a heated airer**
A 2-year heated airer can save you up to £100 a year on electricity bills. Based on the current 15p per kWh and a typical 10kg capacity, a 2-year heated airer can save you up to £100 a year.
- 4 Book a LEAF visit (Local Energy Advice Partnership)**
LEAF is a free service that is helping people keep warm and reduce their energy bills without costing them any money. You can get a free visit from a local energy adviser. Book a visit or contact your local energy adviser on 0800 300 7007.
- 5 Heat the humber, not the home!**
This energy page by Martin Lewis outlines the most cost efficient way to heat your home and cut your energy bills this winter. www.martynlewis.com/energy

happy new year

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NAVIGATE

NAVIGATE is a charity that helps people in need. We provide support and advice to help people get back on their feet. We are a registered charity and we are proud to be a part of the community.

MONEY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS & COURSES

Money Management Workshops & Courses

Navigate the Money Maze

Navigate the Money Maze is a series of interactive workshops and courses designed to give everybody the information, tips and tools to help them manage their money with confidence.

Our courses and workshops are available to anyone living in our funded areas of Devon or Somerset, both face-to-face and online.

Learn to Manage Money

Learning to manage money is a skill that everyone needs. We want you to have a workshop feeling empowered to make your own financial decisions.

Those who complete the course will receive the Navigate the Money Maze Certificate of Attendance.

Course Topics

- 1. Money: Financial Literacy
- 2. Saving and Investing
- 3. Budgeting and Money Management
- 4. Personal Finance: Credit and Debt
- 5. Understanding Pensions and Tax
- 6. Debt: Managing Debt

If you are looking for a course to attend please check out the 'Next Workshops' section below and register for the event or contact enquiries@navigatecharity.org.uk 01823 299050 to find out more.

Where appropriate, clients were signposted to Money Management courses which included budgeting, saving, and borrowing, and making financial decisions.

A recipe with all ingredients provided:
Avocado toast with poached eggs – nutritious and simple.

HOW TO MAKE AVOCADO TOAST WITH EGGS

The first step is to toast the bread and mash the avocados. You can mash it in a bowl with pepper and lemon juice, or limit clean-up and just mash it with a fork on the toasted bread.

THE MOBILE PANTRY

The Mobile Pantry project took up much of our time during 2023, when not busy with the demands of the Foodbank and Pantry Pilot.

After a magnificent financial response from the whole of the Quantock Deanery and the wider Quantock Communities, we took delivery of the new electric vehicle complete with four solar panels on the roof to power the lights, fridge and other equipment. It was a very chilly St Andrew's Day in Watchet, with not a soul about, but the smiles on our faces were warm.



The Foodbank had acknowledged the Anglican Church's third and fifth 'Marks of Mission':

- 'To respond to human need by loving service and
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth'.

As we go about this service, we will not be producing any harmful greenhouse gases and, when empty, the vehicle will return with donations collected from parishes saving more pollution delivering to us. We will play our part in shrinking the Diocese of Bath and Well's carbon footprint to net zero by 2030.



Our Faith, and our desire to put it into positive action, responding to human need by loving service, has seen the small mustard seed in 2018 grow into something which we could never have imagined.

Much preparation had been done before the delivery date including arranging insurance and a home for the vehicle to go to

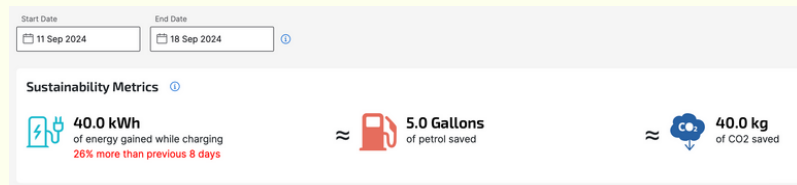


More work had been done at the yard to ensure that everything was available on site to perform regular maintenance tasks and to keep the vehicle charged. A separate meter and EV charging station were installed and drivers trained in the use of them and connection to the vehicle.



Ford Telematics is a live system which allows us to Geofence the vehicle within its base area, so that we are alerted if it is moved outside of our operating times. It also tracks the Mobile Pantry whenever it is operational giving real time updates on its movements, performance and battery health. Alerts are received when there are any service issues which require attention.

We look forward to reporting how much CO2 has been saved.



Shortly after the first Pantry run to Stogursey and Nether Stowey, the vehicle and its systems were put to the test. When the crew failed to return at the appointed time, the live tracking indicated that it had been stationary for some time on Putsham Hill and a call was made to the crew. The road was closed through Kilve due to an accident and our driver was reversing back up the hill, before making the homeward journey over the top of the Quantocks and down Crowcombe Hill!



This was the first big trial of the vehicle's capabilities after we had assured Ford that Porlock Hill was not in our area!! The crew also had quite a challenge negotiating the narrow road at Dead Woman's Ditch with many diverted vehicles coming from the other direction. However both crew and vehicle had survived with flying colours. Almost, but not quite, circumnavigating the whole of the Foodbank's area.





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Quantock Foodbank

1189991

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2023

To

Period end date
31/03/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
General	6,005		-	6,005	4,298
Children's Activities			-	-	10
Cookery and Recipe Project			-	-	-
Mobile Pantry Project		22,206	-	22,206	33,441
Eat Well to Keep Well / Pantry Pilot		8,371	-	8,371	6,098
Mobile Pantry Revenue		2,880	-	2,880	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,005	33,457	-	39,462	43,847
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,005	33,457	-	39,462	43,847
A3 Payments					
Domain Registration	119	300	-	419	
Equipment & Maintenance	5	72	-	77	675
Health and Safety	85	117	-	202	38
Cleaning Materials	30		-	30	
Pantry Bags		1,036	-	1,036	71
Food	53	7,256	-	7,309	6,956
Household and Toiletries		936	-	936	88
Volunteers / Training	500	107	-	607	22
Insurance, Premises & Room Hire	633	1,569	-	2,202	1,483
Office and Administration	354	38	-	392	310
Secure Parking and Pantry Pilot Transport	255	3,012	-	3,267	253
Sub total	2,034	14,443	-	16,477	9,896
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Ford E-Transit & Trolley	-	71,901	-	71,901	5,096
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	71,901	-	71,901	5,096
Total payments	2,034	86,344	-	88,378	14,992
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,971	- 52,887	-	- 48,916	28,855
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,563	84,531	-	101,094	72,238
Cash funds this year end	20,534	31,644	-	52,178	101,093

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	20,484	31,613	-
	Cash	50	31	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	20,534	31,644	-

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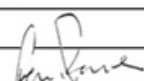
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid Reclaim	362	350	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Ford E-Transit with customised Box Body	Mobile Pantry	73,595	-
	Electric Powered Flat Bed Trolley	General	3,402	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Sainsbury's Invoice 861366891	Pantry Pilot	210	28 March 2024
	Easter Bank Holiday - cleared 02/4/2024		-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

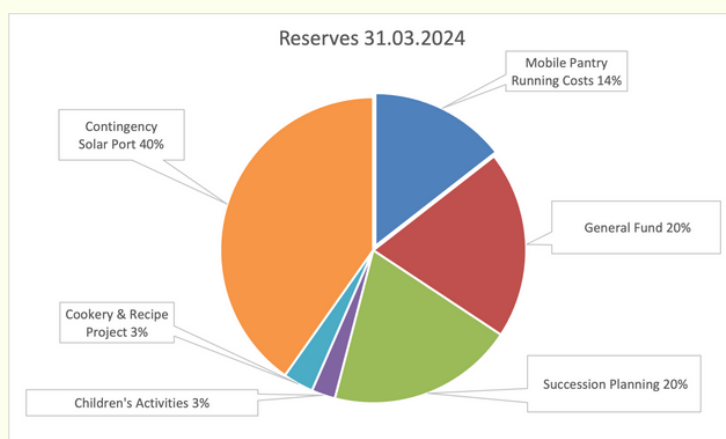
Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Marlene Mason	18/06/2024
	Peter Payne	18/06/2024

Financial Governance and Reserves Policy

The Quantock Foodbank has a Financial Governance Team of three Trustees whose responsibilities are: Banking Officer; Treasurer and Company Secretary; and Internal Auditor. This ensures good financial control and a separation of powers, particularly as the Treasurer is also the Managing Trustee of the Foodbank.

Accounts are prepared each quarter and internally audited before presentation to the Trustees.

Reserves held are shown below and the General Fund reserve is higher in response to continuing global food insecurity. It is important to make the point that funds held in reserve are mainly available to the Charity because we are all Volunteers, and this enables us to plough every penny received from our wonderful Donors into provisions for those in need. It does have other benefits too in terms of keeping costs down, particularly insurance policies, which would otherwise be significantly more expensive if the Charity had employees. These funds can only be spent once unless they are replenished, and good financial management is therefore essential.



A statutory audit is not required for these accounts since the income of the Quantock Foodbank is under the threshold set by the Charity Commission, however an independent examination of the accounts has been completed.

This report and accounts has been approved by the Trustees after scrutiny by the Independent Examiner, whose certificate is appended.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Mr Clive Wooldridge, Chair

Dated 2 October 2024



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the
trustees/members of**

Charity Name
The Quantock Foodbank CIO

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1189991

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**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024
As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Sarah Watling

Date:

06/07/24

Name:

SARAH WATLING

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).



Thank you so much for your kindness this
afternoon and the amazing
selection of food! It's so appreciated and
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