



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01 January 2024 Period start date To 31 Dec 2024 Period end date

Charity name: The Meon Valley Food Bank

Charity registration number: 1190417.

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Meon Valley Food Bank is a church led, community focused project that provides emergency food and toiletries to local people in crisis, throughout the Meon Valley.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	We provide weekly parcels of food and toiletries to individuals and families referred to us who are in immediate, short term or long term financial hardship. We also direct clients to further sources of help if required.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit provided by the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Charity had, in the past, a formal policy agreed by the Trustees that determined the scope of any grant making. During 2024, the Trustees decided it should stop making financial grants given that it was on occasion seeking financial support in competition with other local charities.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not relevant
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We are heavily dependent upon volunteers who regularly offer one or two mornings a week to receive the donations

		of food gathered by the local community, prepare the parcels of food and deliver some of them across the Meon Valley.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Demand for our service remains and we continue to be grateful to operate out of the Wickham Community Centre and in tandem with other client-facing service-providers.</p> <p>The Meon Valley is a largely rural environment with scattered villages and a few small towns. During the Covid restrictions we began a home delivery service which was essential as many clients could not leave their homes. We have continued this service which now accounts for around 40% of our food parcel distribution. The other 60% of our clients collect direct from us at Wickham. We are being asked to support families across a much wider geographic area than in previous years.</p> <p>Families are referred to us by a wide range of social care organisations. We keep these referrals under regular review with the agency to ensure we continue to meet the needs of families without creating dependency.</p> <p>We supply each family with seven days' worth of tinned and packaged food which calls for significant levels of donated produce.</p> <p>A tangible benefit of our work is seen in the relief, thankfulness and often tears of our clients. We are thrilled when families no longer require our help.</p> <p>The community has fully engaged in supporting our efforts. Individuals, local organisations, churches and local businesses all contribute food to support our needy families. Donations from individuals have declined in recent months for various reasons including cost of living pressures but a strong financial donor base means we have</p>

		<p>been able to make up shortfalls by buying in food items when needed.</p> <p>Several local supermarkets support us with food “drop-off” points.</p> <p>We are part of an informal network of food banks locally and work together to share any/occasional surpluses with those, particularly in cities, whose needs are greater than ours. We also work closely with The Pantry which operates on site and offers fresh food.</p> <p>During school holidays, we worked with local schools to provide a free school meal supplementary service during the holiday period. The take up from families required significant investment of time and money to meet the demand and we continue to review how best to provide this support.</p> <p>The Volunteer team has been strengthened with the recruitment of several new team members.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	We have exceeded all objectives set as we have continued to cope with all demands without a break in our service
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We do not formally fundraise as our profile locally ensures that we continue to receive significant cash donations. We do, however, encourage donors to set up regular financial donations and also to complete a Gift Aid form, where appropriate.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not relevant

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Cash holdings on 31/12/2024 were £20,603 Cash on deposit at 31/12/2024 was £40,279
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	In order to manage the increasing complexity of the food bank operations we hired a paid Food Bank Manager from April 2024. From that time, our outgoings outstrip our income to the tune of some £2,000 per quarter. We are confident that this position is tenable in the medium term because of significant financial reserves and we welcome the very considerable savings in expenditure on food items which the Manager is achieving.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£40,279 on 31 12 2024
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not relevant
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not relevant
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The charity is in good financial shape and is well supported by donors and volunteers. There are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Funds are generated from both one-off and regular donors and one-off gifts from businesses.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not relevant
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Operationally we rely on the continuation of food and cash donations to meet our needs and the goodwill of volunteers who work alongside the paid Manager. There are no signs of problems occurring in any of these areas.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation- Foundation Structure
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed after a review of their suitability by all other Trustees. Church affiliation is a key selection issue.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees have established policies to cover Volunteer recruitment and training, Health and Safety, Safeguarding and GDPR. These policies are subject to annual review. Any new Trustee would be taken through these policies on joining
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is overseen by Trustees. The day to day operation of the Food Bank is overseen by a paid Food Bank Manager. The Manager attends all trustee meetings as a non-voting Associate, as does a volunteer who provides administrative support.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The charity is linked with local churches and supported by a wide range of Referral Agents such as Citizens Advice, housing associations, schools and other social support organisations
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Meon Valley Food Bank
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1190417.

Charity's principal address	WICKHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE MILL LANE WICKHAM PO17 5AL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Michael Salter			
2	Jane Perrott			
3	Andrew Hallam	Treasurer		
4	David Proud			
5	Ann Thomas	Chair		
6	Ian Wollam		Appointed 26/03/2024	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not relevant
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this	Not relevant

falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not relevant

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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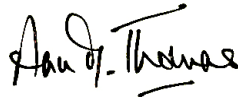
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Andrew Geoffrey Hallam	Ann Margaret Thomas
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair
Date	20 th June 2025	20 th June 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Meon Valley Food Bank

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1190417

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

Date:

26 May 2025

Name:

Nigel Barnfield

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

BSc A.C.I.B.

Address:

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Meon Valley Food Bank

1190417

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/01/2024

To

31/12/2024

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					
Donations	31,547	-	-	31,547	41,060
HMRC tax rebate	2,916	-	-	2,916	3,145
Charity Bank interest	279	-	-	279	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	34,742	-	-	34,742	44,205
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	34,742	-	-	34,742	44,205
A3 Payments					
Rent	6831.66	-	-	6,831.66	6,546.30
Phone top up cards	326.80	-	-	326.80	189.00
Food bank items	20326.03	-	-	20,326.03	25,492.26
Website fees	240.79	-	-	240.79	0.00
Equipment	339.82	-	-	339.82	888.51
Miscellaneous	298.60	-	-	298.60	378.49
Insurance	467.30	-	-	467.30	437.62
Donations given	4750.00	-	-	4,750.00	2,000.00
Gifts for clients	1170.56	-	-	1,170.56	674.97
Zoom	0.00	-	-	0.00	0.00
Building work	0.00	-	-	0.00	19.00
Salary T Pratt 9 months	12061.72	-	-	12,061.72	-
HMRC PAYE	653.80	-	-	653.80	-
Sub total	47,467	-	-	47,467	36,626
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	47,467	-	-	47,467	36,626
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 12,725	-	-	- 12,725	7,579
A5 Transfers between funds					
	73,607	-	-	73,607	66,028
A6 Cash funds brought forward	60,882	-	-	60,882	73,607
Cash funds this year end	60,882	-	-	60,882	73,607

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 balance	20233	-	-
	petty cash	56	-	-
	Paypal account	314	-	-
	charity bank account	40279		
	Total cash funds	60,882	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

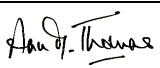
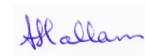
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets			-	-
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		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	donated food	unrestricted	-	6,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Ann Thomas	19/05/2025
	Andrew Hallam	19/05/2025