

BLOXWICH AND BLAKENALL FOODBANK

England & Wales · Charity number 1190583

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-07-28

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY IN BLOXWICH AND SURROUNDING AREA IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY PROVIDING EMERGENCY FOOD SUPPLIES TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED AND OTHER SIMILAR CHARITIES.

Activities: With donations of none perishable food and cash we provide crisis food packs to needy people. Our principal area of operation is within post code WS3 and its surroundings

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Walsall

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£27,013	£15,959	-	-
2023-08-31	£22,823	£9,942	-	-
2022-08-31	£6,727	£4,379	-	-
2021-08-31	£7,949	£6,372	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Carl John Bolton	Chair	2020-09-01
Anne Wood		2022-12-14
Diana Louise Bolton		2020-09-01
Julia Forrester		2022-12-14
Lynn Penn		2022-12-14
Mari Brigid Frost		2022-12-14

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Trustee's Report for the year ended 31st August 2024

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Principal Address	Bankers		
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Structure, governance & management

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Independent Examination of the financial statements

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Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

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The charity's main activities

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Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular alleviating the effects of food poverty in our local area.

Trustee's Report (continued) for the year ended 31st August 2023

Objectives and activities (continued)

Achievements and performance

The Foodbank makes provision of food parcels to many hundreds of people in need, including single people, couples and families with children. Food parcels include food for 3 meals a day for all members of the household for 3 days, plus toiletries and cat and dog food as requested. Occasional provision of cooking utensils and other small household items are given out when available.

It provides volunteering opportunities for local people, with around 10 -15 people a week typically volunteering at least 2 hours each, sometimes significantly more.

The foodbank is sustained by the extremely generous donations of food and cash donations from members of the public, Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council, The Trussell Trust, other charities and local supermarket branches which is vital to keeping the service running efficiently.

Trustees and volunteers are committed to developing and maintaining excellent working relationships with the council, its agencies and other food and service providers to the greater benefit of the foodbank service .

Over the period, the food bank fed 1,266 children, and 1,419 adults. (2023: 1,467 children and 1,770 adults) this represents a decrease of 17%, (2022: 32% increase) which is indicative of the continued demand on the food bank's resources, due to the cost of living and economic uncertainty which continues to affect the most vulnerable in our community. The small reduction in demand is however gratifying. The reduction is not due to a lack of resource, but is a genuine reduction in demand which may be partially attributable to other food banks opening in the area rather than a positive change in the economic conditions of the clients we normally serve; we continue to hope for a time when the foodbank is not necessary because food poverty has been eradicated. In the meantime we are committed to continuing to work hard to aid the needy in our community.

Financial Review

The year ended 31 August 2024 remains challenging in maintaining enough stock of food to meet demand from food donations, and it has only been able to meet demand through the extraordinarily generous donations from external providers which has enabled it to purchase stock. The cost of living remains a challenge for local families, and in turn, impacts on the demand from the foodbank for the vital support it provides.

Stock at the end of the year amounted to 5,338 kg (2023 - 4,382kg) which if valued at the recommended figure from the Trussell Trust of £2.77 per kilogram would be valued at £14,786 (2023 £2.37 and £10,385). The unit value of the stock for 2024 was increased compared to the previous year, having been static since 2022. This is indicative of the lagged effects of inflation, which were not adjusted by the Trussell Trust in 2023. Inflation on food and non-alcoholic beverages at September 2023, the start of the financial period was 6.7% and had fallen to 1.3% in August 2024, ticking up slightly to 1.8% in September 2024.

The food bank achieved a net surplus for the year of £11,365 (2023 - £12,881). Whilst this represents a large surplus for the organisation, this is due to a large amount of grant funding received in the year which will continue to resource the food bank in subsequent periods, and ensure the security of the provision of the service into the future. All income and expenditure is treated as unrestricted funds. There were no restrictions on any donations in the year.

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Trustee's Report (continued) for the year ended 31st August 2023

Achievements and performance (continued)

Going concern

The trustees have assessed the charity's ability to continue for at least 12 months from the date the accounts were approved and conclude that no material uncertainties exist that cast doubt on the charity's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

Reserves policy

Free unencumbered reserves excluding fixed assets for the year ended 31st August 2024 was £32,966 (2023 - £21,601). The trustees have estimated that £14,000 would be sufficient to meet its needs for a 3-6 month period, in the event that they needed to use reserves to fund the running of the food bank. Although the current reserves exceed the reserves policy, trustees are satisfied that the level of current reserves are necessary to ensure the security of resource to fund the operation in future periods, as although there has been a reduction in demand this year, the general trend is that demand continues to increase. In previous years, the food bank relied heavily on the donations of food from the public, however this has decreased significantly in proportion to the aid given, and the organisation relies more heavily now on external funding to meet this demand.

Trustees have identified this as the main threat to its operations, along with any reduction in grant funding it currently receives.

Approved at the trustees' meeting held on 30th June 2025, and signed on behalf of trustees.

Mr. Carl Bolton

C Bolton
Chair, Bloxwich and Blakenall Food Bank

Bloxwich & Blakenall Foodbank

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st August 2024

Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 August 2024					
			2024		2023
					£
Receipts	Note				
Grants and donations	2		27,013		22,400
Legacies					235
Investment income			311		188
Total receipts			27,324		22,823
Expenditure					
Food and consumables stock			12,455		8,014
Insurance			499		452
Contribution to Business rates			52		51
Office costs			2,952		786
Bank charges			1		-
Depreciation					638
Total expenditure			15,959		9,942
Operating surplus b/f			21,601		8,720
Operating surplus for year			11,365		12,881
Funds carried forward			32,966		21,601

Included in grants and donations for 2024 was government grant funding of £10,180 from Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council (2023: £8,000)

Statement of assets & liabilities for the year ended 31st August 2024					
			2024		2023
	Note		£		£
Fixed Assets					
Donated assets	3		-		-
Cash Funds					
Cash at Bank			32,966		21,601
Total assets			32,966		21,601
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds b/f			21,601		8,720
Surplus for the year			11,365		12,881
			32,966		21,601

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue at the trustees meeting held on 30th June 2025 and signed on behalf of the trustees by:

Bloxwich & Blakenall Food Bank

Notes to the accounts For the year ended 31 August 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal. There were no restricted funds in 2023/2024.

2	Grants & Donations	2024	2023
		£	£
	Donations from Trussell Trust	12,727	8,126
	Government grants	10,180	8,000
	Donations from individuals & other organisations	4,106	6,274
	Total donations and grants received	27,013	22,400

4 Stock

Stock is recorded by weight, under the guidance of The Trussell Trust. As a value, this is not included in the balance sheet, as it is not for re-sale but distribution to the needy. The rates advised by the Trussell Trust for the period was £2.37 per kilogram (2022 £2.37 per kilogram). This is reflective of the inflation of food goods in the period.

5 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Other related party transactions

There were no other related party transactions in the year.

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Walsall	Bloxwich	Cannock	5 Appold St
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The charity's objects

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The charity's main activities

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Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular alleviating the effects of food poverty in our local area.

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Trustee's Report (continued) for the year ended 31st August 2023

Objectives and activities (continued)

Achievements and performance

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Trustees and volunteers are committed to developing and maintaining excellent working relationships with the council, its agencies and other food and service providers to the greater benefit of the foodbank service .

Over the period, the food bank fed 1,467 children, and 1,770 adults. (2022: 1,135 children and 1,324 adults) this represents an increase of 32%, (2022: 44%) which is indicative of the continued and increasing demand on the food bank's resources, due to the cost of living crisis which continues to affect the most vulnerable in our community.

Financial Review

The year ended 31 August 2023 remains challenging in maintaining enough stock of food to meet demand from donations, and it has only been able to meet demand through the extraordinarily generous donations from external providers which has enabled it to purchase stock. The cost of living crisis remains a huge challenge for local families, and in turn, impacts on the demand from the foodbank for the vital support it provides.

Stock at the end of the year amounted to 4,382 kg (2022 - 8,446kg) which if valued at the recommended figure from the Trussell Trust of £2.37 per kilogram would be valued at £10,385 (2022 £2.37 and £20,017). The unit value of the stock for 2023 remained at the same level as the previous year, following the large increase of 41% from 2021 to 2022. This is indicative of the slowing down and gradual correction to inflation. Although the rate of inflation has fallen since its peak of 11%, the cost of basic living essentials has not fallen to pre-inflation levels and remain high. This is therefore reflected in the unit stock value of £2.37/kg.

The food bank achieved a net surplus for the year of £12,881 (2022 - £2,348). Whilst this represents a large surplus for the organisation, this is due to a large amount of grant funding received in the year which will continue to resource the food bank in subsequent periods, and ensure the security of the provision of the service into the future. All income and expenditure is treated as unrestricted funds. There were no restrictions on any donations in the year.

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Trustee's Report (continued) for the year ended 31st August 2023

Achievements and performance (continued)

Going concern

The trustees have assessed the charity's ability to continue for at least 12 months from the date the accounts were approved and conclude that no material uncertainties exist that cast doubt on the charity's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

Reserves policy

Free unencumbered reserves excluding fixed assets for the year ended 31st August 2023 was £21,601 (2022 - £8,082). The trustees have estimated that £12,000 would be sufficient to meet its needs for a 3-6 month period, in the event that they needed to use reserves to fund the running of the food bank. Although the current reserves exceed the reserves policy, trustees are satisfied that the level of current reserves are necessary to ensure the security of resource to fund the operation in future periods, as demand continues to increase significantly each year. In previous years, the food bank relied heavily on the donations of food from the public, however this has decreased significantly in proportion to the aid given, and the organisation relies more heavily now on external funding to meet this demand.

Trustees have identified this as the main threat to its operations, along with any reduction in grant funding it currently receives.

Approved at the trustees' meeting held on 27th June 2024, and signed on behalf of trustees.

C Bolton
Chair, Bloxwich and Blakenall Food Bank

Bloxwich & Blakenall Foodbank

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st August 2023

Receipts and payments account			
for the year ended 31 August 2023			
		2023	2022
		£	£
Receipts	Note		
Grants and donations	2	22,400	6,689
Legacies		235	
Investment income		188	38
Total receipts		22,823	6,727
Expenditure			
Food and consumables stock		8,014	3,279
Insurance		452	412
Contribution to Business rates		51	50
Office costs		786	
Bank charges		-	-
Depreciation		638	638
Total expenditure		9,942	4,379
Operating surplus b/f		8,720	6,372
Operating surplus for year		12,881	2,348
Funds carried forward		21,601	8,720

Included in grants and donations for 2023 was government grant funding of £8,000 from Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council (2022: nil)

Statement of assets & liabilities			
for the year ended 31st August 2023			
	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Donated assets	3	-	638
Cash Funds			
Cash at Bank		21,601	8,082
Total assets		21,601	8,720
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds b/f		8,720	-
Surplus for the year		12,881	2,348
		21,601	8,720

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue at the trustees meeting held on 27th June 2024 and signed on behalf of the trustees by:

Carl Bolton
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Notes to the accounts

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2 Grants & Donations	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations from Trussell Trust	8,126	1,974
Government grants	8,000	-
Donations from individuals & other organisations	6,274	4,715
Total donations and grants received	22,400	6,689

3 Fixed assets				
				Donated assets
				£
Cost				1,913
Depreciation				
at 1st September 2022				1276
Charge for the year				637
at 31st August 2023				1,913
Net book value				
At 31 August 2023				-
At 31 August 2022				637

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5 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

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Anne Wood		Appointed 14 th December 2022
Peter Michael Box		Resigned 15 th September 2022
Angela Marie Wyre		Resigned 27 th September 2022
Rosaleen Ada Geddes		Resigned 27 th September 2022

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Public benefit statement

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Trustee's Report (continued) for the year ended 31st August 2022

Objectives and activities (continued)

Achievements and performance

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It provides volunteering opportunities for local people, with around 10 -15 people a week typically volunteering at least 2 hours each, sometimes significantly more. A second foodbank to assist with the increased demand due to Covid, which while it was a challenge initially, once established was welcomed by the local community. This was wound down by the end of the financial period, due to the relaxing of restrictions due to covid.

The foodbank is sustained by the extremely generous donations of food and cash donations from members of the public, and local supermarket branches which is vital to keeping the service running efficiently. Trustees and volunteers are committed to developing and maintaining excellent working relationships with the council, its agencies and other food and service providers to the greater benefit of the foodbank service .

Towards the end of the financial year, the foodbank received £2,500 from Western Power Distribution through its Community Matters Fund. This was used to provide 100 food vouchers for Aldi, given to schools in the autumn term of 2022.

A further grant was received from Making A Difference Locally (Nisa Supermarket charity) and the Neighbourly Foundation, of £500 each. This was used to put together afternoon tea hampers for foodbank clients to help them to take part in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration.

Over the period, the food bank fed 1,135 children, and 1,324 adults. (2021: 743 children and 961 children) this represents an increase overall of 44%, which is indicative of the increase in demand due to the cost of living crisis, and the impact the food bank has on local people.

Financial Review

The year ended 31 August 2022 has seen some challenges in maintaining enough stock of food to meet demand. The cost of living crisis which started during 2021 have seen a large impact on the demand from the foodbank for support for families struggling with the increased costs of living, and in particular food and energy costs. In addition, food donations have been challenged as people find their budgets stretched and so are not able to provide the same level of support as they may historically have done. Stock at the end of the year amounted to 8,446kg (2021 - 5,228kg) which if valued at the recommended figure from the Trussell Trust of £2.37 per kilogram would be valued at £20,017 (2021 £1.68 and £8,783). The unit value of the stock increased by 41% from 2021 to 2022. This is indicative of the huge increase due to inflation in the cost of basic living essentials, and which and In order to meet demand, the food bank has had to replenish stocks from its cash resources.

Net surplus for the year was £2,298 (2021 - £7,009). Whilst the large surplus of 2021 was largely as a result of a non recurring donation, over £3,000 was spent on stock in 2022 (including the , with less than £1,000 being required in 2021. All income and expenditure is treated as unrestricted funds. There were no restrictions on any donations in the year.

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Trustee's Report (continued) for the year ended 31st August 2022

Achievements and performance (continued)

Going concern

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Reserves policy

Free unencumbered reserves excluding fixed assets for the year ended 31st August 2022 was £8,082 (2021 - £5,096). The trustees have estimated that £5,000 would be sufficient to meet its needs for a 3-6 month period, in the event that they needed to use reserves to fund the running of the food bank. The food bank relies heavily on the donations of food donations from the public in order to supply emergency assistance to the needy. The Cost of Living Crisis has seen the Trustees having to top up stocks using cash donations to a greater degree than in the past due to both an increase in the number of people visiting the food bank, and a decrease in the amount of food donations as families budgets are tightened, and trustees have identified this as the main threat to its operations.

Approved at the trustees' meeting held on 19th June 2023, and signed on behalf of trustees.

C. J. Bolton

C Bolton
Chair, Bloxwich and Blakenall Food Bank

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Financial Statements for the year ended 31st August 2022

Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 August 2021			
		2022	2021
		£	£
Receipts	Note		
Grants and donations	2	6,689	7,931
Investment income		38	17
Total receipts		6,727	7,949
Expenditure			
Food and consumables stock		3,279	293
Insurance		412	597
Contribution to Business rates		50	49
Bank charges		-	1
Depreciation		638	638
Total expenditure		4,379	1,577
Operating surplus b/f		6,372	
Operating surplus for year		2,348	6,372
Funds carried forward		8,720	6,372

Statement of assets & liabilities for the year ended 31st August 2022			
	Note	2022	2021
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Donated assets	3	638	1,275
Cash Funds			
Cash at Bank		8,082	5,096
Total assets		8,720	6,372
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds b/f		6,372	-
Surplus for the year		2,348	6,372
		8,720	6,372

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue at the trustees meeting held on 19th June 2023 and signed on behalf of the trustees by:

C. J. Bolton,

Carl Bolton
Chair Bloxwich & Blakenall Food Bank

Bloxwich & Blakenall Food Bank

Notes to the accounts

For the year ended 31 August 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal. There were no restricted funds in 2022.

2	Grants & Donations	2022	2021
		£	£
	Donations from Trussell Trust	1,974	1,066
	Donations from individuals & other organisations	4,715	2,544
	Donations of assets (FA/bank. Opening stock etc)	-	4,322
	Total donations and grants received	6,689	7,931

3	Fixed assets	Donated assets
		£
	Cost	1,913
	Depreciation	
	at 1st September 2021	638
	Charge for the year	638
	at 31st August 2022	1,276
	Net book value	
	At 31 August 2022	637
	At 31 August 2021	1,275

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4 Stock

Stock is recorded by weight, under the guidance of The Trussell Trust. As a value, this is not included in the balance sheet, as it is not for re-sale but distribution to the needy. The rates advised by the Trussell Trust for the period was £2.37 per kilogram (2021 £1.68 per kilogram). This is reflective of the inflation of food goods in the period.

5 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Other related party transactions

There were no other related party transactions in the year.

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Trustee's Report for the year ended 31st August 2021

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees who held office during the financial year, and up to the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Peter Michael Box	Chair	Appointed 1 st September 2020
Carl John Bolton		Appointed 1 st September 2020
Diana Louise Bolton		Appointed 1 st September 2020
Angela Marie Wyre		Appointed 1 st September 2020
Rosaleen Ada Geddes		Appointed 1 st September 2020

Charity Number

The charity was registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales, number 1190583 on the 28th July 2020, and commenced operation on the 1st September 2020.

Principal Address	Bankers
Blakenall Village Centre	181 High Street
79 Thames Road	Bloxwich
Walsall	Walsall
WS3 1LZ	WS3 3LH

Structure, governance & management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) formed on 28th July 2020 and governed by a foundation constitution adopted on 28th July 2020.

Independent Examination of the financial statements

Because the turnover of the charity is under the £25,000 gross income threshold.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members of the AGM.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The prevention or relief of poverty in Bloxwich and surrounding area in particular but not exclusively by providing emergency food supplies to individuals in need and other similar charities.

The charity's main activities

Operating a food bank providing emergency food aid to people resident in the greater Bloxwich area, within the local authority area of Walsall, including but not limited to Bloxwich, Blakenall, Coalpool, Mossley, Dudley Fields. The food bank operates within the Trussell Trust

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular alleviating the effects of food poverty in our local area.

Bloxwich & Blakenall Foodbank

Trustee's Report (continued) for the year ended 31st August 2021

Objectives and activities (continued)

Achievements and performance

Provision of food parcels to many hundreds of people in need, including single people, couples and families with children. Food parcels include food for 3 meals a day for all members of the household for 3 days, plus toiletries, household cleaning items and cat and dog food as requested. Occasional provision of cooking utensils and other small household items as requested.

Providing volunteering opportunities for local people, with around 10 -15 people a week typically volunteering at least 2 hours each, sometimes significantly more.

Adapting a Covid safe collection service to delivery because of the pandemic, maintaining a steady stream of volunteers through regularly changing circumstances, including in particular responding to the needs of clients during the Covid-19 crisis. Bringing in food and cash donations and keeping the service running efficiently.

Developing relationships with the council, its agencies and other food and service providers.

Financial Review

Bloxwich and Blakenall Foodbank was originally formed as part of the local Methodist church community as an ecumenical initiative, eventually registering as an independent charity in July 2020. All store room and other equipment and bank balances were donated at the point of incorporation to the new charity in order for it to continue the important work that it does. This donation amounted to £4,322. In addition, was 5,228kg of food bank stocks, which if valued at the recommended rate by the Trussell Trust would be valued at £8,783. Net surplus for the year was £7,009, which was largely as a result of this non recurring donation. All income and expenditure is treated as unrestricted funds. There were no restrictions on any donations in the year.

The food bank has been impacted significantly due to the pandemic, particularly on its daily operations. However donations of food items have managed to meet demand, due to donations from local supermarkets and individual donors. Demand for assistance has been higher than normal.

Going concern

The trustees have assessed the charity's ability to continue for at least 12 months from the date the accounts were approved and conclude that no material uncertainties exist that cast doubt on the charity's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

Reserves policy

Free reserves excluding fixed assets for the year ended 31st August 2021 was £5,096. There is currently no formal reserves policy.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees on 4th April 2022.

P M Box
Chair

Bloxwich & Blakenall Foodbank

Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 August 2021		
	Note	2020 £
<u>Receipts</u>		
Grants and donations	2	7,931
Investment income		17
Total receipts		7,949
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Food and consumables stock		293
Insurance		597
Contribution to Business rates		49
Bank charges		1
Depreciation		638
Total expenditure		1,577
Operating surplus		6,372
Funds carried forward		6,372

Bloxwich & Blakenall Foodbank

Statement of assets and liabilities for the year ended 31 August 2021		
	Note	2020 £
Fixed Assets		
Donated assets	2	1,275
Cash Funds		
Cash at Bank		5,096
Total assets		6,372

There were no liabilities at the 31st August 2021. Total stocks held as at 31st August 2021 for redistribution were 9,369kg, which if valued at the rate recommended by the Trussell Trust amounts to £15,740.

Approval of the accounts

The financial statements of the Bloxwich and Blakenall Food Bank were approved on 4th April 2022.

**P M Box
Chair**

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