

BLOXWICH & BLAKENALL FOODBANK

CHARITY NUMBER 1190583

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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.

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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

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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

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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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Notes to the accounts

For the year ended 31 August 2021

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 2021.

2 Grants and donations

	£
Donations from Trussell Trust	1,066
Donations from individuals & other organisations	2,544
Donations of assets (FA/bank. Opening stock etc)	<u>4,322</u>
Total donations and grants received	<u>7,931</u>

4 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.