

**BLOXWICH & BLAKENALL FOODBANK**

**CHARITY NUMBER 1190583**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31  
AUGUST 2022**



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# **Bloxwich & Blakenall Foodbank**

## **Trustee's Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022**

### **Reference and administrative details of the charity, it's trustees and advisors**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Carl John Bolton	Chair	Appointed 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2020
Diana Louise Bolton		Appointed 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2020
Lynn Penn		Appointed 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Julia Forrester		Appointed 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Mari Brigid Frost		Appointed 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Anne Wood		Appointed 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Peter Michael Box		Resigned 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Angela Marie Wyre		Resigned 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
Rosaleen Ada Geddes		Resigned 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2022

### **Charity Number**

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

<b>Principal Address</b>	<b>Bankers</b>
Blakenall Village Centre	Walsave Credit Union
79 Thames Road	181 High Street
Walsall	Bloxwich
WS3 1LZ	Walsall
	WS3 3LH

### **Structure, governance & management**

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

### **Independent Examination of the financial statements**

Because the turnover of the charity is under the £25,000 gross income threshold, there is no requirement for an independent examination.

### **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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022**

#### **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 as requested.

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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022**

#### **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023, and signed on behalf of trustees.



C Bolton  
Chair, Bloxwich and Blakenall Food Bank



# Bloxwich & Blakenall Foodbank

## Financial Statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022

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

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

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue at the trustees meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> 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
	<b>Total donations and grants received</b>	<b>6,689</b>	<b>7,931</b>

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

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## **Notes to the accounts (continued)** **For the year ended 31 August 2022**

### **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.