



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1/4/24** Period start date To **31-3-25** Period end date

Charity name: Bishop's Castle Community Foodbank

Charity registration number: 1190595

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The prevention or relief of poverty amongst people in Bishop's Castle and the surrounding area by providing emergency food, essential toiletries, and other household cleaning items to individuals and families in financial need
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	See above
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes all trustees have

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We have 25 volunteers upon whom we can call to undertake a variety of tasks. - Staffing the food bank itself at our two weekly sessions - delivering supplies to customers who

		cannot get to the food bank - buying bread, vegetables and eggs on a weekly basis - collecting food donated by customers of the local shops that have our boxes
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>From our opening week when we had 6 customers, we now provide food and other supplies to between 80-90 customers at our two weekly sessions. We have also been successful in applying for fuel grants to the total value of £12000 for our customers.</p> <p>To mark our 5th anniversary in 2025 we organised the showing of a film about food resilience. It showed how 1 woman's activism (an Indian activist called Vandana Shiva) could confront agro giants such as Monsanto, and it was inspirational. About 80 people came to see it and it was a worthwhile way of raising money through donations and raising awareness.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity had £25,021.23 in the bank and cash-in-hand at the end of March 2025. Regular donations continue to come in from a wide variety of local people and £15,500 came from grants.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We hold £5,000 in reserves in accordance with our Reserves Policy in case of a drop in income. We also do not have secure accommodation and therefore must be able to pay any new rent demands.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	NA
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	NA
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We are sure there is an ongoing need for the charity but we don't have secure premises –We are trying to obtain a more permanent home.

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	Regular donations from local people as well as ad-hoc donations of cash handed into the Foodbank. Local organisations also raise money for the Foodbank on their own initiative.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Principle risk is the lack of secure premises. St. John's Church rent us the Church Barn in Bishop's Castle but there is no security of tenure.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		There is only one trust: Bishop's Castle Community Foodbank
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	A constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	A charitable incorporated organisation.
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	We seek to have a mix of volunteers and customers as trustees. Many of our customers have irregular, part-time work, which makes commitment to trusteeship difficult for them. The trustees are appointed by the current board.

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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bishop's Castle Community Foodbank
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1190595
Charity's principal address	White Roses Cabin Bishop's Castle Shropshire SY9 5JG

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	Andy Stelman	Chair of trustees	April 2020	
2	Mandy Bryce	Vice Chair	ditto	
3	Ann Hewings	Secretary	2023	
4	Carol Wall	Customer	2025	
5	Georgina Williamson	Customer	2023	
6	Jane Carroll	Treasurer	April 2020	
7	Jo Pritchard	trustee	April 2020	
8	Mike Ashwell	trustee	2023	
9	Fiona Boak	trustee	2025	
10	Cheryl McCullough	trustee	2025	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

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)

Andy Stelman

Full name(s)

Andrew Edward Stelman

**Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)**

Chair

Date

04/02/2026



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

BISHOPS CASTLE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

On accounts for the year
ended

31-03-25

Charity no
(if any)

1190595

Set out on pages

1-4

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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").

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.

Independent
examiner's statement

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 or
- 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:

Date:

19-08-25

Name:

CLIVE THOMAS SAWYER

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

CTA ICPA

Address:

CLIVE SAWYER AND ASSOCIATES

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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

BISHOPS CASTLE COMMUNITY FOODBANK
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
RECEIPTS				
Donations		23,113.96		23,309.13
Gift Aid		-		1,249.80
Grants		15,500.00		1,900.00
		<u>38,613.96</u>		<u>26,458.93</u>
Less Overheads				
Food	14,030.96		17,057.27	
Allotment Food Initiative	1,500.00		-	
Citizens Advice	583.00		-	
Aborted moving costs	1,300.00		-	
Rent	1,180.00		1,100.00	
Printing	-		48.00	
Insurance	252.00		196.00	
Sundries	<u>670.93</u>		<u>627.47</u>	
		<u>19,516.89</u>		<u>19,028.74</u>
Net Profit for the Year		<u><u>£19,097.07</u></u>		<u><u>£7,430.19</u></u>

BISHOPS CASTLE COMMUNITY FOODBANK
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Current Assets				
Bank Account		23,924.48		15,924.16
Charity Bank Account		10,000.00		-
Debtor		2,000.00		2,000.00
		<u>£35,924.48</u>		<u>£17,924.16</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Funds BFWD		17,924.16		10,493.97
Profit & Loss Account		19,097.07		7,430.19
		<u>£37,021.23</u>		<u>£17,924.16</u>

Chairman:

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