



# Blaenau Gwent Community Aid

Incorporating Blaenau Gwent Foodbank

Address: Church on the Rise, Beaufort, Ebbw Vale

Charity number: 1191264

## Trustees Report to the Charity Commission

### Aims and Purposes

Blaenau Gwent Community Aid (BGCA) was formed for the relief of financial hardship amongst people in Blaenau Gwent and the surrounding area, or in other parts of the United Kingdom, in such ways as the trustees from time to time think fit. In particular, but not exclusively, providing emergency food, essential toiletries, and household items to individuals and families in need and / or for distribution by charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

Such other means, including (but not limited to) the provision of support or signposting to relevant information and other advisory services. And to provide such services with a Christian ethos, supported by churches in Blaenau Gwent.

### Objectives, Activities and Achievements

Blaenau Gwent Community Aid was originally set up as a local Christian project to look at poverty within the Bureau of Blaenau Gwent in South East Wales. The project would initially bring under its auspices the Blaenau Gwent Food Bank, which is Wales's oldest Trussell Trust Food Bank. During this season, that has remained our primary concern.

We have a close working relationship with local supermarkets, such as Tesco (Ebbw Vale & Abertillery Stores), Asda (Brynmawr Store) and Waitrose (Abergavenny Store).

We work with the local job centre and 75 other local partners and referral agencies who refer those who are most in need to use our services.

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Blaenau Gwent Community Aid**

I report to the trustees of Blaenau Gwent Community Aid on the accounts for the period from the 14th September 2020 to the 31st December 2021.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

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 aspect:-

- (1) the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- (2) the accounts did not accord with the accounting records or
- (3) 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.

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4th November 2022

**BLAENAU GWENT COMMUNITY AID - CHARITY NUMBER 1191264**  
**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021**  
**SECTION A - STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

|                                                 | <b><u>Unrestricted funds</u></b> | <b><u>Designated funds</u></b> | <b><u>Restricted funds</u></b> | <b><u>Total this period</u></b> |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                                                 | £                                | £                              | £                              | £                               |
| <b><u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u></b>                |                                  |                                |                                |                                 |
| <b><u>Donations and legacies</u></b>            |                                  |                                |                                |                                 |
| Donations                                       | 100                              | 30,998                         | 10,333                         | 41,431                          |
| <b><u>Income from charitable activities</u></b> |                                  |                                |                                |                                 |
| Supermarket Top-Up                              | -                                | -                              | 4,521                          | 4,521                           |
| Grant                                           | -                                | -                              | 2,454                          | 2,454                           |
| <b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>                 | <b>100</b>                       | <b>30,998</b>                  | <b>17,308</b>                  | <b>48,406</b>                   |

**RESOURCES EXPENDED**

**Expenditure on charitable activities**

|                                         |    |       |   |       |
|-----------------------------------------|----|-------|---|-------|
| Food Purchased                          | -  | 3,165 | - | 3,165 |
| Data Protection Fee                     | 80 | -     | - | 80    |
| Foodbank Travel Expenses                | -  | 4,979 | - | 4,979 |
| Contents and Public Liability Insurance | -  | 290   | - | 290   |

**Other Expenditure**

|                                 |           |              |               |               |
|---------------------------------|-----------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Vehicle Purchase                | -         | -            | 14,208        | 14,208        |
| Vehicle Insurance               | -         | -            | 1,093         | 1,093         |
| Vehicle Tax                     | -         | -            | 275           | 275           |
| <b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b> | <b>80</b> | <b>8,434</b> | <b>15,576</b> | <b>24,090</b> |

**BLAENAU GWENT COMMUNITY AID**  
**SECTION B - BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021**

|                                  | <b><u>2021</u></b> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
|                                  | £                  |
| Opening Balance on Bank Accounts | 22,254             |
| ADD Total Incoming Resources     | 48,406             |
|                                  | 70,660             |
| LESS Total Resources Expended    | 24,090             |
|                                  | <b>46,570</b>      |
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**Signature**

**Print Name**

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