

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From		Period start date			To		Period end date		
		Day 1 st	Month JAN	Year 2022			Day 31 st	Month DEC	Year 2022

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

BLAENAU GWENT COMMUNITY AID

Other names charity is known by

N/A

Registered charity number (if any)

1191264

Charity's principal address

Church on the Rise

54 Beaufort Rise, Beaufort

Ebbw Vale, Blaenau Gwent

Postcode

NP23 5JQ

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	Craig James	Chairperson		Charity Trustees
2	Lyn Holding	Secretary		Charity Trustees
3	R. Wayne Evans	Treasurer		Charity Trustees
4	Jennifer Morgan	Trustee		Charity Trustees
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Accountant	Steve Drake	24 James Street Ebbw Vale Blaenau Gwent NP23 6JG

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

R. Wayne Evans

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- ☐ policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- ☐ the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- ☐ relationship with any related parties;
- ☐ trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Completion of skills Audit to determine contribution of Trustee and follow guidance on training of trustees by Trussell Trust

The work of the Foodbank is set up under a partnership with Trussell Trust and we follow their guidelines under their Partnership agreement.

Partnership agreement with Trussell Trust

Follow guidance of Trussell Trust

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The charity objects are the relief of financial hardship amongst people in Blaenau Gwent and the surrounding area by providing emergency food, essential toiletries and household items to individuals and families in need. Also the provision of support or signposting to relevant information and other advisory services and to provide such services with a Christian Ethos which is supported by churches in Blaenau Gwent. We do this through Blaenau Gwent Foodbank which is in partnership with Trussell Trust.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

We operate presently a Foodbank k/a Blaenau Gwent Foodbank operating from 2 Food Distribution Centres in Beaufort and Brynmawr. This due to previous Covid restrictions has been a home delivery service only and so our centres have been closed to the public for collection of food. We deliver to the whole of the County of Blaenau Gwent. We issue food, toiletries and household items. Also we have the facility to offer Gas/Electric vouchers for families in need through a partnership with the Fuelbank Foundation. For those clients that are struggling to top-up their Mobile phones we are able to offer a SIM card free of charge for a 6mth period through our partnership via Trussell Trust with Tesco Mobile. Our clients are referred to us via relative agencies that work with them as they must have a Foodbank voucher presented.

Through our Foodbank operation we make this statutory declaration that the Trustees have regarded the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit as it's a clear case of the Foodbank helping the general public whose families are in crisis.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- ☐ policy on grantmaking;
- ☐ policy programme related investment;
- ☐ contribution made by volunteers.

N/A

N/A

Everyone working at the Foodbank are volunteers to include the Foodbank Project Manager and 2 Foodbank Distribution Centre Managers and approximately 10 other volunteers. We appreciate their service very much in helping us to serve local families who are in crisis.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During 2022 we have achieved the following:

We have helped 1943 families with food

This comprises 2863 Adults and 1565 Children Total 4428 people

This is an approximate total of 39852 meals placed on families tables

Our total stock of food/toiletries and other items collected as donations total approximately 39.0 tons of which 23 tons of food have come through the Supermarkets – Asda, Tesco (2 store) and Waitrose

The Monetary donations we receive help us to purchase food that we are short of and this year it amounted to purchase 7 tons of food

The amount of food we distributed to the various families in crisis in Blaenau Gwent amounted to 38.9 tons

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We are in the process of working on a policy on reserves which we are still calculating due to the effects of Covid and the Cost of Living and the need to purchase items to keep our stock on a good level. We have been working on a Reserve of approximately £15K just to ensure we keep going through this Cost of Living period where donations are dipping.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- ☐ the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- ☐ how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- ☐ investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Main sources of funding come from individual donations both regular and one-off. We do get funds via Tesco stores that top up in hard cash any food collected through them by 20% and also we have funding via Asda on a similar way, however this is restricted funding for operational costs only.

We have purchased food when stocks have decreased out of funding we receive and the costs of delivery and running of the charity have come out of restricted funding via Supermarkets.

N/A

Section F Other optional information

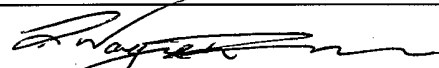
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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Lyndon Holding

Roderick Wayne Evans

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Treasurer

Date

25th October 2023

BLAENAU GWENT COMMUNITY AID

CHARITY NUMBER 1191264

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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 year ended 31st December 2022.

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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18th October 2023

BLAENAU GWENT COMMUNITY AID - CHARITY NUMBER 1191264
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022
SECTION A - STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Designated</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Restricted</u> <u>funds</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>this period</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>last period</u>
	£	£	£	£	
<u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u>					
<u>Donations and legacies</u>					
Donations	650	20,366	700	21,716	41431
<u>Income from charitable activities</u>					
Supermarket Top-Up	-	-	2,115	2,115	4521
Grants	-	-	38,000	38,000	2454
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	650	20,366	40,815	61,831	48406

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Expenditure on charitable activities

Food Purchased	1,435	10,410	151	11,996	3165
Data Protection Fee	40	-	-	40	80
Foodbank Travel Expenses	-	3,919	-	3,919	4979
Contents and Public Liability Insurance	-	302	-	302	290
Accounting licence	-	-	59	59	0
Equipment purchases	-	-	568	568	0
Telephone	-	-	101	101	0
Printing and Stationery	-	-	321	321	0
Accountancy	-	-	360	360	0
Administration costs	-	-	80	80	0
<u>Other Expenditure</u>					
Vehicle Purchase	-	-	-	-	14208
Vehicle Insurance	-	-	1,253	1,253	1093
Vehicle Tax	-	-	290	290	275
Vehicle fuel	-	-	248	248	0
Vehicle Mot and repairs	-	-	377	377	0
Vehicle maintenance	-	-	120	120	0
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	1,475	14,631	3,928	20,034	24090

BLAENAU GWENT COMMUNITY AID
SECTION B - BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
Opening Balance on Bank Accounts	46,570	22,254
ADD Total Incoming Resources	<u>61,831</u>	<u>48,406</u>
	108,401	70,660
LESS Total Resources Expended	<u>20,034</u>	<u>24,090</u>
	<u>88,367</u>	<u>46,570</u>
 Closing Balance on Bank Accounts	 <u>88,367</u>	 <u>46,570</u>
 Represented by funds		
Unrestricted	-58	768
Designated	49,804	44,070
Restricted	<u>38,621</u>	<u>1,732</u>
	<u>88,367</u>	<u>46,570</u>

Signed by the following two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name **Date of Approval**

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