



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st Jan 2023 Period start date To 31st Dec 2023 Period end date

Charity name: BLAENAU GWENT COMMUNITY AID

Charity registration number: 1191264

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Charity purposes and objectives is the relief of financial hardship and poverty and the resulting issues people face in Blaenau Gwent and the surrounding area.
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	We operate 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. Additionally we have seen people who are in financial hardship who have become homeless and also those who are struggling with alcohol/drug issues affecting their hardship and we are able to signpost for more help locally and nationally through rehab centres and other agencies support. This is arranged through our operation k/a Foundations Support Service

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm they have had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant. It is a clear case of the Foodbank and Foundations Support Service helping the general public who are in crisis.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Everyone working at the Blaenau Gwent Foodbank and Foundations Support Service are volunteers to include the Foodbank Project Manager and 2 Foodbank Distribution Centre Managers and approximately 12 other volunteers. In the last month of this accounting period (Dec 2023) we appointed a Foodbank Operations Manager which was the first paid position role. We appreciate all volunteers very much in helping us to serve local families and individuals who are in their crises. They are very committed and wish to help and support people in our community
Other		Not applicable

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	BLAENAU GWENT FOODBANK During 2023 we have achieved the following: We have helped 1594 families with food This comprises 2410 Adults and 1382 children fed. Total 3792 people fed This is an approximately total of 34,038 meals placed on families tables Our Total stock of food/toiletries and other items collected as donations total approximately 25.5 tons of which 19.5 tons of food have come through the Supermarkets – Asda, Tesco (2 Stores) and Waitrose. The Monetary donations we receive, help us to purchase food that we are short of and this year it amounted to purchase 4.5 tons of food The amount of food we distributed to the various families in crisis in Blaenau Gwent amounted to 31.2 tons This has enabled families to have food on the table to eat whilst been short of money to purchase or are waiting for benefits to be applied. FOUNDATIONS SUPPORT SERVICE (Following figures are for just one month when the work began as part of the wider charity – Dec 2023) 10 referrals made to other agencies for help such as Floating support, Housing, Women's Aid 3 Dignity packs issued such as personal items – deodorant, shower gel, soap, toothpaste underwear garments, socks, gloves etc 1 Clothing voucher issued 2 Starter Tenancy packs – kettle, toaster, sandwich maker, cutlery and crockery 2 Travel vouchers x £28 for prisoners to get to aptments

		9 Meals prepared for homeless and 23 B'fasts in local Wetherspoons/Presso's Café & Base Drop in Hope Hub 9 Recovery Sessions attended (one to One and Group sessions) 9 attended Well-being sessions held 2 Prisoners help in preparation for them to engage back in society 4 attended Follow up Help sessions 17 attended Drop in Hope Hub sessions – Safe Space 2 Referrals made to Rehab Centre and Women's Facilities
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	No set targets Objectives were met and extended for those needing more help through the new operation of Foundations Support Service who needed specific help and support
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No Fundraising set objectives
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	No Investment set objectives
Other		Not applicable

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	See Financial Accounts
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Still in the process of working on a policy on reserves which we are still unsure of and calculating taking into consideration the after effects of Covid and the continuing effects of the Cost of Living and the need to purchase items to keep our stocks on a good level.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Working on a Reserve of approx.. £15K just to ensure we keep going through this Cost of Living period where donations have dipped considerably.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No uncertainties at this stage

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	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 do also have some Corporate funding too
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Not applicable
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	At this stage the continued Cost of Living period will affect Donations both in food and monetary terms and affects both operations that we run. This is subject to regular review by the Board of Trustees as we continue forward.
Other		Not applicable

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust - CIO
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	Appointed by existing Trustees

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	Completion of skills Audit to determine contribution of Trustee and follow guidance on training of trustees by Trussell Trust
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The work of the Foodbank is set up under a partnership with Trussell Trust and we follow their guidelines under their Partnership agreement.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Partnership agreement with Trussell Trust Supported by churches in Blaenau Gwent
Other		Not applicable

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	BLAENAU GWENT COMMUNITY AID
Other name the charity uses	BLAENAU GWENT FOODBANK / FOUNDATIONS SUPPORT SERVICE
Registered charity number	1191264
Charity's principal address	CHURCH ON THE RISE 54 BEAUFORT RISE, BEAUFORT EBBW VALE, BLAENAU GWENT 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	LYNDON HOLDING	CHAIRPERSON		CHARITY TRUSTEES
2	R. WAYNE EVANS	TREASURER		CHARITY TRUSTEES
3	JENNIFER MORGAN	TRUSTEE		CHASRITY TRUSTEE
4	TOMMY SMITH	TRUSTEE	8 TH NOV 2023	CHARITY TRUSTEE
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
NOT APPLICABLE		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
NOT APPLICABLE		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	NOT APPLICABLE
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	NOT APPLICABLE
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	NOT APPLICABLE

Additional information (optional)**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
ACCOUNTANT	STEVE DRAKE	24 JAMES STREET EBBW VALE B. GWENT NP23 6JG

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

R. WAYNE EVANS

Exemptions from disclosure**Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details**

NOT APPLICABLE

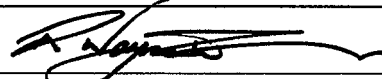
Other optional information

NOT APPLICABLE

Declarations

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 TREFOR HOLDING	RODERICK WAYNE EVANS
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIRPERSON	TREASURER

Date 25-10-24

BLAENAU GWENT COMMUNITY AID

CHARITY NUMBER 1191264

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

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 2023.

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.

Steve Drake

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22nd October 2024

BLAENAU GWENT COMMUNITY AID - CHARITY NUMBER 1191264
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023
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	15,789	-	5,250	21,039	21716
Hope Hub Donations	-	80	-	80	0
<u>Income from charitable activities</u>					
Supermarket Top-Up	-	-	5,528	5,528	2115
Grants	-	-	-	-	38000
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	15,789	80	10,778	26,647	61831

RESOURCES EXPENDED

Expenditure on charitable activities

Food Purchased	10,351	-	-	10,351	11996
Data Protection Fee	-	-	40	40	40
Foodbank Travel Expenses	-	2,936	-	2,936	3919
Contents and Public Liability Insurance	-	322	-	322	302
Accounting licence	-	-	-	-	59
Equipment purchases	-	20	2,744	2,764	568
Telephone	-	206	161	367	101
Printing and Stationery	-	330	-	330	321
Accountancy	-	-	300	300	360
Administration costs	-	-	-	-	80
<u>Other Expenditure</u>					
Vehicle Insurance	-	-	1,336	1,336	1253
Vehicle Tax	-	-	320	320	290
Vehicle fuel	-	252	1,569	1,821	248
Vehicle Maintenance and repairs	-	450	643	1,093	497
Van hire	-	-	59	59	0
Advertising	-	-	180	180	0
Staff salary	-	-	1,309	1,309	0
Staff Gratuities	-	-	120	120	0
Computer Security Premium	-	-	54	54	0
Waste Recycling Management	-	224	-	224	0
Hope Hub Mission/Outreach	-	399	-	399	0
Hope Hub Meals/Drinks	-	9	-	9	0
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	10,351	5,148	8,835	24,334	20034

BLAENAU GWENT COMMUNITY AID
SECTION B - BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Opening Balance on Bank Accounts	46,570	88,367
ADD Total Incoming Resources	<u>61,831</u>	<u>26,647</u>
	108,401	115,014
LESS Total Resources Expended	<u>20,034</u>	<u>24,334</u>
	<u>88,367</u>	<u>90,680</u>
Closing Balance on Bank Accounts	<u>88,367</u>	<u>90,680</u>
Represented by funds		
Unrestricted	0	5,438
Designated	44,706	39,638
Restricted	43,661	45,604
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Print Name **Date of Approval**

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