

## In 2021 CFFB provided:

Emergency Family Food Boxes	370	Adults (parents/carer's)		Unrecorded toiletries, cleaning
Christmas Food Hampers	88	small Christmas gifts	121	materials, clothes, household goods.
Christmas Toy Households	85	Butty Club and referral		
Children received Toys	267	emergency food bags	2,362	



# ANNUAL REPORT 2021

COMMUNITY FOOD & FRIENDSHIP BLYTH



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Charity number 1191399



## About us...

**We are a volunteer run charity that works with the community of Blyth.**

Whether it is supporting those who are facing challenging times financially, need help to find enough food, clothes and home goods to working with the community and businesses whose generosity knows no bounds, by donating food, clothes and any items we put out a call



for as well as generous monetary donations, it is our privilege to serve our community.

We work in a variety of projects with local schools and support older members of the community. We have in 2021, moved into our new building where we have exciting plans for the future.

*Left: Blyth Over 50's Forum.*

*Above: A welcome donation from the Blyth Park run annual food donations.*

## Chairs Report

**2021 has been another challenging year. We had hoped to leave Covid behind but that was not to be.**

Thankfully the Bacon Butty Club because of its status, was able to continue as we saw our numbers begin to increase. During the year we moved buildings for the final time. Our thanks to Tom Bradly and CVAB who had hosted us at BCEC for a year and special thanks to Father Quinn and St Wilfred's who offered us the use of their hall in Claremont Terrace.

We set about refurbishing the building to accommodate our needs, special thanks to Alan Hall for managing this project. We ran two sites, St Cuthbert's carried on with the Butty Club while preparing for a move planned in early 2022 to our new building. We realised we had less room and had to re assess the way we offer our service. The most important was to maintain the Butty Club with food bags, clothes and toiletries. We also continued our Soup Lunches with thanks to Jean Hayton and her team. We have to thank Phil and

Colleen at Morrisons, Little Asda, Aldi, Lidl, Greggs, St Wilfred's, and Glenton's who regularly provide us with the food we need to function. To Blyth Town Council whose support has been constant, St Bede's, St Cuthbert's, all of the businesses and individuals who have supported us throughout 2021. Finally, our Trustees and volunteers for their commitment and ongoing support. The first part of 2021 saw us working with Northumberland Communities Together, before passing over the work providing emergency food boxes we had continued to provide from the first lockdown. After reviewing our aims and objectives we committed to grow and develop the Butty Club and support those in our community who were facing financial challenges accessing food and confidence building. Suzanne Ellis from Higher Effect ran courses for our Butty Club lads that wanted to grow their confidence, our Friday Walking Group was a product of its success.

To our volunteer drivers, many who tirelessly turn up at short notice to keep us supplied with food often at



times they have settled at home with their feet up! Our most sincere thanks.

This was our 4th Christmas working with schools, we exceeded our Christmas toy bags thanks to donations from our community who were so generous along with trustees and volunteers (some from other organisations) who joined in to wrap. Our Christmas food hampers were allocated to families referred by local schools through generous Christmas Eve donations from Aldi and Sainsbury. A large number of people turned up to support by picking up from stores and delivering to homes, the atmosphere was wonderful.

We offered on line training opportunities to volunteers across a number of organisations offering 60 courses in all.

Financially we have had a successful year, thanks go to our Treasurer Dave Cooper. Numerous fundraisings through coffee morning, market, fete and generous donations along with grants saw us enter 2022 with confidence.

*Lynne Craggs / Chair*



# Blyth Community Enterprise Partnership



With grateful thanks to Thom Bradley and all at Blyth Community Enterprise Partnership, we were offered a workspace for a year while we explored ways to take the charity forward.



Above: The workspace was ideal for our operation.

Left: Trustee John sorting donations.



Left: Covid Christmas with turkey soup.  
Below: Covid Easter Egg donation.

## Bacon Butty Club

Despite limitations allowed for access we were allowed to re-open the Butty Club with Covid regulations in place.

Our user group came in the allowed number at a time and fully acknowledged the new way of working. As restrictions eased we did get back to a strange form of normality with partners such as Bridge offering advice, training and employment opportunities. The NHS came weekly to give advice and take blood pressure etc. we were also able to offer Covid jabs via a mobile NHS unit who used St Cuthbert's Hall. By the end of the year numbers got larger as demand for support increased.





## Christmas Hampers

**Working with local primary schools we were again privileged to support 88 families.**

Along with volunteers from all walks of life and the generosity of local businesses and donations from the Blyth community our Christmas Eve hampers were all delivered by 7.30pm.



Left: Fresh vegetables from ASDA.



Above: The Bolton Family came along to donate a very generous gift to us for Christmas, seen with Trustee Susan and volunteers.

## Christmas Gifts

**Working together with primary school referrals and through the generosity of the Blyth community and businesses we were able to provide Christmas gift bags to 85 households. 267 children received their presents from Santa and 121 adults in the household received a small gift, no one was left out.**

A special thank you goes to all of our schools who work so hard beyond what they are expected to do to strive to ensure all children are equal and of course those who volunteered to wrap from within CFFB and beyond.



Far left: Volunteer Connie delivering our first gift bags.

Top: Volunteers in full wrapping mode.

Centre: The CFFB tree at St Cuthbert's Christmas Tree Festival beautifully decorated in true CFFB style by Trustee Jean Hayton.

Left: Morrisons Christmas Customer Voucher Donations, we are very grateful to be the 2021 chosen charity.





## Moving Home

In 2021 we were given the opportunity by Father Quinn and St Wilfred's Church to move into their hall in Claremont Terrace.

We were most grateful and very excited as the space offered us the opportunity to complete the work in the community we were working towards. We held our opening with members of the community and partners we work with. Blyth Town Council Mayor Margaret Richardson declared the building open.



Above: Blyth Town Council Mayor Margaret Richardson cutting the cake at our official opening.

Top: Volunteers and guests at the opening night.

Left: Eileen, Stephen and Margaret.



## Schools

When opportunities come along, we are always delighted to work with our schools.



## Training

Thanks to Awards for All we were able to offer on line accredited training to volunteers working in CFFB and volunteers working with other organizations in Blyth. We were also able to introduce a number of our clients to on line training.



Above: Bacon Butty Volunteers.  
Left: Trustee Dave Cooper leading a training session.  
Below: There were times we had to use our workspace for training.

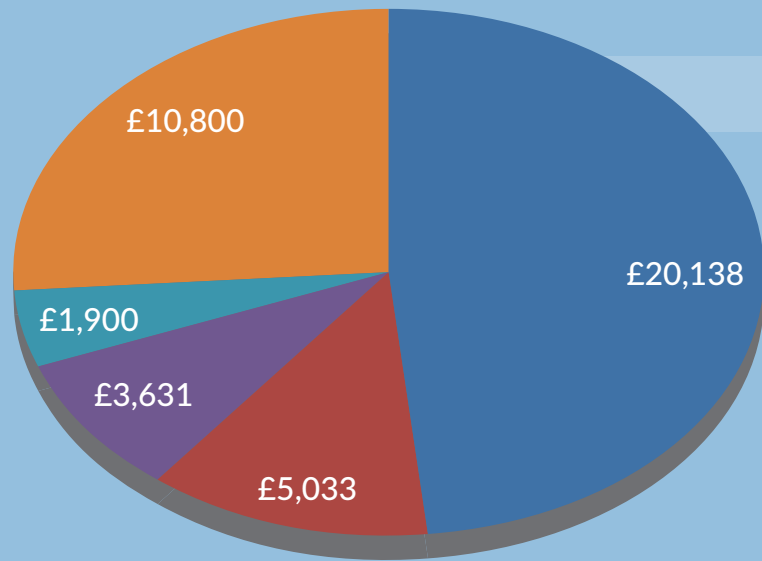
Congratulations to the more than 50 students that have gained their certificates.

Top left: We received some donated bikes which we passed on to a local school.

Left: Pleased to help with a request for children's Christmas jumpers.







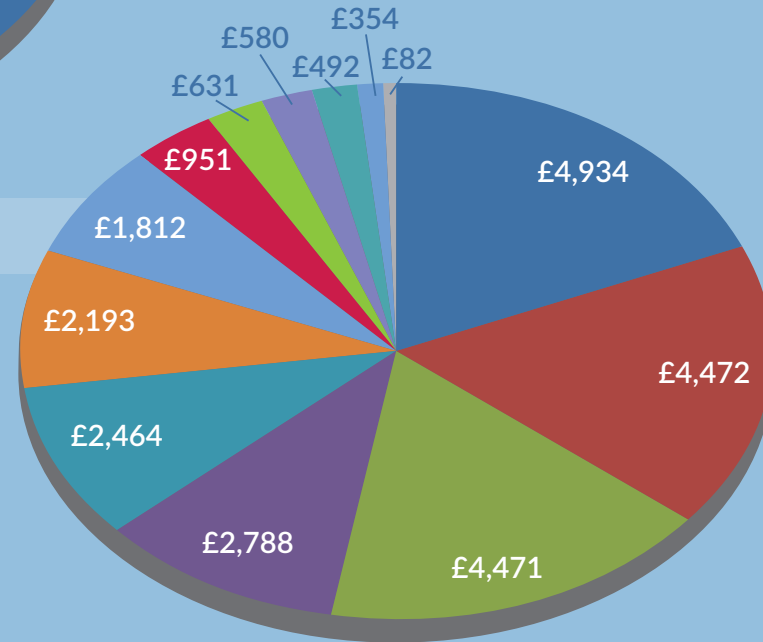
## Income by category

- Brought forward
- Donations
- Fundraising
- Community Foundations
- Blyth Town Council

Grants (Blyth Town Council & Community Foundation) were allocated to restricted funds.

## Expenditure by category

- Clothing
- Rent
- Wellbeing
- Equipment
- Volunteer Training
- Food
- Building Maintenance
- Christmas
- Governance
- Trustee Training
- Covid
- Utilities
- Other



Above: Men's walking group developed by Suzanne Ellis from Higher Effect, who has been working on a project with the Butty Club.



Left: CFFB Christmas Fayre.

Centre: Easter Eggs donated from residents of Belford Court.

Below centre: Trustee Alan receiving a kind donation from Bader Court.

Below: Food donation from South Beach Residents Forum.

## Receipts and Payments Accounts

Charity Name **Community Food and Friendship Blyth**

Charity Number **1191399**

For the period **22-Sep-20** to **31-Dec-21**

## Section A Receipts and Payments

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total
A1 Receipts		£	£	£	£
	Donations	3324	3108		6432
	Fund Raising	1374	3949		5323
	Government Grants		11300		11300
	Other Grants		3250		3250
	Interest	1			1
	<i>Sub total</i>	4699	21607	0	26306
A2 Asset and Investment sales etc		0	0	0	0
	<i>Total receipts</i>	4699	21607		26306

### A3 Payments

Management	22	5984		6006
Operating Costs	4968	18456		23424
<i>Sub total</i>	4990	24440	0	29430
<b>A4 Asset and Investment purchases etc</b>	0	0	0	0
<i>Total receipts</i>	4699	21607	0	26306
<i>Net of receipts / (payments)</i>	-291	-2833	0	-3124
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	2631	15772	0	18403
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	2340	12939	0	15279

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment
<b>B1 Cash Funds</b>	£	£	£
Lloyds Current Account	2339	2938	0
Lloyds Savings Account		10002	0
<i>Total cash funds</i>	2339	12940	0

<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £

<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Fund	Cost £	Current Value £

<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Fund £	Cost £	Current Value £

<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Fund £	Cost £	Current Value £

D Cooper	17-Jul-22
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# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

Community Food and Friendship Blyth

On accounts for the  
period

22/9/2020 to 31/12/2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1191399

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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:

Joan H Dearden

Date:

31/9/2022

Name:

Joan Helen Dearden

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

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### Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).



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