

**COMMUNITY FOOD AND
FRIENDSHIP BLYTH CIO**

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2024

REGISTERED NUMBER - 1191399

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Legal and Administrative Information for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Constitution

Community Food and Friendship Blyth CIO is a Body Corporate under Part 11 of the Charities Act 2011 and is governed by its Constitution. It is a Registered Charity no. 1191399

Trustees

The trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows :

Lynne Craggs
Susan Hall (to 31st March 2024)
Jean Lillian Hayton
Richard Hayton
Alan Hall
David Cooper
Edward Neville Craggs
Rev Sion Awen Hughes Carew
Lesley Ann Correia
Rev Peter Knibbs

Registered Office

Community Centre, Claremont Terrace, NE24 2LE

Independent Examiner

Alex Robinson, Essell Accountants Limited, 29 Howard Street, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE30 1AR

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Legal and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the constitution and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

Objects of the Charity

The objects of the CIO are the prevention or relief of poverty for people in Blyth and the surrounding area by providing food, essential household items and toiletries to individuals in financial need. To promote social inclusion by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

Structure, Governance & Management

The Board of Trustees met 7 times plus an Annual General meeting during the year.

Financial Review

Donations have increased by 14% over last year, income from fund raising has increased by 114%. Grants were received for the rent and for Christmas gifts.

Expenditure on food has increased by 74%, the cost of Christmas food parcels increased by 74% and Christmas Gifts rose by 26%. Costs of training Trustees and Volunteers rose by 34%.

Reserves Policy

It is the aim of the charity to hold 100% of our annual non-grant income as a reserve fund. This will allow for the continuation of the delivery of breakfast provision and a safe meeting space in the event of a loss of funding from other sources. The Reserve Fund may be accessed if the projected annual income from non-grant sources falls by 10% or more below the required amount.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**Achievements and Performance**

It has been another busy year for Community Food and Friendship Blyth. We continues to work in the community providing a warm space, refreshments, company and also provide clothing and the use of a hot shower. The numbers in our "butty club" which runs almost every Thursday throughout the year, continue to grow. Food bags are provided for each client who attends and there is access to donations from a local baker, Morrisons, Aldi, Lidl and Greggs. Volunteers make 80 food bags each week providing enough food for a weekend. This is a male only session. These clients enjoyed a much appreciated hot Christmas Lunch. We funded this meal provided by a local cafe. The Riverside Adult learning centre provided dessert as a donation.

We provide a warm space on a Monday morning where anyone can attend who would like breakfast and a light lunch of very popular homemade soup. Again, there are often food items which can be taken (Co Op) and a chance to look at the "market" goods which are on offer under the watchful eye of the market manager Andy. We run an indoor market every Thursday after the "Butty Club". This has provided popular and footfall has begun to increase. The money raised provides much needed finance for food we have to purchase now to cover the provision of food bags each week.

We work with local schools, providing food parcels during the summer holidays for those families in need. These come from school referrals though we also accommodate referrals from Childrens' services.

Christmas 2024- we worked with 6 schools providing toy bags for families, again referred by the schools. We also provided food hampers for families to ensure they had a delicious Christmas meal and treats too. Our charity works with NRP and we have provided a number of tents for those who are homeless as well as clothing, sleeping bags and food.

Café Church known as Fourth@4 continues to flourish with numbers increasing. Food and friendship alongside worship and music is a popular monthly event with very mixed clientele.

Public Benefit

The charity works to provide all members of the public who are in need with food, clothing and any other necessities as well as companionship.

Risk Statement

The charity takes the minimisation of risk for our clients and volunteers extremely seriously. To this end a risk assessment of all the charities activities is carried out and documented every year.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and the apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the CIO will continue in business.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD :

Trustee



Date : 15/04/25

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP BLYTH CIO

I report on the accounts of the Community Food and Friendship Blyth CIO for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 6 - 9.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to :

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act).
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

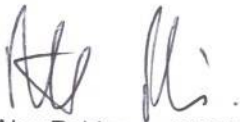
Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the trustee's and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts. The report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention :

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mr Alex Robinson FCCA
Essell Accountants Limited
29 Howard Street, North Shields, NE30 1AR

Date : 16th April 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2024</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u>
<u>Income and Endowments</u>					
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds:					
Donations and Legacies					
Donations		3,366	6,505	9,870	8,627
Grants		0	5,580	5,580	8,205
Gift Aid Reclaimed		0	0	0	1,211
Refund		11	0	11	0
		<u>3,377</u>	<u>12,085</u>	<u>15,461</u>	<u>18,043</u>
Income from Investments:					
Bank Interest		<u>0</u>	<u>668</u>	<u>668</u>	<u>280</u>
		<u>3,377</u>	<u>12,753</u>	<u>16,130</u>	<u>18,323</u>
Income from Fund Raising					
		<u>0</u>	<u>9,469</u>	<u>9,469</u>	<u>4,432</u>
<u>Total Income and Endowments</u>		<u>3,377</u>	<u>22,222</u>	<u>25,599</u>	<u>22,755</u>
<u>Expenditure:</u>					
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	2	4,232	17,139	21,372	32,111
<u>Total Expenditure:</u>		<u>4,232</u>	<u>17,139</u>	<u>21,372</u>	<u>32,111</u>
<u>Net Income / (Expenditure) resources before transfers</u>		(856)	5,083	4,227	(9,356)
<u>Transfers between funds</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Net Movement in Funds</u>		(856)	5,083	4,227	(9,356)
<u>Balance as at 1st January 2024</u>		<u>3,733</u>	<u>26,811</u>	<u>30,544</u>	<u>39,899</u>
<u>Balance as at 31st December 2024</u>		<u>2,877</u>	<u>31,894</u>	<u>34,771</u>	<u>30,544</u>

The notes form part of the financial statements

BALANCE SHEET AS AT
31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at Bank and in Hand	<u>35,491</u>	<u>31,264</u>
CREDITORS : AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	<u>720</u>	<u>720</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	34,771	30,544
NET ASSETS	<u><u>34,771</u></u>	<u><u>30,544</u></u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Unrestricted Funds (Note 4)	2,877	3,733
Restricted Funds (Note 4)	31,894	26,811
	<u><u>34,771</u></u>	<u><u>30,544</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees on
and were signed on its behalf by :

Verley Corveia

15/04/2025

Charity registered number : 1191139

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015) and the Charities Act 2011. The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

Incoming Resources

Incoming Resources represents grants, sales and other work done during the year. It is prepared on an accruals basis.

Fund Accounting

Funds held by the charity are either :

Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds - these funds are grants or donations received that require the funds to be used in a specific way or for a specific purpose.

Designated funds - these are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

2 EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2024</u> £	<u>Total</u> <u>2023</u> £
Governance	609	0	609	1160
Food	0	6,132	6,132	3630
Rent	0	4,800	4,800	4800
Repairs and Equipment	1,748	42	1,790	5176
Sundries	950	0	950	705
Christmas	0	371	371	0
Training	0	1,086	1,086	622
Membership	0	0	0	0
Insurance	270	0	270	258
Clothing and Toys	36	1,678	1,713	1353
Utilities	0	2,311	2,311	1073
Telephone and Broadband	619	0	619	564
Payroll and independent examination	0	720	720	720
Wellbeing	0	0	0	12050
	<u>4,232</u>	<u>17,139</u>	<u>21,372</u>	<u>32,111</u>

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3. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
The average weekly number of employees during the year was :	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

4. MOVEMENTS OF FUNDS

	Balance at 1 Jan 2024	Transfer Between Funds	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Balance at 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General Funds					
Unrestricted Funds	3,733	0	3,377	4,232	2,877
Total General Funds	<u>3,733</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,377</u>	<u>4,232</u>	<u>2,877</u>
Restricted Funds					
Restricted funds	26,811	0	22,222	17,139	31,894
Total Restricted Funds	<u>26,811</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>22,222</u>	<u>17,139</u>	<u>31,894</u>
Total Funds	<u>30,544</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,599</u>	<u>21,372</u>	<u>34,771</u>