



Registered charity no. 1193997

Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1st October 2023—30th September 2024

1. Charity details

Charity name: foodbank.community

Charity registration number: 1193997

2. Objectives and activities

The objects of foodbank.community, which are to be carried out in Essex and Havering, are "To relieve those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, mental health, disability, financial hardship or such other social or economic disadvantage by the provision of a food redistribution service taking surplus food and distributing to charities and charitable organisations."

We operate as a registered food redistribution charity in areas of Essex and Havering. The charity was set up with the support of Hutton & Shenfield Union Church (H&SUC), who take responsibility for the insurance of the volunteers as part of their mission. Enid Gear, trustee, acts as a representative of foodbank.community at H&SUC and works with Dan Brimelow, Debbie Catton, Adele Bywater and Rachel Patel (other trustees), who are linked to St Mary's Church. The charity was set up to help deal with the devastating impact of the Covid pandemic and both churches are supportive of its work.

Surplus food is collected from local supermarkets and is redistributed to partner organisations, where it is made available for their service users to collect. Many of our partner organisations also operate a delivery service and are well placed to signpost their users to other local organisations for support. foodbank.community is able to collect fresh produce, including fruit and vegetables, which is an invaluable boost to the tinned and dried goods that most foodbanks traditionally offer.

We have helped establish four Sunday 'pop-up' foodbanks that regularly serve between 20–40 families each week.

During the week, we deliver to foodbanks and homeless organisations in Essex, as well as to a community pantry in Havering that is supported by the local council. All of these organisations run projects that match the objects of the charity.

We currently estimate together with our partner organisations we support ~540–600 people each week.

In explaining how the activities of foodbank.community meet the public benefit of its work, the trustees have met the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

3. Achievements and performance

Since becoming a registered charity, foodbank.community has sought to consolidate established food collection rounds and to expand to serve partner organisations in neighbouring areas where less surplus food is being repurposed to support the local community. During the reporting period, we have seen an overall drop in the amount of surplus food donated by supermarkets, which is reflective of the cost of living pressures and more customers buying discounted items before supermarkets scan them out for charities.

Environmental impact:

It is hard to measure foodbank.community's environmental impact accurately. However, we can gain insights by looking at the charity's statistics on Fareshare's Foodiverse platform, which provides data regarding our collections from KFC, Nando's, Tesco and Waitrose only. During the reporting period, the platform reported that from just these four retailers foodbank.community has:

- made 2,039 food collections.
- collected 47,665kg of food.
- collected the equivalent of 113,468 meals.
- saved 152,499kg of CO₂ emissions.

As foodbank.community collects from three times this number of retailers (12 in total), the charity's environmental impact in terms of stopping surplus food being sent to landfill sites is significant.

4. Structure, governance and management

Constitution of the charity: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Governing document: The charity uses the Charity Commission's Foundation CIO model constitution.

The current trustees of foodbank.community are the founding trustees, so no recruitment has yet taken place.

The organisation is currently a foundation CIO, with all formal members of the charity also acting as trustees, hence there are no elections but anyone can apply to join the board. Trustees may also co-opt people on to the board by asking them to apply.

The charity operates an Equal Opportunities and Diversity Policy where the trustees are responsible for championing equal opportunities and diversity. The charity aims to ensure that any recruitment process is free from unlawful discrimination. Adverts for trustee recruitment will state that "foodbank.community is an equal opportunity employer and values diversity". All applications will be assessed by the board and may be accepted if they are considered conducive to the charitable objects and current strategy of the charity.

5. Reference and administrative details

Charity name: foodbank.community

Charity registration number: 1193997

Charity's principal address: Hutton & Shenfield Union Church
Roundwood Avenue
Hutton
Brentwood
Essex
CM13 2NA

Charity website: <https://www.foodbank.community/>

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

- Dan Brimelow (Chair)
- Adele Bywater
- Debbie Catton
- Enid Gear
- Rachel Patel

6. Financial review

There has been no financial activity in the CIO during the reporting period.

7. Funds held as a custodian trustee

Not applicable, no funds are held.



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/10/2023

To

30/09/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	-	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Daniel Brimelow	29/07/2025	