

About the Betty Ennis Foundation

Our Mission and Vision

The Betty Ennis Foundation is a grassroots charity based in Coventry, UK, dedicated to alleviating hardship and poverty within our community. We strive to provide essential support and resources to individuals and families facing financial difficulties, fostering a compassionate and thriving community where everyone can reach their full potential.

Challenges We Face

Despite our commitment to serving the Coventry community, we are currently struggling with increasing overhead costs. As a non-profit organisation, managing rising expenses such as rent, utilities, and operational costs has become a significant challenge. These financial pressures threaten our ability to maintain the breadth and quality of the services we provide to those in need.

Building Valuable Relationships

In response to these challenges, we have worked tirelessly to establish valuable relationships with local businesses and community groups. Through these partnerships, we have been able to secure donations of goods and services, which we then offer at no cost to the individuals and families we support. This collaborative approach has been instrumental in sustaining our operations and maximizing our impact despite financial constraints.

Our Charity Shop Model

One of the cornerstones of our foundation is our charity shop, which operates on a model that reflects our deep understanding of the community we serve. We price our items in line with what is affordable for our community members, rather than their market value. This ensures that everyone has access to necessary goods, regardless of their financial situation. The shop not only provides affordable items but also serves as a community multi-hub where people can find support and a sense of belonging, use our pet and human food bank, help us understand their needs and put in place plans for help.

Reinventing Profits for Greater Good

Any profits generated from our charity shop are reinvested into our mission. These funds are used to carry out critical work and find items for those in need. Whether it's finding emergency relief for families like gas and electric top-ups, food parcels, garden work or furniture we have never strayed from the mission of helping whoever we can, however we can. However, with our lack of funds we haven't been able to invest in our community as much as we would have liked to. We have instead used our resources to make valuable relationships with other organisations so we can be the middleman between need and help. Our volunteers have used their wealth of skills to re-do gardens, move people from temporary accommodation, give valuable advice, decorate and refurnish homes. With the

power of our little community, we have been able to spread the kindness as did our namesake.

Our Impact

Through our dedicated efforts and strategic partnerships, we have been able to make a meaningful difference in the lives of many Coventry residents. Our initiatives have provided not only material assistance but also hope and empowerment to those who need it most. By working together with local businesses, volunteers, and community members, we continue to strive towards a future where no one in Coventry must face hardship or poverty alone.

For the future

The Trustees have expressed concern regarding our reserves not meeting the anticipated levels. To address this, we plan to increase our grant applications to support core costs. Additionally, we aim to enhance our community outreach efforts to identify further ways to assist the community, which will also position us to secure grant funding for these initiatives.

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	The relief of financial hardship among people living or working in Coventry by providing such persons with food and other home essentials that they require but could not purchase due to lack of financial stability. The relief of financial hardship, either generally or individually, of people by making grants of money for providing or paying for items services or facilities The relief of the sick-poor either generally or individually through the provision of grants, goods or services
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.	The Charity has an emergency food bank for both humans and pets, the charity has transformed the hub into a mutli-bank offering a safe, warm place to cater for all needs. The Charity has performed services all over Coventry from household removals, moving people out of temp accommodation, supplying furniture, rubbish removals, garden work, environmental work and furnishing homes.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Awaiting guidance
Policy on grant making	The Charity makes grants within Coventry to support those in need from lack of financial stability.
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.	The Charity has supported many individuals and families through the provision of goods and/or services through its Betty Ennis Support system. The charity has made long lasting relationships with companies and individuals who will offer discounted work for their support of the charity and its ethos.
Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	The Charity lacks any reserves due to increase in overheads.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The policy of the charity aims to hold reserves at a level of paying overheads for at least a month and to support grant giving at a similar scale.

Trustees	
Mr Paul Cowley (Current Chair) Miss Charlotte Wilson Mr Douglas Walton Mrs Vanessa Hut-Dixon Mrs Amanda McDonough (Died 13/09/23)	The Foundation was established in 2019, with getting charity status in April 2020.
Contact	The Officials Unit 1 Remembrance Road Betty Ennis Hub Willenhall, Coventry CV33DP

Trustee Paul Cowley plans to step down as Chair trustee.

The trustees apologise for the delay in uploading our statement of accounts.

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the Period 17 July 2022 to 18 July 2023

Shop sales	73,834	
Donations	991	
Grants/fundraising	<u>12,093</u>	
	86,918	

Rent and Rates	33,559	
Wages	32,993	
Power	1,714	
Advertising	254	
Insurance	1,246	
Maintenance	1,266	
Waste disposal	1,087	
Motor Expenses	1,663	
Print Post and Stationery	1,278	
Loan repayment	3,000	
Telephone	1,058	
Finance Charges	1,888	
Grants Given	700	
Volunteer Expenses	1,946	
Seasonal Events for the Community	362	
Food Bank	<u>322</u>	<u>84,336</u>
Surplus		2,582

Independent examiner's report on the accounts for the Betty Ennis Foundation

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the period 17 July 2022 to 18 July 23

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under S145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under s145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me concern to believe that in any material respect;

accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or the accounts do not accord with accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no 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.

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