



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	January	2024		31	December	2024

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Salford Families in need Meals Project

Other names charity is known by

SFinMP

Registered charity number (if any)

1194165

Charity's principal address

11 Stafford Road,

Eccles

Greater Manchester

Postcode

M30 9HN

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	Dr Antony Edkins	Chair	n/a	SFinMP board of trustees
2	Julie Larkinson	Secretary	n/a	SFinMP board of trustees
3	Tom Marsden	Treasurer	n/a	SFinMP board of trustees
4	Victoria Unsworth	Trustee	n/a	SFinMP board of trustees
5	Baroness Barbara Keeley	Trustee	n/a	SFinMP board of trustees
6	Claire Woolley	Trustee	n/a	SFinMP board of trustees
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	n/a

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None	N/A	N/A

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees ('Association' Model Constitution)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	('Association' Model Constitution)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	As per article 13 of our governing document. 13. Appointment of charity trustees (1) At every annual general meeting of the members of the CIO, one-third of the charity trustees shall retire from office. If the number of charity trustees is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to one-third shall retire from office, but if there is only one charity trustee, he or she shall retire; (2) The charity trustees to retire by rotation shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. If any trustees were last appointed or reappointed on the same day those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree among themselves) be determined by lot; (3) The vacancies so arising may be filled by the decision of the members at the annual general meeting; any vacancies not filled at the annual general meeting may be filled as provided in sub-clause (5) of this clause; (4) The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee, whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been removed in accordance with clause 15 (Retirement and removal of charity trustees), or as an additional charity trustee, provided that the limit specified in clause 12(3) on the number of charity trustees would not as a result be exceeded; (5) A person so appointed by the members of the CIO shall retire in accordance with the provisions of subclauses (2) and (3) of this clause. A person so appointed by the charity trustees shall retire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting after the date of his or her appointment and shall not be counted for the purpose of determining which of the charity trustees is to retire by rotation at that meeting. 16. Reappointment of charity trustees: Any person who retires as a charity trustee by rotation or by giving notice to the CIO is eligible for reappointment

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Bankers

National Westminster Bank
196 Monton Road,
Monton
Eccles
M30 9NW

Structure, Governance and Management Organisation and Governing Document

Salford Families in need Meals Project CIO is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered on 21st April 2021. The Chair, reporting to the Board of Trustees, carries out day-to-day management along with the Secretary and the Treasurer, and other members of the board. The Board keeps the skill requirements for the trustee body under review. New trustees may be sought through a dialogue with candidates in relevant sectors. The ultimate decision on selection is a matter for the Board of Trustees. When new trustees are appointed, they are given an introduction to the work of the charity and provided with the information that they need to fulfil their roles.

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Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure that appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The trustees are of the opinion that the reserves, held in a charity bank account, and known subsequent income are sufficient for at least short to medium term financial requirements.

Public benefit

The charity has due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Charitable objects

The relief of financial hardship among people living or working in Salford by providing such persons with food goods and related services, which they could not otherwise afford through lack of means. The prevention or relief of poverty in Salford by providing food grants, food items and related services to individuals and families in need and/ or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

Registration history:

- 21 April 2021: CIO registration

Organisation type:

CIO

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Other names: - SFINMP (Working name) Gift aid: Not recognised by HMRC for gift aid Other regulators: No information available Policies: - Safeguarding vulnerable youngsters and adults where needed. Land and property: This charity does not own and/or lease land or property
How We Spend Our Money: Activities and Impact The Salford Families in Need Meals Project (SFinMP) is a fundraising charity dedicated to relieving poverty and financial hardship among families with disadvantaged children in the City of Salford. In line with our charitable purpose, we raise funds to operate a weekly food distribution hub, providing essential support to those most in need. During this financial year, our spending has focused on: Operating our weekly food hub, including subsidising food bags for families and covering the full cost for those unable to pay, including individuals with no recourse to public funds. Providing clothing from leading high street retailers to families and children in urgent need. Supporting the most marginalised households by covering energy costs during the festive period, including Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day. All our activities are guided by a clear commitment to ensure dignity, compassion, and practical help for families facing hardship.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Why SFinMP Works – The Power of Teamwork

The success of the Salford Families in Need Meals Project (SFinMP) is built on strong teamwork. The Chair consults closely with trustees on every decision, drawing on the diverse strengths and experiences across the team. We listen to one another, learn from each other, and work collectively toward our shared goal.

Our volunteers are the heart of the project. Without their commitment, SFinMP simply could not function. Each week on Wednesday afternoons, volunteers gather to sort and bag food items—ensuring families, especially those with young children, receive quality support.

Volunteer efforts are coordinated by Julie Larkinson, long-time community leader and former President of Eccles Rotary Club. Julie continues to inspire both Rotary members and local residents to give their time each week. This year, Jeanne Jones MBE has played a leading role in organising Wednesday sessions, helping to strengthen and grow our volunteer base.

While SFinMP does not make grants itself, we actively seek funding from local partners, including Salford City Council, Salford CVS, and other generous benefactors. These applications help us to sustain and expand the work we do.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Salford Families in Need Meals Project (SFinMP): Annual Update

Now entering its fifth year, the Salford Families in Need Meals Project (SFinMP) continues to support local families who are struggling to cover essential living costs. Many of these families have shared heartbreaking stories - of parents skipping meals so their children could eat, or going hungry until after bedtime. SFinMP now supports more than 5,000 families annually, reaching around 100 households every week. At the heart of this success is local knowledge and trust. The project is led by Julie Larkinson - community leader, experienced school governor and educator - who has worked on the Brookhouse estate for 50 years. Julie, who now serves as our secretary, has taught generations of local families and brings strong relationships with schools and community organisations, including Eccles Rotary, which provides many of our dedicated volunteers. In 2024, she was rightly named Volunteer of the Year.

Each Wednesday afternoon, we welcome new volunteers to help us operate our food hub on the Brookhouse Estate. The hub distributes food sourced through a partnership with *The Bread and Butter Thing*, a charity that rescues surplus food from major supermarkets and producers. Food is sorted into chilled, fresh, and ambient categories, and stored in temperature-controlled facilities in Trafford Park.

Families receive high-quality food worth £40–£50 for a contribution of £8.50. Most pay this themselves. For those unable to do so, our discretionary fund covers the cost - ensuring no family is ever turned away.

Our work is only possible thanks to the generosity of local donors, including Morsons PLC, Mark and Maxine Smeaton, A C Clark, Eccles Rotary, Dr Enid Noronha, For Housing, Salford City Council, Salford CVS, and our tireless trustees.

At Christmas 2024, SFinMP funded festive meals for families in need, and also covered cooking and heating costs for the most vulnerable across Christmas Day, Boxing Day, and New Year's Day. These acts of kindness were made possible by the continued support of our community.

We also listen carefully to what families tell us they need. Around half our families are on low wages; the rest rely on benefits, with many facing deeply distressing circumstances. This year, headteachers, GPs, and local organisations referred more families to us than ever before. We also began fundraising to support those with no recourse to public funds. In 2024, SFinMP went beyond food. After learning from a local school that pupils had no library, we raised £10,000 to create one. It's now a quiet space where parents, carers and children can read, borrow books, and spend time together. This was directly inspired by findings from the 2023 #BeeWell survey of 63,000 young people, who told us they wanted a library nearby - not one two or three bus rides away.

We're proud of what's been achieved - but even prouder of the community that makes it possible.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We work on the basis that we need £5000 to operate in any one year. This provides monies for us to support up to those in extreme hardship. We also have some good progress with our reserves, which at the end of 31st December 2024 were £30946.60. Again at the end of 2024, £10,000 has been retained subject to our procurement and dispersal capabilities.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

SFinMP has no funds that are materially in deficit.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Our principal sources of funding in the past year have come from the Manchester Guardian Charitable Trust, Salford CVS and the NHS through Salford CVS.

We also received donations from Dr Enid Noronha and cake money from her National Garden Society June event. also from the local Rotary Club.

All of the money raised in this reporting year has been devoted to the creation of a food distribution hub, from which families and individuals in need can collect food bags (chilled food, fresh fruit and vegetables and also ambient food)

SFinMP has no investments. We have a charity current account into which we pay donations and grants.

Section F

Other optional information

A Word About Julie Larkinson – and Our Wider Community Support

We are proud to celebrate Julie Larkinson, who was recently named City of Salford Volunteer of the Year. Julie has used this recognition to shine a light on the work of the Salford Families in Need Meals Project (SFinMP), drawing in new supporters and raising awareness of the families we serve. Her commitment and visibility have helped us reach more people than ever before.

Our work is also strengthened by the unwavering support of key public figures. Baroness Barbara Keeley, former MP for Worsley and Eccles South, Rebecca Long Bailey MP for Salford and Eccles, and Michael Wheeler MP, who succeeded Barbara, have all lent their voice and presence to our efforts. They attend our meetings and/or events, advocate for our cause, and continue to be valued champions of our mission. We are especially grateful to the headteacher of Barton Moss Primary School and the Prestolee Trust, who kindly provide access to the school premises each week. Without this generosity, our food hub could not operate.

Our Impact This Year

We operate a single, well-managed charity bank account for SFinMP. Our most recent financial year reflected an expanding scope of support, including:

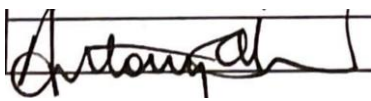
- Regular weekly food support for 60+–80+ families, reaching over 4,000 families in total this year.
- Raising funds to create a community library for pupils and their families.
- Cooking classes designed to promote well-being and confidence around food preparation.
- Engagement during key health campaigns, including Cancer Screening Awareness, the Month of Hope and ending self-harm and suicide ideation.
- A well-women bra-fitting service, delivered with the support of Marks & Spencer and Julie Larkinson.
- Small cash grants for families in crisis—ensuring no one is left without essentials during times of hardship.

We ended the financial year with a healthy bank balance and a continued commitment to sustainability. A further £10,000 has been set aside to meet obligations to The Bread and Butter Thing, if called upon, and subject to our procurement and dispersal capabilities, ensuring we can continue supplying food to those in need.

Our accounts were independently reviewed by Mr. Michael Brocklehurst, a retired financial accounts and audit manager, who humbly describes himself as QBE, ensuring full transparency and accountability.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Dr Antony Edkins	Thomas Marsden
Position (e.g., Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee
Date	19/04/2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Salford Families in need Meals Project 1194165

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1194165

Set out on pages

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(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 31/12/2024

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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) in connection with
the examination which gives me cause 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 the accounting records

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:

Date:

18th April 2025

Name:

Michael Geoffrey Brocklehurst

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

QBE

Address:

9, Burlington Road, ECCLES, Manchester, M30 9NB

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.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Salford Families in need Meals Project

No (if any)
1194165

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period	Period start date	To	Period end date
from	01/01/2024		31/12/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	13,178	-	-	13,178	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,178	-	-	13,178	-

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,178	-	-	13,178	-

A3 Payments					
Expenditure	10,414	-	-	10,414	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	10,414	-	-	10,414	-

A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	10,414	-	-	10,414	-

Net of receipts/(payments)

A5 Transfers between funds

A6 Cash funds last year end

Cash funds this year end

	2,764	-	-	2,764	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	2,764	-	-	2,764	-

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				
	Bank Balance ****1870	30,947	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	30,947	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

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Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

B5 Liabilities

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Tom Marsden	19.04.25
	Antony Edkins	19.04.25