

Annual Report June 2021 – June 2022

Our first year as a Charity has been very successful, particularly in addressing the increasing number of families requiring support. The current financial crisis with increased fuel prices, proposed increased utility costs means that many more families will be facing significant hardship over the coming months.

We are meeting our vision to develop a healthier and more food secure community within the Bingley district by helping children, families and the elderly within our community to eat well through a range of services, such as the provision of food parcels through the grant received from Bradford Council, Christmas and Easter treat parcels as well as the weekly Market Stall.

The core values of community, commitment, respect, accountability by working in partnership with a range of organisations are the foundation of everything we accomplish as a Charity Incorporated Organisation.

At all times we are focused on our aims

- To alleviate poverty and financial hardship of children, families and the elderly within Bingley which is in Bradford District by providing goods and services they could not otherwise afford.
- To improve through educational opportunities the health and wellbeing of the children and families by responding to their ongoing identified needs.

Activities over the year

The number of attendees at the Market Stall has grown over the year. They particularly appreciate the opportunity to select a range of fresh, frozen, tinned and dried foods.

Anyone attending the market stall are required to meet the agreed criteria

- families whose children are in receipt of free school meals;
- families who are referred by organisations such as schools, health visitors, social workers, GPs, churches, local foodbank; and
- families in receipt of benefits.



Customers attending the market stall made a voluntary contribution of £2 but this increased to £4 in January 2022. The vast majority of families willing made a contribution towards the cost of their food, acknowledging it was exceptional value for money.

Where a family was unable to collect the food for themselves, volunteers delivered the food parcels to their home.

Household Support Fund

Over the 2 week Christmas break 2021 and during the week of February 2022 half term, BCK secured a grant from Bradford Council to make up food parcels for vulnerable



families. The table below indicates the number of families who received parcels of food for each of the three weeks of the grant. The trustees were extremely grateful for the help and support of members of Soroptimist International of Bingley and the Rotary Club of Bingley Airedale who gave unstintingly of their time to ensure the families received food during the three weeks.

	Number of families	Number of adults	Number of children
Week 1	34	46	64
Week 2	34	46	64
Week 3	42	55	79

Christmas and Easter Parcels



It is now customary for Bingley Community Kitchen, in partnership with local churches and service organisations, to provide needy families across the six Bingley primary schools with Christmas and Easter treat parcels. These are in addition to the food families can collect from the market stall or through the grants.

The parcels are greatly appreciated by the families, especially the children!

"Please could you pass on our huge thanks to the Bingley Community Kitchen 'elves'! The families are very grateful for their treat bags."

"Wonderful people doing wonderful work and giving hope."

"I would just like to say a huge thank you on behalf of the families which you have helped. I have been delivering parcels this week and families have been overwhelmed and extremely grateful to receive the parcels. Thank you so much for supporting our families."

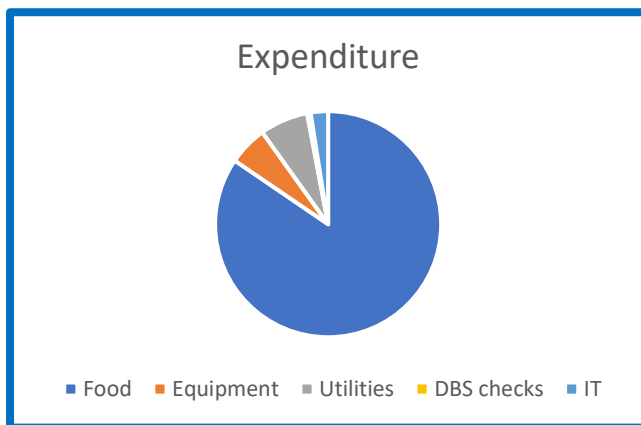
"Thank you so much for the hampers, they are just beautiful. So thoughtful, thank you. Please thank everyone who helped."

Finance

The financial reporting period is for the year from 1st January to 31st December. Therefore, the first report since coming a CIO only covers the period from June to December 2021.

Registered Charity Number 1194821

Total income during this period was £7,535.84: £2,974.64 was from donations and £4,561 was a grant from Bradford Council to support the Household Support Fund for the food parcels.



Expenditure for this period was £7,242.03. The breakdown is shown in the pie chart opposite. Approximately 85% of the expenditure was spent on food for the food parcels and the market stalls and the remaining 15% to facilitate the working of the charity such as utilities, DBS checks, IT.

As a result, there was a surplus of only £293.81.

Over the last 3 months, Bradford Council has again given BCK a grant to provide food parcels to needy families and pensioners who are struggling with the cost of living crisis. In contrast with the approach used in December 2021 and February 2022 where parcels were packed on behalf of the families, with this latest grant customers have been encouraged to select their own food from the range on offer including fresh and frozen foods as well as tins and dried foods. They have appreciated this approach as they only select the food they know they require.

The next step for Bingley Community Kitchen is to join the FoodSavers Network where customers pay a weekly membership fee of £5 for 15 items of food. Importantly, £1 of this goes into the Credit Union Savings scheme which encourages families to begin saving for household bills, birthdays or Christmas.

The trustees are very appreciative of the grants from Bradford Council and the donations received from members of the public who wish to support the vision and mission of Bingley Community Kitchen.

Importantly, without the unstinting support of the volunteers, the trustees would not be able to meet the increasing needs of the families and pensioners across the Bingley district.

Bingley Community Kitchen Charity Return 2022 - reporting June - December 2021

	Income			Outgoings				Other including ICT, DBS Checks	Total Expenditure	Closing balance
	Opening balance	Donations	Grants	Total Income	Food	Equipment Bags	Utilities			
Jun-21	9,096.84	20.00		20.00	30.79				30.79	9,086.05
Jul-21	9,086.05	320.00		320.00	102.33				102.33	9,303.72
Aug-21	9,303.72	20.00		20.00	220.24				220.24	9,103.48
Sep-21	9,103.48	20.00		20.00	60.71			180.00	240.71	8,882.77
Oct-21	8,882.77	342.00		342.00	395.06				395.06	8,829.71
Nov-21	8,829.71	1,957.64	4,561.20	6,518.84	543.35	408.48	500.00		1,451.83	13,896.72
Dec-21	13,896.72	295.00		295.00	4,765.07			36.00	4,801.07	9,390.65
		<u>2,974.64</u>	<u>4,561.20</u>	<u>7,535.84</u>	<u>6,117.55</u>	<u>408.48</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>216.00</u>	<u>7,242.03</u>	