



**Bingley
Community
Kitchen**

social
supermarket

Annual Report and Accounts

Year ending 31st December 2024

Registered Charity Number: 1194821



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Reference and Administrative Information

Bingley Community Kitchen first registered as a Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in June 2021.

Location

Bingley Community Kitchen operates out of Trinity All Saints Church of England Primary School, Church Street, Bingley, BD16 2PU.

Trustees

As trustees we are the people responsible for controlling the work, management and administration of the charity on behalf of its beneficiaries.

The following people served as the trustees of the Bingley Community Kitchen for the purposes of charity law during 2024.

P M Bray - Secretary
C Clark - Chair
S Mendoza - Treasurer
A J Clarke
J Glendinning
M C Heaton
M G Weaver
L Whitehead

Bankers

Barclays PLC
Leicester
LE87 2BB

All personnel working for and behalf of Bingley Community Kitchen are volunteers.

Public Benefit Statement

In line with the guidance provided by the Charity Commission, Bingley Community Kitchen is required to demonstrate that our aims are to the “public benefit”. The Trustees confirm that all of our clients, volunteers and the wider community benefit from a combination of one or more of the following purposes:

- the prevention or relief of poverty
- the advancement of education
- community development through the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantages.

Trustees' Annual Report

Executive Summary

Bingley Community Kitchen (BCK) has continued to work in partnership with a range of organisations to provide food parcels for families in need across the Bingley District. This is due to the fantastic efforts of the twenty-eight volunteers; the Household Support Fund Grant from Bradford Council; Bradford **FoodSavers**; Inn Churches; donations from a range of community groups and individuals; and help from the Co-op and Hedgehog Organics donating food which would otherwise go into landfill.

Through the Household Support Fund provided by Bradford Council over the year, BCK provided 2071 parcels of affordable food for needy families. Customers appreciate the opportunity to select food from the Social Supermarket, thereby choosing food their families would eat, thus avoiding food wastage.

In addition, Bingley Community Kitchen provided 47 Easter Treat parcels and 53 Christmas Treat parcels to families identified by the local primary schools who are not accessing the Market Stall as well as presenting all the market stall customers with a bag of special treats on each occasion.

Recipients receiving food parcels are the more vulnerable families within the community; they are usually on benefits or have been referred to us by organisations such as adult social care, schools, medical practitioners and Bingley Foodbank. However, BCK's market stall differs from a foodbank as the customers are asked to pay a small weekly membership fee towards their chosen bag of food. Over the year, 90 families comprising 134 adults, 97 children, 53 people with disabilities and 20 pensioners have accessed the Social Supermarket.

In the calendar year 2024, Bingley Community Kitchen received £55,910 in income as follows:

- £29,969 in restricted funds (Household Support Grant and Credit Union income from the customers weekly contribution)
- £25,940 in unrestricted funds

The expenditure during the calendar year 2024, was £43,871 as follows:

- £30,940 as restricted expenditure
- £12,931 as unrestricted expenditure

The Trustees are delighted to have provided affordable food to help feed the families attending the **FoodSavers** Social Supermarket. In addition, the Credit Union Savings Scheme helps them to become more responsible for their finances rather than relying solely on charity.



Overview of the calendar year 2024

Charity Purposes

The aims for Bingley Community Kitchen are:

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

Bingley Community Kitchen's Partners

The number of partners during 2024 are shown in the diagram below. In addition, BCK has received donations from organisations such as Soroptimist International of Bingley, the two Bingley Rotary Clubs, local churches, family and friends.



Bradford Council

The Government's Household Support Fund administered by Bradford Metropolitan District Council has provided BCK with a grant which has helped to address some of the challenges faced by the many families it serves. These range from large families of five or an increasing number of single parent families, pensioners, families where at least one member has a

disability, households where there is just one member, and families from different ethnic backgrounds.

Additional support for customers

Over the year, members from Adult Social Care have visited BCK to support families to discuss concerns the customers may have and to assist them with applying for benefits. In addition, BCK also signposts families to appropriate agencies or charities for additional support.

FoodSavers and Inn Churches

Accessing the **FoodSavers** programme ensures BCK looks hopefully towards a better future, building a culture of food and financial stability and sustainability, enabling members to make positive changes in their lives to achieve their individual goals. It also affirms a culture of regular saving to build resilience as £1 of their weekly membership goes into Bradford District Credit Union. Inn Churches provide a monthly delivery of store cupboard food which is so appreciated and allows BCK to provide fresh and frozen food for its customers.

Coop and Hedgehog Organics

Some of the "food" is unwanted or surplus, intercepted from being wasted. BCK is grateful to the Coop and Hedgehog Organics for providing this food which customers can access free of charge.

Volunteers

Over the year, 2902 volunteer hours were dedicated to the successful running of the project but it was and continues to be very worthwhile as it is addressing the needs of families within our community. This would cost over £36,000 not counting national Insurance contributions. Volunteers come from a range of organisations, such as Soroptimists, Rotarians, members of different churches, family and friends. Time has to be taken to liaise with the customers to ensure the needs of the most vulnerable are met. Feedback from schools also enables BCK to adapt and modify its practice to more closely match what is needed.

A very sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone who gives so generously of their time.

Trinity All Saints CE Primary School

Most importantly, sincere thanks must go to the Governors of Trinity All Saints CE Primary School for their generosity in allowing Bingley Community Kitchen to be located within the school building. Without this facility, Bingley Community Kitchen would not exist.

Beneficiaries

The families who can access Bingley Community Kitchen's services should either be:

- referred by a recognised local organisation such as Children's Services, Adult Social Care, Health Professionals, local schools, churches; or
- have evidence to prove they are in receipt of Income Support Benefits.

The families who attend are from Bingley and Bingley Rural wards or have children attending Bingley Schools. They come from a variety of different ethnic backgrounds, for example, 84% are White British, 8% are Asian, 4% are European and the remaining 4% are mixed heritage. Wherever possible, foods for vegans, vegetarians, gluten free and halal are purchased for the weekly social supermarket stall.

During 2024, the number of households with one parent decreased from 46% to 31% whereas the percentage of single person households increased to 31% and of those 71% were households with pensioners and in 29% the person was unemployed. In 49% of households at least one person had a disability. Over the year, at least one person in 3% of households secured employment. Adult Social Care representatives have supported customers in applying for training opportunities but this does not always result in securing employment.



Activities during 2024

Weekly Social Market Stall

BCK's **FoodSavers** social supermarket, continues to revolutionise the offer it gives to its customers. This is so important because comments received from customers indicates that some families are too proud to access the local Food Bank either because the site is very visible to the general public or they are too proud to admit they were struggling. However, BCK has established a very good working relationship with the local Food Bank and families can be referred both ways depending on their current needs.

At BCK, customers are welcomed with a smile and for their weekly membership fee of £5 can select 12 items of food. They can select from the range of fresh, frozen and store cupboard items available. BCK also provides free fruit and vegetables and the slow cooker recipe with all of the ingredients for them to make at home.

Importantly, as customers make their own decisions and choices, they feel more empowered because the Social Super Market normalises their shopping experience. Some attend weekly, whilst others only attend when they are in need of additional help. Most importantly, it is wonderful when a customer reports that they now have a job and so will be able to manage without extra support. The customers are very appreciative of what BCK offers week by week.

Furthermore, **FoodSavers** helps to build a culture of food and financial stability and sustainability, enabling members to make positive changes. It helps to build resilience as £1 of their weekly membership goes into Bradford's Credit Union.

BCK did not want to lose the opportunity to teach cookery skills. As customers did not wish to take part in the sessions offered, we became more creative in our approach. Consequently, the introduction of the Slow Cooker Education Programme, enables families to make a nutritious meal at home and this helps them significantly during this ongoing cost-of-living crisis. BCK continues to provide a slow cooker, if a family does not have one. Each week, a recipe with all the ingredients is provided and families cooked it at their leisure. This also helps families to save on their utility costs.



The weekly **FoodSavers** Market Stall which provides affordable food for vulnerable families in the local community is also helping to address a range of Sustainable Development Goals such as 'no poverty', 'zero hunger' and most importantly, 'partnership working'. It is very time consuming and at times exhausting but so worthwhile.



Over the year, the customers have collected 2071 bags of shopping which would typically approximately 12,500 meals. In addition, customers have saved £1549 into the Bradford District Credit Union. This money can be accessed by the families to help towards household bills or family breaks.



Festive treats for families nominated by the local primary schools continue to be gratefully appreciated not only by the schools themselves but by the recipients of the treat parcels. Again, BCK is mindful of the dietary requirements of the families.

In 2024, Bingley Community Kitchen provided 47 Easter Treat parcels and 53 Christmas Treat parcels to families identified by the local primary schools who are not accessing the Market Stall as well as presenting all the

market stall customers with a bag of special treats on each occasion.



Volunteers and Trustees were very aware that customers were waiting for a long time before the Market Stall opened and discussed ways in which could be improved. Consequently, it was agreed to provide tea, coffee and biscuits for half an hour before the market stall opened. Furthermore, from September customers to Easter enjoyed delicious homemade soup!



In addition, volunteers completed a sponsored walk to raise funds to improve the external area. This included raise beds to grow produce for the customers, painting the wall and providing seating.

Safeguarding

The Trustees take the responsibility for safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults very seriously. Everyone has a right to be treated with respect and dignity and everyone has a right to feel, and be safe. All trustees and volunteers have an enhanced DBS check.

Trustees and volunteers know that safeguarding is ...

- everyone's business
- looking out for the customers and each another
- about listening carefully to the customers and each other
- noticing when someone is at risk of harm
- knowing the signs of abuse
- supporting someone in need but not asking leading questions
- maintaining confidentiality at all times
- only sharing a concern with the BCK Safeguarding Officer



Safeguarding, fire evacuation and invacuation practices are held during the year and all volunteers receive appropriate training for food hygiene and first aid.

Trustees

The Trustees represent different local organisations and churches and meet regularly throughout the year. There are representatives from different organisations within the area and also include governors from Trinity All Saints CE Primary School where the Community Kitchen is located. Without the support of the school, Bingley Community Kitchen would not exist.

The trustees have taken into account the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in reviewing its aims and objectives when planning activities. It has responded to the changing needs of the families within the community. It welcomes all customers referred by professionals within the community or those who self-refer if they meet the necessary criteria. Therefore, BCK is confident it is providing relief to persons in need or distress.

Financial Review

Although BCK has assets of £33,838, trustees are mindful that the grant from the Government's Household Support Fund is uncertain moving forward. Full details of income and spending can be found on pages 12-

The major expense for 2024 was towards affordable food for the customers. Of the £36,202 spent on the Market Stall food, £29,418 was from the Household Support Fund. During the year, under the heading of outdoor facilities, BCK purchased raised beds for growing vegetables, seating and paint for the wall and fences and two robust benches. Volunteers raised over and above the cost of these improvements through their sponsored walk.



More information regarding the annual finances can be found in Appendix A.

Reserves Policy

The trustees believe that unrestricted reserves of £30,000 is prudent to ensure the charity can meet its obligations for another year should the Council Grant suddenly become unavailable.

Key priorities for Bingley Community Kitchen 2024 - 2025

Priority 1: Bid applications to support the provision of affordable food

Priority 2: Working in Partnership with Food Savers

Priority 3: School Christmas Parcels 2024

Priority 4: Customer Christmas Parcels 2024

Priority 5: Designing BCK Cookery Books

Priority 6: Improving BCK's external area

Priority 7: Ensure that dried goods are readily available for recipes

What has been achieved?

Priority 1 continues to be a priority for the Trustees to ensure we can continue to provide the invaluable support to our customers.

Priority 2 is ongoing and during 2024 BCK has been involved in this programme customers have saved £1549 in their credit union accounts, received 2071 bags of shopping and as each bag provides approximately 6 meals, this means BCK has provided over 12,426 meals to the families in need across the district. Customers appreciate the opportunity to save, especially as they can access low interest loans for emergencies such as a broken fridge.

Priorities 3 and 4 have been achieved as mentioned on page 8. However, the Trustees wish to repeat these activities for Easter and Christmas in 2025.

Research for Priority 5 is ongoing and will be reviewed during 2025.

Priority 6 has been achieved and the next step is to provide support for customers with mobility challenges.

Again Priority 7 is ongoing as recipes are provided weekly for customers to cook at home. The challenge has been to find the most efficient way of providing spices and herbs for recipes and keeping everything together.

Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for the keeping proper records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the CIO and to enable them to ensure that the financial statement comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Financial Statements and Reports) Regulations and the provision of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Acknowledgements

Thank you to everyone who has supported Bingley Community Kitchen through grants and generous donations of both money and food. Also thanks to Mr Robert Griffiths for auditing BCK's accounts.

Grants received from:

- **Bradford Metropolitan District Council and Bingley and Shipley Town Councils**

Food which would otherwise go to landfill

- Co-op
- Hedgehog Organics

Monetary donations and food have been received from:

- All Saints PCC and members
- Bingley Airedale Rotary Club

- Bingley Foodbank
- Bingley Baptist Church members
- Five Rise Frocks Women's Institute
- Holly House Charitable Foundation
- Holy Trinity Bingley with St Wilfrid Gilstead PCC and members
- Kirklees Celebrants
- Samuel Sunderland Trust
- Skipton Building Society
- Soroptimist International of Bingley members, family and friends

In addition, donations have been received from many friends and local residents through the sponsored walk in July 2024 and throughout the year.



Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Christine Clark.

Chair of Trustees

Date 20.5.2025

APPENDIX A

2024 Income

The vast majority of the income received during 2024 was through the Government's Household Support Fund of £28,502 which was administered by Bradford Council and a further £1,467 was collected as part of the customers Credit Union contributions, making a total of £29,969. All this income is restricted and must be spent according to the requirements of the grant or as payments to the customers' credit union accounts.

Donations and small grants from organisations, friends and families was unrestricted income and this amounted to £14,058 and the market stall takings totalled £8,979. A further £2907 was raised through the sponsored walk making a total of £25,940 in unrestricted income.

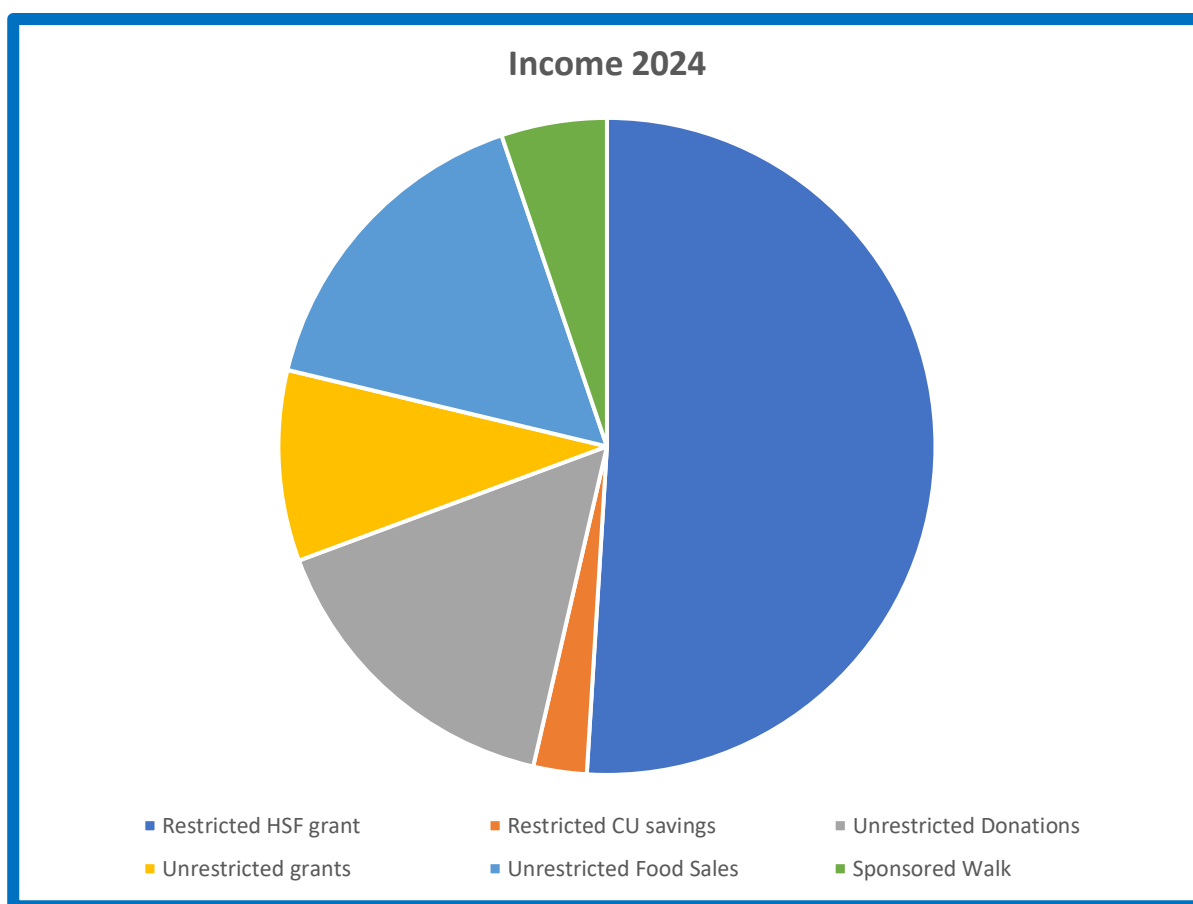


Table and pie chart showing the income for 2024

Restricted HSF grant	£28,502
Restricted CU savings	£1,467
Restricted total	£29,969
Unrestricted Donations	£8,804
Unrestricted grants	£5,250
Unrestricted Food Sales	£8,979
Sponsored Walk	2,907
Unrestricted Total	£25,940.00

2024 Expenditure

The restricted expenditure of £29,418 during 2024 was for the provision of 2071 bags of affordable food as shown in the table below. There was also additional spending on the provision of the food for the FoodSavers outlet or Market Stall of £6,784. This supported the provision of free fruit and vegetables and the weekly slow cooker recipe. Other expenditure included Festive parcels, IT, utilities, insurance, equipment, etc.

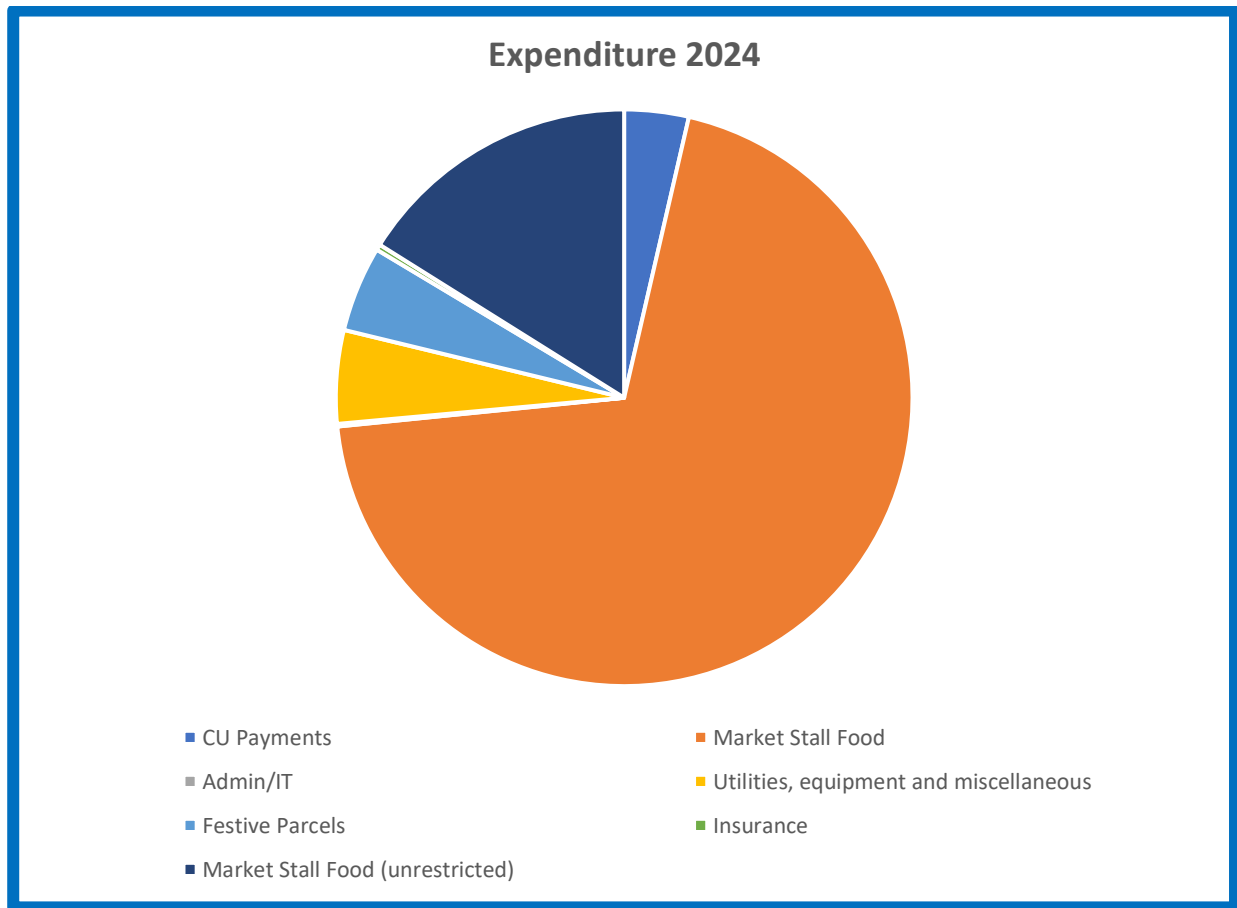


Table and pie chart showing the expenditure for 2024

CU Payments	£1,522
Market Stall Food	£29,418
Admin/IT	£61
Utilities, equipment and miscellaneous	£2,205
Festive Parcels	£2,025
Insurance	£134
Market Stall Food (unrestricted)	£6,784

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees

BINGLEY COMMUNITY KITCHEN

On accounts for the year ended

31ST December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1194821

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above Trust for the year ended 31st December 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

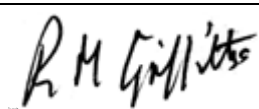
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date:

15th March 2025

Name:

Robert M Griffiths

Address:

6 Ling Park Approach

Wilsden

Bradford BD15 0NF

Bingley Community Kitchen

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
Donations and Grants	SO1	8,804.38	0.00	8,804.38	5,254.13
Charitable activities	SO2	14,229.03	29,969.09	44,198.12	44,337.12
Other	SO3	2,907.00		2,907.00	
Total Inc Resources		25,940	29,969	55,910	49,591
Resources Expended					
Raising funds	SO8	0			
Charitable activities	SO9	11,208	30,940	42,148	45,868
Other	SO10	1,723	0	1,723	
Total Resources Exp		12,931	30,940	43,871	45,868
Net Income		13,009	-971	12,039	3,724
Balances b/fwd at 1st January		20,023	1,777	21,800	18,076
BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD		33,032	806	33,838	21,800

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Current Assets					
Cash at Bank and in hand	.	33,032	806	33,838	22,400
Accounts Receivable		0	0	0	0
		33,032	806	33,838	22,400
Current Liabilities					
Liabilities	.	0	0	0	600
Net Current Assets		33,032	806	33,838	21,800
Total Net Assets		33,032	806	33,838	21,800

The Notes on pages 3 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the BCK Trustees and signed on its behalf by:

BCK Treasurer

Date

BCK Chair

Date

S. Mendy

20.5.2025

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BCK Treasurer

Date

BCK Chair

Date

S. Mendy

20.5.2025

Christine Clark

20.5.2025

	Bingley Community Kitchen
	Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024
1	Accounting policies
a	<u>Basis of accounting</u>
	These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2005
	They have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investment assets which are shown at market value. They include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the Trustees of BCK is responsible in law.
b	<u>Fund accounting</u>
	The General Fund is income received without restrictions, which can be used by the Trustees of BCK for any purpose.
	Funds shown as Restricted are (a) donations or grants received for or invited by the Trustees of BCK for a specific object: the funding may only be expended on the specific ends for which it was given. Or (b) income from trusts which may be expended only on those restricted ends provided in the terms of the trust. Any balance remaining unspent on a Restricted Fund at the year end is carried forward as a balance on that fund.
	The Trustees of BCK does not usually bank each fund separately.
c	<u>Statement of Financial Activities</u>
	Incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Trustees of BCK becomes entitled to the resources, and the amounts due are readily quantifiable.
	Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the Income and expenditure is accounted for gross, according to the information received.
d	<u>Balance Sheet</u>
	No equipment used by BCKs is currently subject to depreciation. In the last two years no individual item has cost more than £1,000 so all such expenditure has been written off when incurred.

Voluntary income		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£
SO1 Donations & Legacies			-		
	Donations	8,804	0	8,804	5,254
Total SO1 Donations & Legacies		8,804	0	8,804	5,254
SO2 Charitable Activities					
	Food Sales	8,979		8,979	8,757
	Client Savings		1,467	1,467	
	Grants	5,250	28,502	33,752	35,580
Total SO2 Charitable Activities		14,229	29,969	44,198	44,337
SO3 Oher Trading Activities					
	Sponsored Walk	2,907	0	2,907	
Total SO3 Oher Trading Activities		2,907	0	2,907	
		25,940	29,969	55,910	49,591
SO9 Charitable Activities					
	Admin	0	0	0	12
	Christmas Parcels	1,639	0	1,639	1,402
	CU Payment	0	1,522	1,522	1,077
	Easter Parcels	386	0	386	985
	Equipment	1,825	0	1,825	2,663
	Expenses	7	0	7	101
	Insurance	134	0	134	129
	It	61	0	61	371
	Market Stall Food	6,784	29,418	36,202	38,228
	Miscellaneous Expense	23	0	23	0
	Utilities	350	0	350	900
Total SO9 Charitable Activities		11,208	30,940	42,148	45,868
SO10 Outdoor Facilities		1,723	0	1,723	0
Total SO10		1,723	0	1,723	0
Total Expense		12,931	30,940	43,871	45,868
Balances					
	Barclays 31/12/24	33,838			
		33,838			
Funds					
	General	33,032			
	Restricted				
	Credit Union	221			
	BMDC Grant Fund	585			
	Closing Balance	33,838			