

Charity registration number 1195019

HOPE FOOD NORTH BIRMINGHAM
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

HOPE FOOD NORTH BIRMINGHAM

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	Ms D Middleton Mrs T M Clements Mr B Woolcock
Charity number	1195019
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TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

The Trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

To relieve poverty and financial hardship amongst those in need by reason of food poverty in areas of deprivation primarily in north Birmingham through providing food parcels and a hot meal, providing pop up foodbanks events in the community and redistributing any surplus food to foodbanks.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

Achievements and performance

Hope Food North Birmingham has completed its second year as a food bank charity and has helped by providing fresh, frozen and long-life food regularly to families and individuals living in food poverty.

During the year, Hope Food operated from a temporary base in Sutton Coldfield, having lost its original base in Mere Green when our then landlord's negotiations with Birmingham City Council for a new lease failed. Efforts to secure a new permanent base are ongoing.

We now have over ninety unpaid volunteers working to collect sort and give out fresh, frozen and long-life food. In April 2023 it took 393 volunteer-hours (on average) to run the charity for a week. The food has been distributed to local beneficiaries in Sutton Coldfield and Stockland Green in North Birmingham at three weekly foodbank sessions for 50 weeks of the year.

The 3 foodbanks held during the week commencing 24 April 2023 welcomed 148 visitors and the food supplied helped to feed 351 beneficiaries. This represents a significant 35 per cent increase over the previous year's numbers and creates a challenging environment both in terms of quantity of food required and volunteer numbers and logistics. The number of beneficiaries has continued to grow throughout the year as the impact of a faltering economy and spiralling costs of food and energy continue to eat into the budgets of beneficiaries in receipt of employment benefits, pension credit and those earning minimal wages.

In addition parcels were delivered to struggling individuals unable to attend our food days, helping to feed a further 60 people.

All volunteers that handle food have undertaken food hygiene training. Other courses offered during the year to volunteers included first aid, safeguarding and conflict resolution. There is a waiting list for interested volunteers wishing to support Hope Food.

The volunteer team has made a positive difference to beneficiaries' health and well-being by sourcing surplus fresh bread, fruit, and vegetables every week from a range of supermarkets, the local wholesale fresh food market and occasionally local farmers. Our reach for food collections extends across Birmingham, Lichfield, and Sutton Coldfield.

Our foodbank sessions are contributing to the national nutritional guidelines of five fruits/vegetables a day which is particularly important to families during the school holidays. The foodbank received several grants to provide fresh eggs and milk from a local farmer which also boosts the health and well-being of all foodbank attendees.

There is also a wider benefit to society, in the charity's commitment to preventing fresh food being sent to landfill because it is close to its expiry date, and redirecting it to those in food poverty. An example of our commitment to preventing food waste and supporting the most vulnerable is our hostel delivery initiative. Sandwiches and other ready-to-eat items with a midnight expiry date are delivered shortly before that deadline to hostels for the homeless and vulnerable in Birmingham four nights a week every week of the year.

Hope Food has partnered with several local agencies who attend one of the foodbank sessions in Sutton Coldfield. They provide an outreach service to foodbank attendees who may not be able to, or lack confidence in talking to, social workers and advice workers in more formal settings. In this way the foodbank has broken down barriers to accessing supportive services in a confidential space.

In addition, staff from employment and training agencies have held drop-in sessions alongside the foodbank delivery service to talk to attendees about opportunities which may improve their confidence and employability.

During this period Hope Food also helped a significant number of our clientele claim Household Support Fund monies, making them aware of the scheme and completing and submitting forms for them.

Hope Food is grateful for funds received this year from grant making trusts, companies and individuals and donations of food from schools, faith groups and businesses. And our volunteers make de facto contributions by using their vehicles on charity business without recompense.

The trustees of Hope Food are aware that the charity is facing a difficult year ahead as the numbers using our services continue to grow as a consequence of the ongoing economic situation, which also has the capacity to impact how much food and financial donations we receive. We nonetheless believe that we have developed relations with a wider ranging donor base, and a range of cross sector partnerships in 2023 which will enable us to continue our service in the coming year.

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TRUSTEES REPORT (CONTINUED)

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Financial review

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is a charitable incorporated organisation.

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Ms D Middleton

Mrs T M Clements

Mr B Woolcock

The trustees are appointed every three years at a properly convened meeting in accordance with the governing document.

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the company.

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Ms D Middleton

Trustee

Date: 26-3-2024

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE PREPARATION OF THE UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF HOPE FOOD NORTH BIRMINGHAM FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities Act 2011, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of Hope Food North Birmingham for the year ended 30 April 2023, which comprise the statement of financial activities and the related notes from the charity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <https://www.icaew.com/regulation>.

This report is made to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 13 June 2022. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of Hope Food North Birmingham and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Hope Food North Birmingham and the charity's Trustees as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Hope Food North Birmingham has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and deficit of Hope Food North Birmingham. You consider that Hope Food North Birmingham is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year, and is not required to obtain an independent examiner's report.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of Hope Food North Birmingham. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
	Notes						
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	35,278	28,429	63,707	33,957	17,333	51,290
Charitable activities	4	37,437	28,429	65,866	18,494	17,333	35,827
Net income/(expenditure) and movement in funds		(2,159)	-	(2,159)	15,463	-	15,463
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 May 2022		15,463	-	15,463	-	-	-
Fund balances at 30 April 2023		13,304	-	13,304	15,463	-	15,463

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 APRIL 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		131		176
Current assets					
Stocks	8	500		-	
Debtors	9	264		1,731	
Cash at bank and in hand		13,599		14,584	
		14,363		16,315	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	1,190		1,028	
Net current assets			13,173		15,287
Total assets less current liabilities			13,304		15,463
The funds of the Charity					
Unrestricted funds			13,304		15,463
			13,304		15,463

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 26-3-24.

D. Middleton

Ms D Middleton

Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Hope Food North Birmingham is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and equipment	25% straight line
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the Charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

1.9 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

1 Accounting policies

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1.10 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and gifts	30,645	-	30,645	33,857	-	33,857
Government grant income	4,633	28,429	33,062	100	17,333	17,433
	<u>35,278</u>	<u>28,429</u>	<u>63,707</u>	<u>33,957</u>	<u>17,333</u>	<u>51,290</u>

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Direct costs						
Food purchased and donated	25,484	20,942	46,426	18,494	2,246	20,740
Bank charges	72	-	72	72	-	72
Cost of waste removal	2,641	-	2,641	2,835	-	2,835
Repairs & renewals	801	-	801	939	95	1,034
Accountancy	945	-	945	900	-	900
Insurance	631	-	631	421	-	421
Promotional material	414	-	414	592	-	592
Printing and stationery	261	-	261	140	-	140
Rent	4,942	2,535	7,477	4,354	2,301	6,655
Computer running costs	431	-	431	275	-	275
Telephone	324	-	324	344	-	344
Volunteer training	-	1,887	1,887	166	-	166
Depreciation	45	-	45	4	-	4
Power, light and heat	934	-	934	950	-	950
Other charitable expenditure	2,577	-	2,577	699	-	699
Contribution to costs	(3,065)	3,065	-	(12,691)	12,691	-
	<u>37,437</u>	<u>28,429</u>	<u>65,866</u>	<u>18,494</u>	<u>17,333</u>	<u>35,827</u>
Analysis by fund						
Unrestricted funds	37,437	-	37,437	18,494	-	18,494
Restricted funds	-	28,429	28,429	-	17,333	17,333
	<u>37,437</u>	<u>28,429</u>	<u>65,866</u>	<u>18,494</u>	<u>17,333</u>	<u>35,827</u>

5 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

6 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and equipment £
Cost	
At 1 May 2022	180
At 30 April 2023	180
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 May 2022	4
Depreciation charged in the year	45
At 30 April 2023	49
Carrying amount	
At 30 April 2023	131
At 30 April 2022	176

8 Stocks

	2023 £	2022 £
Raw materials and consumables	500	-

9 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	264	1,731

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	245	128
Accruals and deferred income	945	900
	1,190	1,028

11 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year.