



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	January	2025		31	December	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Crediton Foodbank and Support Hub

Other names charity is known by

Crediton Foodbank

Registered charity number (if any) **1195132**

Charity's principal address

The Manse

Crediton Congregational Church

98, High Street, Crediton, Devon

Postcode

EX17 3LB

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	Keri Storey	Chair	Feb 2026	
2	Lee Bridiger	Treasurer		
3	Andy Saunders	Secretary		
4	Mel Gard	Marketing and communications		
5	Julian Gerbler	Safeguarding lead		
6	Nicola Nathan			
7	Rachel Taylor			
8	Peter Bunn	Data Protection		
9	Antonia Tregenza			
10	Sue Williams		Feb 2026	
11				
12	Chris Parsons	Chair	Left at end of Period of report	
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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

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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)	We have a constitution that is available for anyone to read and is on our website.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are elected by those who are presently serving as trustees, to meet the needs of the organisation

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.

The Trustees have completed a rigorous review of all policies. At the March 2026 meeting the majority of these were approved. The final updated policies will be ratified at the June meeting

The charity is governed by the trustees. A coordinator for the foodbank is employed to direct and manage the day-to-day running of the foodbank and volunteers. A support advisor is funded by the Foodbank and employed and managed by the Churches Housing Action Team

Crediton Foodbank has a strong partnership with Church Housing Action Team (CHAT) based in Tiverton. This Partnership delivers our Springboard project.

We have a risk register in place which is reviewed at quarterly Trustee meetings to understand current and future risk and agree necessary management action to address and mitigate.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

For the relief or prevention of poverty and hardship, in the provision of food and additional support as the trustees from time-to-time think fit, for the public benefit of any individual, couple, or family living in Crediton or the surrounding area who are in need

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)

The primary activity of the foodbank has been to provide food parcels to those in need in Crediton and the surrounding areas. The foodbank has developed a pantry model so that people can make a contribution to their food whilst they step back to independence

This has involved collecting donated food, buying extra items, sorting and storing, understanding the individual needs of clients, making up parcels and getting them into the hands of individuals and families.

The trustees have taken notice of the guidance about public benefit. We believe what we do has great benefit to those in the community

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.

Volunteers are a vital part of our organisation. They collect food from supermarkets, buy food that is needed, sort supplies, package parcels according to individual contacts with users, run a cafe and provide support/information to clients.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The introduction of The Pantry — a model designed to improve dignity, choice and long-term financial resilience while safeguarding the charity's future.

Food parcels distributed	At a cost of	Meals provided	Number of ho
2000	£98,235	60,405	217
Number of people	Of which adults	And children	
4027	2748	1279	

Our data this year has revealed several important trends:

- An **increase in single-person households** seeking support.
- A growing number of people in **part-time and full-time employment** whose income does not meet essential living costs.
- A reduction in younger families and older residents accessing services — which may reflect barriers such as stigma or lack of awareness, rather than reduced need.

These insights are shaping our strategy moving forward.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves have been held to cover running costs, which include buying fresh food weekly as well as rent and staff costs. Due to the increase in need at the Foodbank we have increased our staff including the funding of the Springboard Initiative (a support service) to help people out of poverty and another part-time member of staff to run the Foodbank Café.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

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 source of income is the generous donations in terms of food and funds.

Section F

Other optional information

In 2026 we will focus on:

- Increasing awareness that support is available without referral.
- Proactively reaching younger families and older residents.
- Reducing stigma and encouraging earlier engagement before crisis escalates.
- Continuing to strengthen The Pantry model and targeted referral pathways.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Keri Storey	
Full name(s)	Keri Storey	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	13.04.26	

Crediton Foodbank
Registered Charity No. 1195132
Account of Receipts and Payments
12 Months to 31st December 2025

	12 months 2025	18 months 2024
Income		
Donations	44,502	74,751
Pantry	1,313	0
Grant	0	0
Gift Aid	4,845	4,802
Total Income	<u>£50,659</u>	<u>£79,553</u>
Expenditure		
Food Purchase	16,541	25,870
Salaries and Expenses	21,992	26,581
Rent & Insurance	7,269	9,618
Admin & Resources	1,790	1,823
Electricity & Other Costs	0	326
Springboard	25,820	0
Total Expenditure	<u>£73,412</u>	<u>£64,218</u>
Net Income	<u>-£22,752</u>	<u>£15,334</u>
Funds		
Opening Funds	85,164	69,830
Net Income	-22,752	15,334
Closing Funds	<u>£62,412</u>	<u>£85,164</u>
Represented By		
Balances at Banks:		
HSBC	45,264	57,365
Barclays	18,651	28,957
Credit Card	-1,502	-1,158
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I have compared this account of receipts and payments with the charity's bank statements and found it to be in accordance therewith.

I have not carried out an audit.



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