

CHARITY NUMBER 1195218

IVYBRIDGE & DISTRICT FOODBANK

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 March 2025

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Ivybridge & District Foodbank
Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees of Ivybridge Foodbank present their annual report, together with the financial summary for the year ending 31 March 2025. Ivybridge Foodbank exists to support individuals and families experiencing crisis within Ivybridge and surrounding communities, providing emergency food, compassion, and signposting to further help.

Reference and administrative details

The charity name.

The legal name of the charity is: - Ivybridge & District Foodbank.

The charity's areas operation and UK charitable registration.

The charity is registered in England & Wales with the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) with charity number 1195218.

The principal operating address, telephone number and email and web address of the charity are: -

Methodist Church,
Fore Street
Ivybridge, PL21 9AB
Telephone 07706457336

Email: info@ivybridge.foodbank.org.uk

Website:

<https://ivybridgefoodbank.org.uk>

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

Trustees in office on the date the report was approved were:

Maureen Scoble

Valerie Marriott

Jutta Berger

Edward John Schaffert

Karen Ann Fitzgerald

Frank Holloran

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2. Objectives and Activities

Charitable Objectives

- To relieve poverty and financial hardship in Ivybridge and nearby areas.
- To distribute emergency food parcels to people in crisis.
- To provide support, advice, and signposting to appropriate services.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that the Foodbank's activities remain aligned with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Main Activities

- Receiving, storing, and distributing donated food.
- Operating foodbank sessions for referred clients.
- Working with local agencies including Citizens Advice, schools, housing providers, and healthcare professionals.
- Offering hygiene packs, additional crisis support, and financial inclusion guidance.

3. Achievements and Performance (2024/2025)

Service Provision

During the year, **1,792 food parcels** were distributed to people in crisis:

- **Adults:** 1,135
- **Children:** 656
- **Total:** 1,792 parcels

We also noted a **significant increase in senior clients**, highlighting a growing need among older residents facing financial hardship.

Key Developments

- Continued partnership with **South Hams Citizens Advice Bureau (SHCAB)**, supporting clients with advice and referrals.
- Our **financial inclusion project**, delivered with SHCAB, has been extremely successful. Many clients have become financially independent, with others progressing steadily toward stability.
- Strengthened volunteer training across safeguarding, client care, and operational processes.

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Community Support & Donations

The Foodbank has experienced a **drop in regular donations** this year; however:

- **School harvest festivals**
- **The Tesco Lee Mill permanent collection point**, and
- **The November National Collection**, supported by Tesco staff

all helped replenish stock levels significantly and ensured continued service to clients.

We remain **deeply grateful to the local community, businesses, and organisations** for their ongoing kindness and generosity. We extend special thanks to the **Methodist Church**, who continue to host us.

Volunteers

Our service is only possible because of our **wonderful team of over 31 volunteers**, who give their time generously to support food sorting, packing, distribution, admin, and logistics. The Trustees wish to express heartfelt thanks for their commitment and compassion.

4. Structure, Governance & Management

The Ivybridge Foodbank is run under the umbrella of the Trussell Trust with the backing of a regional and national network. The Foodbank is run by a Board of **six Trustees**, who oversee strategic direction, finances, governance, and safeguarding. Trustees meet regularly throughout the year to ensure the organisation operates safely, legally, and in line with its charitable objectives.

5. Plans for 2025/2026

- Strengthen partnerships addressing hidden and chronic food insecurity.
- Continue expanding the financial inclusion programme, building on this year's successes.
- Further support older clients as demand among seniors continues to rise.
- Increase resilience in stock management to address donation fluctuations.
- Invest in volunteer development and operational improvements.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
IVYBRIDGE & DISTRICT FOODBANK
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year, under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011, (The Charities Act), and that an independent examination has been requested.

It is my responsibility:

- 1) to examine the accounts under section 145 of The Charities Act
- 2) to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission, (under Section 145(5)(b) of The Charities Act), and
- 3) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Charity's Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all of the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not present an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; or
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn, in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

26 January 2025

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CLEAR BLUE SKY ACCOUNTANCY LTD
30B CITY BUSINESS
PARK, PLYMOUTH
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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>		
Donations	18,471	18,618
CAF GOLD Grant	33,969	0
Tesco Top Up	2,757	0
The Thussell Trust-Heating Grant	0	3,962
Gross Bank Interest Received	207	214
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	55,404	22,794
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<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Food Purchases	22,214	25,454
First Aid	218	0
Repairs	18	292
Rent	1,500	1,451
Sundries	0	73
Safeguarding course	82	0
Insurance	413	434
Advertising	187	0
Citizens Advice	23,987	11,778
Phone and internet	108	0
Parking	460	410
V Marriott	0	108
The Trussell Trust-Subscription	360	360
ICO Fees	35	35
Stationery, Postage and Printing	64	0
Training	25	0
Depreciation	325	0
Uniform	625	0
Copyright Error fine	285	0
Accountancy	840	336
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TOTAL PAYMENTS	51,746	40,731
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NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	3,658	(17,937)
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<u>MOVEMENT OF FUNDS</u>		
Opening Current Asset Balance	30,261	48,198
Add/(Less) Movement in the year	3,658	(17,937)
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	33,919	30,261
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<u>Represented by:</u>		
Closing Current Asset Balance	33,919	30,261
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Closing Balance	33,919	30,261
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The notes on page 5 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	976	0.00
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		33,783	30,597
Total current assets		<u>39,261</u>	<u>30,597</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	<u>(840)</u>	<u>(336)</u>
Net Current Assets		32,943	30,261
Total assets of the charity		<u>33,919</u>	<u>30,261</u>
Total assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows: -			
Restricted funds			
Restricted Revenue Funds		0.00	0.00
Restricted Fixed Asset Funds		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		0.00	0.00
Unrestricted Funds			
Unrestricted Revenue Funds		<u>33,919</u>	<u>30,261</u>
Designated Funds			
Designated Fixed Asset Funds		33,919	30,261
Total charity funds		<u>33,919</u>	<u>30,261</u>

The charity is subject to Independent Examination under charity legislation, and the report of the Independent Examiner is on page 3.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006, applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Chair of Trustees

Approved by the board of trustees on _____

The notes attached on pages 7 to 8 form an integral part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The receipts and payments account has been drawn up as a summary of the receipts and payments made during the year by the charity. Amounts are included as received by the charity or as payments are made.

The accounts and the balance sheet do not include accruals and prepayments in respect of income or expenses.

The receipts and payments account and the balance sheet has been prepared following the guidance for accounting for small charities issued by the Charity Commission.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are measured at their original cost value, or subsequent revaluation, or if donated, as described above. Cost value includes all costs expended in bringing the asset into its intended working condition.

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets to their anticipated residual value over estimated useful lives.

Computer Equipment	25% reducing balance
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2 Statement of Assets

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Bank and Cash Balances		
Current Account - Lloyds Bank	14,760	15,071
Deposit Account	<u>19,023</u>	<u>15,526</u>
	<u>33,783</u>	<u>30,597</u>

3 Tangible fixed assets

	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1 April 2024	0	0
Additions	1,301	1,301
At 31 March 2025	<u>1,301</u>	<u>1,301</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2024	0	0
Charge for the year	325	325
At 31 March 2025	<u>325</u>	<u>325</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2025	<u>976</u>	<u>976</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

4 Statement of Liabilities

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Creditors: amounts due falling due within one year		
Accruals	<u>840</u>	<u>336</u>
	<u>840</u>	<u>336</u>