

# Worcestershire Homeless Appeal

**The Worcestershire Homeless Appeal**

**Report of the trustees for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 to 31 August 2022**

**Registered Charity Number: 1195682**

**Principal's address: Bowater House, Rectory Lane, Shrawley, WR6 6TN**

The Trustees of the Worcestershire Homeless Appeal present their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 and confirm they comply with the requirements of the Charities Act and the Charities SORP (FRS102).

## **OUR AIMS & OBJECTIVES**

The Worcestershire Homeless Appeal aims to prevent or relieve poverty in Worcestershire by providing items and services to individuals and families in need, and / or to charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty with the Trustees having a regard to the Charity's Commission guidance on the public benefit. We seek to provide a weekly pantry to the local community with groceries, toiletries and other household essentials. Additional support is also offered throughout the year with the supply of Easter Eggs, School clothing, World Book Day costumes and Christmas Jumper Day as well as providing Christmas 245 Food Hampers and 725 Christmas gifts of toys for children

We also aim to provide support to the Street Kitchen for approximately 50 individuals living within the City of Worcester with commitment to supply hot meals, drinks, food parcels (usually donated by local restaurants and other eateries), clothing, and toiletries on a per month rota.

We are a volunteer community of 26, who welcome anyone to support our Charity which we have seen to have supported individuals whom are alone, suffering from mental health or wanting to be part of a volunteer community. This has created strong bonds, a sense of belonging and genuine friendships across the group of volunteers.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE**

The Worcestershire Homeless Appeal aims to reduce food poverty within the community as well as reduce food waste from food distribution centres and supermarkets. Food and essentials are collected directly from our distributors and utilized to support families and individuals who are struggling with the increased cost of living. This in return eliminates the waste the food distribution centres and supermarkets have as all donations are used.

Our mission is to support anyone who feels they can benefit from the services we offer, individuals do not need to provide any proof or information in regards to their current situation and we would not turn anyone away. Food packages that are packed on a weekly basis and distributed from the Pantry are between 150 – 170. Christmas alone meant we were able to distribute enough food to provide 931,840 meals.



During 2022, we have formed relationships with other organisations and schools which has given us direct access to those in need providing them with efficient, prompt, and effective support and have recently collaborated with a number of businesses who have provided financial and practical support to enable us to secure a storage unit which will enable the expansion of support to more individuals and families each week. The unit has been fitted with a walk-in chiller and freezer and plans to be fully operational in January 2023.

Our achievements have resulted in it being recognised for its work it does for others during these unprecedented and challenging times by HRH the Princess of Wales and the High Sherriff of Worcestershire.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Worcestershire Homeless Appeal is a non-profit charity with all support being on a voluntary basis.

Income for the period was £35,150 made up of Pantry membership and donations online (JustGiving) or offline donations from local businesses or individuals and grants from local councils, with a total expenditure of £18,441, giving a net income £16,709. This is made up of current fixed assets of £5,395 and available cash in the bank of £11,314.

Membership is £3.00 per week and each member is allocated 4 bags of groceries consisting of bakery items, fruit and vegetables, fridge, and ambient food.

An income of £11658.38 was funded by grants from Wychavon District Council, donations and fundraising amounted to £19,793 from main benefactors of LG Harris, A Czerniak and crowd funding campaigns.

Fuel costs of £3932 is for the refueling of the vans doing the collections from suppliers of food and delivering to the Pantry on Wednesdays and the Saturday evenings at the Worcester Street Kitchen. £2506 was spent to maintain, repair, insure and tax the vehicles.

Sundry items are made up of purchases to support the outreach services of the Pantry and the Worcester Street Kitchen, such as serving dishes, cutlery, napkins, tea & coffee, shopping bags and stationary supplies.

Not all food is supplied by donations and this year £4994 was spent on supplementing the food packages distributed at the Pantry as well as providing hot food for the Street Kitchen.

Premise costs include the hire charges of Chawson Barns but since January 2021 we have relocated our Pantry to the Baptist Church reducing our hire cost to £50.00 per week.

We have a cash balance of £11,314 with the intention of using a proportion of the amount to set up the new unit. Monies will be spent on handling equipment, shelving, internet/phone installation, PPE and signage as well as undertaking first aid and safe handling and storage of food courses.



We aim to keep a reserve of £5,000 for emergency repairs to vehicles, cover monthly background costs and food supplies.

We predict the revenue from the membership subscription will increase with the new facility and increased capacity to serve more families in need within the local community.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022						
				2022	2021	
				£	£	
<b>Income</b>						
Memberships				15,357		
Donations				19,793		
				35,150	0	
<b>Expenditure</b>						
Fuel costs				3,932		
Vehicle costs				2,506		
Food costs				4,994		
Sundry expenses				2,462		
Clothing/livery				851		
Telephone and internet				374		
Premises expenses				1,525		
Depreciation				1,799		
				18,441	0	
<b>Net Income for the year</b>				<b>16,709</b>	<b>0</b>	



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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2022						
				2022	2021	
				£	£	
<b>Fixed Assets</b>						
Motor vehicle cost				7,194		
Motor vehicle depreciation			-	1,799		
				5,395	-	
<b>Current Assets</b>						
Bank current account		-		11,314		
Cash account		-		-		
				11,314	-	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>						
				-	-	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>						
				16,709	-	
<b>Represented by:</b>						
Balance brought forward				-		
Net income/(expenditure) for the year				16,709		
				16,709	-	

The Financial Accounting Services were kindly donated by NJR Accountancy



## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Worcestershire Homeless Appeal is a Charity Incorporated Organisation – Foundation, registered on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021. It has powers to do anything which is calculated to further its object(s) or is conducive or incidental to doing so. The income and property are solely applied towards the promotion of the objects.

The current trustee panel are individuals who have supported the charity before it became registered in September 2021.

The charity has appointed 6 Trustees with the following terms:

Ashlea stone – Chairperson (4 years)  
Rebecca Ricketts – Treasurer (3 years)  
Vanda Warrington – (3 years)  
Che Warrington – (3 years)  
Kay Ramsden – (3 years)  
Nathan Harold – (3 years)

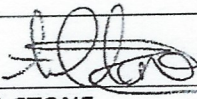
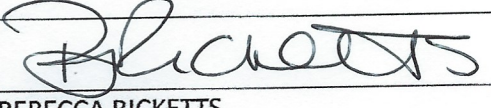
Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee is appointed for a term of 3 years and their appointment is selected for the skills, knowledge and experience needed for effective administration of the charity.

The Trustees all manage the affairs of the Worcestershire Homeless Appeal with a duty to perform their function in the way he or she decides in good faith that would be most likely to further the purposes of the charity. Decisions made by the trustees is in writing (or electronic form) agreed by the majority.

## DECLARATION

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full Name(s)	ASHLEA STONE	REBECCA RICKETTS
Position(s)	CHAIR	TREASURER
Date	16/11/2023.	