

GRANTHAM FOODBANK

England & Wales - Charity number 1195874

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-09-21

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY IN GRANTHAM AND SURROUNDING AREAS IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY PROVIDING EMERGENCY FOOD SUPPLIES TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED AND/OR CHARITIES, OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY.

Activities: The prevention or relief of poverty in Grantham and surrounding areas in particular but not exclusively by providing emergency food supplies to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Leicestershire
- Lincolnshire
- Nottinghamshire
- Rutland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£278,775	£271,213	-	-
2023-12-31	£204,297	£196,726	-	-
2022-12-31	£172,897	£114,718	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Jacqueline Gonzalez		2023-06-07
Michelle Anne Elizabeth Feasey		2021-09-21
Pravina Chohan		2025-03-06
Robert Alan Sutton		2026-03-05
Wendy Bentley		2024-02-29

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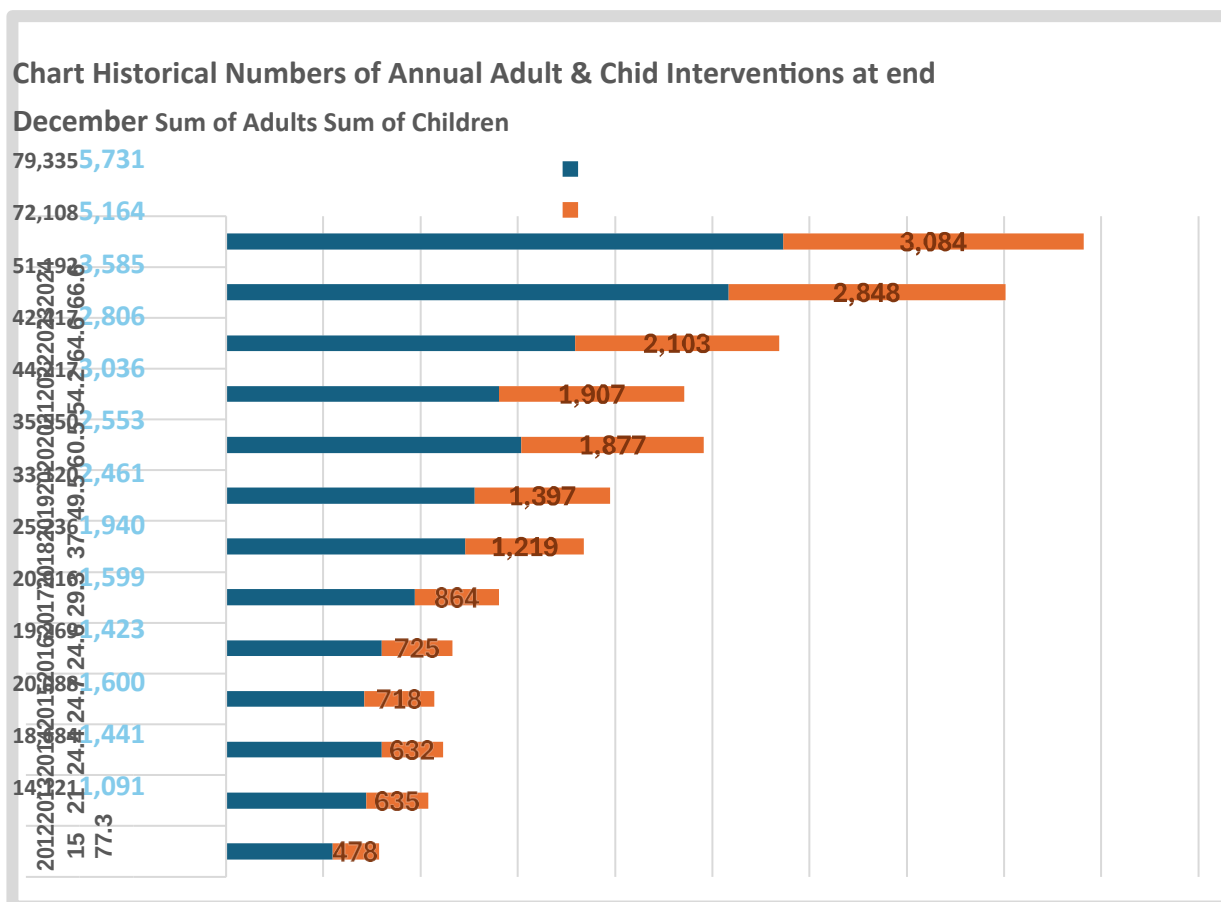
Summary

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In its full thirteenth year of operation (January-December 2024) Grantham foodbank has received, 75.6 tonnes of food - of which 27.9 tonnes was purchased (2023 – 63.4 tonnes - of which 19.1 tonnes purchased). We distributed 77.3 tonnes (2023 – 66.6 tonnes) directly to clients. This provided 3 days of food to 5,732 adults (2023 – 5,164 adults) and 3,084 children (2023 – 2,848 children) in crisis. The number of registered agencies issuing vouchers during the year was 59 (2023 – 69).

Of the 3,967 vouchers fulfilled in 2024, 1,868 vouchers were issued to single clients (2023, 3,728 an increase of 6.5%). The Trussell Trust does not require clients to be identified by gender but we estimate this group is made up of 26% women and 74% men.

The growth in the provision of food since its launch is demonstrated in the following graph.



The Department for Work and Pensions publishes monthly statistics for the number of people on Universal Credit in each Job Centre Plus district. 62.5% (55.0% in 2022) of all food vouchers fulfilled in 2023 were issued by Grantham Job Centre Plus .

Highlights of the Year

Food Collections

Incoming food to the warehouse totalled 75.6 tonnes (63.4 in 2023) including :

- 26.0 tonnes (33.6 in 2023) from the public,
- 12.7 tonnes (3.1 in 2023) from commercial companies
- 7.5 tonnes (4.5 in 2023) from supermarket collections
- 27.9 tonnes (19.1 in 2023) purchased.

Included in the 'donations from public' section is the local 'Harvest Festival' collections and the 'Reverse Advent Calendar' appeal.

Food Distribution

Total food distribution was 78.4 tonnes (67.7 in 2023) with 77.3 tonnes (66.6 in 2023) going directly to clients.

Other Foodbank Services

Fresh, frozen, toiletries, and pet food

In addition to the standard food parcels we have been privileged to be able to distributing frozen bread, supplied by local stores and bakeries (a big thank you to Bloomsbury bakery), along with fresh milk, eggs and potatoes (courtesy of the NFU). Our relationship with BLUE CROSS continues, who help with donations of pet food, alongside Pets at Home, Pets and Friends, Chandlers and Downtown. We are also thankful to Moy Park (Pilgrims) for their support in regular supply of frozen chicken/turkey based food items.

Ongoing relationships with companies

We continue to build really good relationships with local companies who have been supporting the community with toys, Christmas fresh food family hampers, and providing treats for children. New companies are being explored and a number are forging links with us as more local people struggle with the 'cost of living' crisis and demand on the foodbank continues to increase.

Future Projects

During 2025 we plan to introduce addition fresh items such as; Carrots, Parsnips (Donation from Strawsons Limited in Bilsthorpe), Apples and Bananas, plus Cheese and Butter spread.

Volunteers

We have a strong core base of around 45 volunteers with additional support from local business throughout the year helping at busy times, such as Harvest and Christmas. The Foodbank is extremely grateful for the devotion of all our volunteers, and continue to recruit new volunteers into our 'family'.

Supporters

The level of support, both financially and via food contributions, from local Churches, Schools and the wider community continues to amaze us and we are thankful for their contribution enabling us to restore dignity and revive hope for those in crisis. We are also grateful for the continued support of Grantham Estates.

Chair's Report

In 2024, Grantham Foodbank marked its 13th year as a charity, facing new challenges due to an increase in demand. The ongoing cost-of-living crisis has severely impacted our community, with many more people needing support than ever before. Unfortunately, this crisis has also led to fewer donations as people across our community experience tightening household budgets. Consequently, the Foodbank has had to purchase food at an astonishing rate, highlighting both the depth of need and our unwavering commitment to supporting every individual and family in crisis.

Despite these financial challenges, we remain incredibly grateful to those who have continued to give generously, often sacrificially. Proverbs 11:25 says '*A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.*' May all who have generously supported our work be blessed abundantly.

We have been deeply grateful for Dorothy's work as Coordinator, as she has found new partnerships with local companies and organisations who have generously donated fresh food items, significantly enhancing the quality and variety of support we can offer. We are reviewing the nutritional value of our food parcels, seeking to provide the healthiest options possible and ensure that those accessing our services receive balanced and nutritious food.

In 2024, we enhanced the help we offer within the Foodbank by teaming up with Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) South Lincolnshire to provide a Financial Inclusion Officer. This is someone who can help our clients manage their money, and hopefully go from relying on the Foodbank to not needing to use it any longer. We successfully had one member of staff from the CAB but have taken a break towards the end of the year whilst new advisors are trained up.

2024 also saw the Foodbank have a big reordering project. We have updated some of the décor, had a new counter built in the front of house, and a new sorting table in the warehouse. There have been some big changes to make this happen, and it is with particular thanks to Dorothy, Anne, and especially Brian Deptford and Wendy Bentley who worked tirelessly to ensure the project was a success.

Our volunteers continue to be the backbone of Grantham Foodbank, tirelessly adapting to increased demand and working with exceptional compassion and resilience. Their hard work remains integral to our mission, and we are constantly looking for additional volunteers to support our growing operations. I would like to recognise all our volunteers and thank them for their hard work, compassion, and commitment to this cause, making sure those most in need don't go without.

We had goodbyes on our Trustee team in 2024. We said goodbye to Brian Deptford who had been a long-standing Trustee for some time, and we said goodbye to Chris Callow as a Trustee, but I am delighted he has remained a volunteer in the Foodbank. Having volunteer trustees is so important to make sure there is a very direct link between trustees and volunteers; we hope to see more joining us soon. We have had Jonny McDonnell and Pravina Chohan join us in the first part of 2025, and we continue to seek more volunteer trustees. Gill Mason as Secretary to Trustees continues to be an asset to the team, from the accurate taking of minutes to making sure information is circulated in a timely manner, and so much more. I am deeply grateful for hers and all my fellow Trustees input.

It is a source of great sadness that a foodbank is needed in Grantham, but while the need exists, we are thankful to be able to provide this service to the community and grateful to all who support it through their time, resources and prayers. This will be my last report as Chair of Trustees, as I will be moving to a Church in Lincoln. It has been a real pleasure to lead the Trustees these past two years, and I know it will continue to be a source of hope and help in Grantham.

Every blessing – **Mother Hannah Grivell, Chair of trustees.**

Treasurer's Report

Income

We have continued to be blessed with wonderful support both financial and through food donations. We have been particularly well supported by local businesses and charities, as well as our church and regular supporters. Donations of food continue to be generous, and we have used these, together with spending an increased amount on purchasing of food to support our clients.

Expenditure

The two most significant ongoing items of overhead expenditure are the rent of the premises and the employment costs of our Co-ordinator, we are also seeing utility costs increase. Our landlords lease the premises to us at a very generous rent, and to that end, we signed a three-year lease last year, which will provide us with premises stability until at least 31st December 2026, the rent is paid annual in advance.

During 2024 we undertook a major reorganisation of the internal layout of the foodbank premises, to maximise the storage space available, to improve the workflow to help our volunteers, and to provide a more welcoming environment for our clients. We have received lots of support from local businesses, and our landlord. We believe that this work will future proof the premises for many years to come.

Last year I flagged our concerns regarding increased pressures on the Charity due to the potential of reduced donations and increased purchasing requirements. Thankfully, donations have remained steady, which have enabled us to increase our food purchases, and support more clients. However, the purchasing is now at such a level that we are using our financial reserves. Spending in the early months of 2025, has confirmed that this level of purchasing is likely to increase. To ensure the sustainability of the foodbank we will need to increase the donations received. We should like to particularly thank Asda, Aldi and Sainsburys, who assisted us in the bulk purchase of food. The local NFU have supported us in providing a generous donation for the purchase of fresh local milk for a number of years now, together with directly donating fresh local produce, for which we are incredibly grateful. We are maintaining a reserve of £20,000 which has been set aside for food purchases.

During the year we successfully applied for funding from the Trussell Trust to provide a Financial inclusion advisor within the foodbank. They will assist our clients in claiming benefits, job seeking, debt managements and helping them with other financial issues. We have partnered with South Lincolnshire Citizen's advice to provide the advisor, and this service should be fully operational during April 2025.

Assets and Reserves

The Van, purchased in 2020, is now being written off over a 5 year period to reflect the reduction in the value of this asset.

Our bank reserves remain strong, and the funds invested in the CCLA are now providing us with a good rate of monthly interest.

We continue to review our reserves policy, and at present have £50,000 for running costs, £20,000 for food purchases, and £5,000 to equipment. It is a worrying fact that some of our clients have little or limited equipment with which to prepare and cook food. To assist clients with purchasing these essential items a reserve of £5000 has been set aside.

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Both the income and expenditure figures include "donations in kind". This includes the value of the food donated and distributed, but not the value of the 4000+ hours of Volunteer and Trustee time.

A summary of Income and Expenditure for the CIO is shown in appendix 1.

Michelle Feasey – Treasurer

Appendix 1

Grantham Foodbank CIO
Accounts for the year ended
31st December 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Financial donations:				
Churches		3013	5520	
Regular donors	19104		16105	
One-off donors	20116		29120	
Other Charities	16920		7869	
Grants (unrestricted)	9543			
Businessess	19126		23623	
		87821		8
				2
				2
				3
				7
Donations in kind:				
Total food incoming	137887		122841	
Less purchased out of financial donations	<u>(46701)</u>		<u>(34231)</u>	
Donated food		91186		8
				8
				6
				1
				0
Other income:				
Gift aid tax reclaimed	579		606	
Interest income	<u>9026</u>		<u>6862</u>	
		9605		7468
Total income		<u>188612</u>		<u>17</u>
				83
				15
Expenditure:				
Co-ordinator wages and pension costs		21938		18445
Premises costs:				
Rent	10000		10000	
Elec, Gas and phone	6745		4126	
Water, waste removal and cleaning	1809		783	
Insurance	1707		1646	
Repairs and renewals	<u>7046</u>		<u>1960</u>	
		27307		18515
Food and provisions:				
Distributed food		147264		12
				72
				79
Printing, stationery & computer costs		98		14
		0		59
Motor expenses		30		33
		44		32
Vehicle depreciation		27		36
		72		96
Professional and legal fees		85		17
		0		46
Bank charges		17		11
		8		1
Other expenses		18		11
		21		22
		<u>206153</u>		<u>17</u>
				57
				05
Surplus or (deficit) of income over expenditure (unrestricted funds)		<u>(17</u>		<u>26</u>
		<u>541</u>		<u>10</u>
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Restricted income and expenditure				
NFU Fresh food donation	6509		6443	
fresh food purchased	(5442)		(1532)	
Financial inclusion grant received	36953			
Financial inclusion advice service	<u>(12917)</u>			
		25103		49
				11

Total surplus of income over expenditure			<u>75</u> <u>62</u>			<u>75</u> <u>21</u>
Reserves brought forward			257795			25 02 74
Reserves carried forward	Unrestricted funds	160343		177884		
	Designated funds	75000	235343	75000	252884	
	Restricted funds		30014		4911	
			<u>265357</u>			<u>257795</u>

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Reserves balance		265357	257795
Represented by:			
Bank and cash balances	Unrestricted	209869	225573
	Restricted	30014	4911
Refridgerated van		8316	11088
Stock of food		7785	16223
Creditor		(627)	
Prepaid rent		10000	
		<u>265357</u>	<u>257795</u>

Independent Examiners report to the Trustees of the Grantham Foodbank

I report on the accounts for the trust for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out above.

This report is made solely to the trustees in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiners report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees for my examination work.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act)), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act); and
- to state whether particulars matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts represent a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention,

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements
 - o to keep accounts records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - o to prepare accounts which record with the accounting records and comply with the accounts requirements of the Charities Act 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.

Independent Examiner – Niall McQuitty
Approved - 28th September 2025

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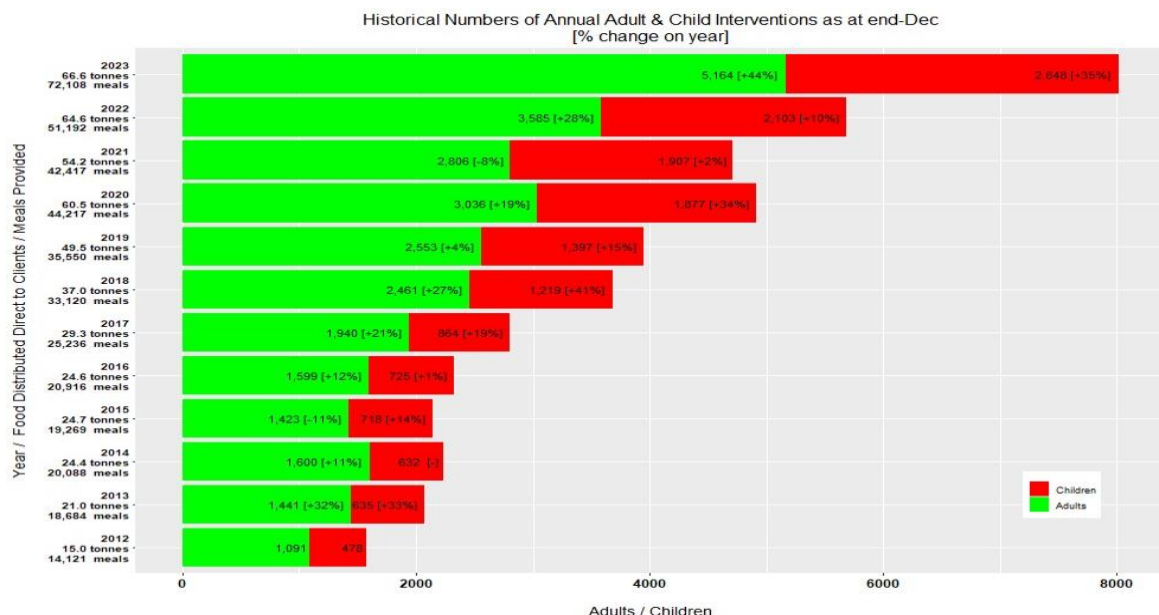
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Of the 3,728 vouchers fulfilled in 2023, 1,895 vouchers were issued to single clients (2022, 1,044 an increase of 82%). The Trussell Trust does not require clients to be identified by gender but we estimate this group is made up of 26% women and 74% men.

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Throughout 2023 the number of people on Universal Credit at Grantham Job Centre Plus has been steadily increasing to a new peak of 6,453 (5,932 at end 2022)

Highlights of the Year

Food Collections

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Food Distribution

Total food distribution was 67.7 tonnes (66.8 in 2022) with 66.6 tonnes (64.6 in 2022) going directly to clients.

Other Foodbank Services

Fresh, frozen, toiletries, and pet food

In addition to the standard food parcels we have been privileged to be able to distributing frozen bread, supplied by local stores and bakeries (a big thank you to Bloomsbury bakery), along with fresh milk and potatoes (courtesy of the NFU). Our relationship with MARS continues, who help with donations of pet food. We are also thankful to Moy Park for their support in regular supply of frozen chicken/turkey based food items.

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The level of support, both financially and via food contributions, from local Churches, Schools and the wider community continues to amaze us and we are thankful for their contribution enabling us to restore dignity and revive hope for those in crisis. We are also grateful for the continued support of Grantham Estates.

Chair's Report

In 2023, Grantham Foodbank as a charity turned 12, and with it came some amazing opportunities as well as some challenges. The Foodbank continues to be a resource for those in food crisis and as a vehicle of compassion in our town and surrounding villages. While the COVID-19 pandemic seems to be in the past, other crises have meant higher food prices, lower wages, and higher fuel and energy costs. As predicted, we have seen an increase in people needing support with food parcels, and this is only ever increasing. There is still a great need in our Grantham communities and this need will only increase in 2023 with the continuing rise in food, fuel and energy costs. We are grateful that the Foodbank continues to be a blessing to our town and surrounding villages, especially in these immensely challenging times.

People's generosity has been astounding. Many people have chosen to give money rather than food in 2023, and with the rise in having to purchase more food in 2023, the trustees have decided to set aside an even larger surplus to buy much needed food. As the cost of living continues to rise, the financial gifts sacrificially given to us are very much appreciated. Proverbs 11:25 says '*A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.*' May all who have given so liberally and compassionately be blessed in their generosity.

2023 was a big year of change for Grantham Foodbank. My report comes to you as the new Chair of Trustees, after Rev Samantha Parsons stepped down as Chair last summer. I was keen to take on this role, as I am so aware that the Foodbank provides an incredible resource to so many people in Grantham, and how easily things can change that anyone could need that support. Stepping into Rev Sam's shoes was daunting, but she left the Foodbank in a fantastic position with an excellent and dedicated group of Trustees. I want to thank Rev Sam for her work and dedication to Grantham Foodbank, and for all the support she has given me personally as I have taken on this role.

In 2023 we also said goodbye to Brian Hanbury as Grantham Foodbank Co-ordinator, after over a decade dedicated to the charity. Brian's commitment to the Foodbank over the years was much appreciated by Trustees, Volunteers, and Clients alike, and we all wish him the very best as he moves on. We also said goodbye to a very dedicated Trustee, Toni Blakey, who was a great asset to the team. We wish her the very best in the future.

With some goodbyes, we have also said Hello. Dorothy Gaughan became Grantham Foodbank Co-ordinator last summer, almost at the same time I arrived as Chair of Trustees. She came into the role with enthusiasm and has been an excellent addition to the Grantham Foodbank team. Dorothy continually seeks out ways to creatively adapt to the changes and challenges we face, especially with the rise in clients and the need to purchase more food. We look forward to all that Dorothy will continue to bring to the role.

We continue to thank God for our wonderful team of volunteers and welcomed more in 2023, though we are always looking for more volunteers. It is with their dedication, hard work, adaptability, flexibility, compassion, and resilience in the face of all the challenges and changes faced daily that is the lifeblood of the organisation. I pray that God will continue to bless them all for their faithful service to the people of Grantham.

In the past the Foodbank has offered other services within the premises that provide help and support to those in need. These were suspended during the Covid pandemic but some have reopened again, and we are continually seeking ways to offer more help to those who need it most in Grantham.

I am indebted to my colleagues on the Board of Trustees for all their wisdom, expertise and dedication which helps to drive forward the work and vision of the Foodbank. During 2023, we welcomed some new Trustees to the team, taking it from a team of 5 to a team of 8 Trustees. On top of our already in place Trustees Kevin Hunt, Michelle Feasey, Brian Deptford, Chris Callow, and myself, we also welcomed Matthew Beniston, Jackie Gozalez, and Wendy Bentley, all bringing incredible expertise, ideas, and enthusiasm to the roles.

It is a source of great sadness that a foodbank is needed in Grantham, but while the need exists, we are thankful to be able to provide this service to the community and grateful to all who support it through their time, resources and prayers. This year being a General Election year, and all the political turbulence that brings to the nation, I pray that those who hold power will think especially of those who regularly use our Foodbanks across the nation and pray for a future where one won't be needed.

Every blessing – **Mother Hannah Grivell, Chair of trustees.**

Treasurer's Report

Income

We have continued to be blessed with wonderful support both financial and through food donations. We have been particularly well supported by local businesses and charities, as well as our church and regular supporters, together with wonderful one-off donations. Donations of food have been very generous, and we have used these, together with spending an increased amount on purchasing of food to support our families.

Expenditure

The two most significant ongoing items of expenditure are the rent of the premises and the employment costs of our Co-ordinator. Our landlords rent the premises to us at a very generous rent, and to that end, we will pay our 2024 rent in advance for the year. We have signed a three-year lease, which will provide us with premises stability until at least 31st December 2026. To run an operation of this nature and complexity these are costs that cannot be avoided.

Last year I flagged our concerns regarding increased pressures on the Charity due to the potential of reduced donations and increased purchasing requirements. Thankfully, donations have remained strong, which have enabled us to increase our food purchases, and support more clients. The level of purchasing is now such, that we have a designed purchasing volunteer, who has done a wonderful job in sourcing food at the very best prices. We should like to particularly thank Asda and Aldi, who assisted us in the bulk purchase of food. The NFU have supported us in providing a generous donation for the purchase of fresh local milk. We are maintaining a reserve of £20,000 which has been set aside for food purchases, in 2022 about £10,000 was spent on purchasing food, this increased to over £35,000 in 2023.

Assets and Reserves

The Van, purchased in 2020, is now being written off over a 5 year period to reflect the reduction in the value of this asset.

Our bank reserves remain strong, and the funds invested in the CCLA are now providing us with a good rate of monthly interest.

We continue to review our reserves policy, and at present have £50,000 for running costs, £20,000 for food purchases, and £5,000 to equipment. It is a worrying fact that some of our clients have little or limited equipment with which to prepare and cook food. To assist clients with purchasing these essential items a reserve of £5000 has been set aside.

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A summary of Income and Expenditure for the CIO is shown in annex 5.

Michelle Feasey – Treasurer

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Accounts for the year ended
31st December 2023

		2023		2022	
	£		£		£
Income					
Financial donations:					
Churches		5,520		3,019	
Regular donors		16,125		10,068	
One-off donors		29,150		36,490	
Other Charities		7,869		7,317	
Businessess		<u>30,066</u>		<u>28,015</u>	
			88,730		84,909
Donations in kind:					
Food donated			108,099		86,502
Other income:					
Gift aid tax reclaimed		606		509	
Interest income		<u>6,862</u>		<u>977</u>	
			7,468		1,486
Total income			<u>204,297</u>		<u>172,897</u>
Expenditure:					
Co-ordinator wages and pension costs					
			18,445		14,877
Premises costs:					
Rent		10,000		833	
Elec, Gas and phone		4,126		3,609	
Water and waste removal		783		498	
Insurance		1,646		1,796	
Repairs and renewals		<u>1,960</u>		<u>1,879</u>	
			18,515		8,615
Food and provisions:					
Distributed food			148,300		84,472
Printing, stationery & computer costs					
			1,459		735
Motor expenses					
			3,332		2,334
Vehicle depreciation					
			3,696		2,156
Professional and legal fees					
			1,746		748
Bank charges					
			111		
Other expenses					
			1,122		781
			<u>196,726</u>		<u>114,718</u>
Surplus of income over expenditure			<u>7,571</u>		<u>58,179</u>
Transferred from Grantham foodbank (Charity No:1146588)					
					192,095
Reserves brought forward					
			250,274		
Reserves carried forward					
Unrestricted funds	177934			175,274	
Designated funds	75000	252,934		75,000	
Restricted funds		4,911			
			<u>257,845</u>		<u>250,274</u>

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Reserves balance		257,845	250,274
Represented by:			
Bank and cash balances	Unrestricted	225,623	203,686
	Restricted	4,911	
Refridgerated van		11,088	14,784
Stock of food		16,223	21,804
Prepaid rent			10,000
		257,845	250,274
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Accounts Period Year 2023 Charity Number: 1195874**

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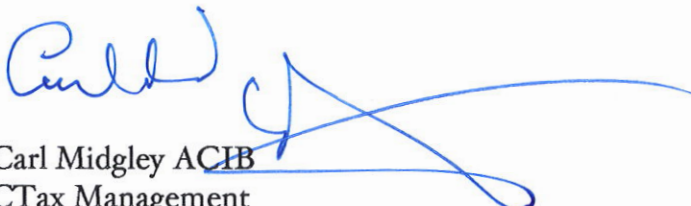
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Carl Midgley ACIB
CTax Management
24th October 2024

GRANTHAM FOODBANK

England & Wales - Charity number 1195874

Accounts

Grantham Foodbank

Registered Charity Number 1195874

Annual Report for 2022

“We are a family of 6, 1 adult and 5 children under the age of 14. Last week my cooker blew up so obviously needed replacing straight away, this left us with no money and no food, we contacted the local surestart centre and were provided with a voucher for the food bank. We went pretty much straight down there and was greeted with a very friendly bunch of people, we recieved a cup of tea, my son was given a drink, there were cakes on the table; basically we were made to feel very welcome. We were supplied with a vast amount of fresh, frozen and tinned food which was basically a god send, the children had a very good evening meal with dessert. The food lasted us for the few days we needed until we got paid again. Without the food bank we would have been living on nothing. I am now back on an even keel and planning on starting to donate towards this amazing cause. To sum things up, without the use of the foodbank we would have starved, the organisation is amazing, the volunteers are so friendly and helpful and we will be eternally grateful for the help we have recieved.”

**Grantham Foodbank
Client 2022**

Christmas support

“The food helped hugely at Christmas. It was one less thing to worry about.”

“It was such a lovely dinner. We appreciated it a lot. We’re very grateful.”

“It was wonderful. Thank you so much. There was so much food. It helped a lot”

“It was great. Thank you. We still had carrots left for the new year!”

“It was absolutely wonderful thank you so much. There was so much lovely food. Then I was offered toys for my children and treats for us all. (this broke me)
We are so grateful.”

Grantham Foodbank Clients 2022

Transition of charity to a CIO

During 2022 the charity transitioned from Grantham Foodbank (Charity No: 1146588) to Grantham Foodbank CIO (Charity No: 1195874), this was a gradual process during the course of the year, the majority of the financial and administrative function had been transferred by 1st June, with the old charity transferring all assets to the CIO by 30th September. This report has been prepared showing figures for the whole year, to avoid confusion, and provide a full picture of the charity for the year, with the exception of the financial report in Annex 5, which relates only to the CIO; figures for charity 1146588 are available on the Charity Commission website. For information, consolidated accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022 have been prepared combining the old and the new charity, to enable members to more easily understand the finances for this year. These are circulated separate to the annual report, as do not form part of the Grantham Foodbank CIO’s annual report.

Summary

Foodbanks provide emergency food, collected from within the local community, for distribution to local people in crisis. Grantham Foodbank was launched on 1st July 2011 as a Charitable Association. From September 2021 the original charity transitioned to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Association Model). It was developed under the auspices of Churches Together in Grantham and District and is part of the national foodbank network seeded by the Trussell Trust.

In its full eleventh year of operation (January-December 2022) Grantham foodbank has received donations of 64.0 tonnes of food (2021 - 58.4 tonnes) and has distributed 64.6 tonnes (2021 - 54.2 tonnes) directly to clients. This provided 3 days of food to 3,581 adults (2021 - 2,806 adults) and 2,097 children (2021 - 1,907 children) in crisis. The number of registered agencies issuing vouchers during the year was 60 (2021 - 55).

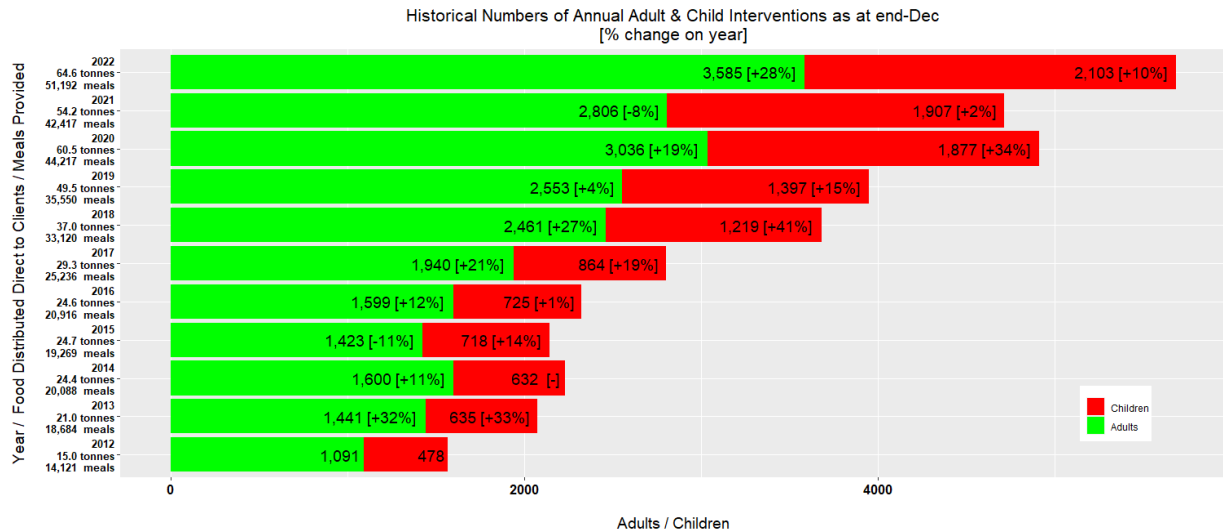
The crisis which brought clients to the Foodbank continued to be dominated by 'Low Income' (+44%) and 'Sickness/Ill Health' (+73%).

1,044 (+34% on 2021) vouchers were issued to single clients. The Trussell Trust does not require clients to be identified by gender but we estimate this group is made up of 26% women and 74% men.

401 vouchers (+34%) were issued to single parents who we estimate are made up of 76% women and 24% men.

In round terms the foodbank's income during 2022 was £132,000 and its expenditure was £50,000. The estimated value of the food and other donations in-kind was £124,000 with a value of £135,000 handed out to clients, together with a small amount donated to other local charities. The end of year balance was £250,274 some of which are restricted funds.

The growth in the provision of food since its launch is demonstrated in the following graph.



The Department for Work and Pensions publishes monthly statistics for the number of people on Universal Credit in each Job Centre Plus district. As 55% of the food vouchers fulfilled in 2022 were issued by Grantham JCP this is an indicator for the future trend.

We note that throughout the second half of 2022 numbers have been steadily increasing back to the peak (6,084 people) recorded in early 2021 during a Covid-19 lockdown. In December 2022, 5992 were in receipt of Universal Credit at Grantham JCP.

Report

Highlights of the Year

Food Collections

Incoming food to the warehouse totalled 64.0 tonnes (58.4 in 2021) including :

41.1 tonnes (27.8 in 2021) from the public,

8.7 tonnes (5.7 in 2021) from commercial companies

7.4 tonnes (8.1 in 2021) from supermarket collections

6.1 tonnes (6.4 in 2021) were purchased.

Included in the 'donations from public' section is the local 'Harvest Festival' collections and the 'Reverse Advent Calendar' appeal.

Food Distribution

Total food distribution was 66.8 tonnes (55.9 in 2021) with 64.6 tonnes (54.2 in 2021) going directly to clients.

Other Foodbank Services

Fresh, frozen, toiletries, and pet food

We have been distributing frozen bread, supplied by local stores and bakeries (a big thank you to Bloomsbury bakery), for most of the year. We give thanks for the relationships with MARS who help with donations of pet food. We were also able to find great sources for accessing much needed toiletries at vastly reduced

prices. All of this work is supported by the purchase of a new van. We also give thanks to Moy Park for their support for regular supply of frozen chicken/turkey based food items.

Ongoing relationships with companies

We have the joy of building relationships with local companies (requests have been received that their names are not published). They have been supporting the community with toys, Christmas fresh food family hampers, and providing treats for children. We are exploring links into many more businesses as local people are finding the cost of living is stretching them too far and demand on the foodbank is increasing significantly.

Volunteers

We give thanks for our life blood of volunteers. This last year we have engaged with over 70 volunteers. Some staying for a long period of time, others coming for a season. The relationships with companies have also added to our volunteer base as people donate time to volunteer - helping with mass picking days, supermarket collection days and even support with stock taking (team building days). We also give thanks for the reinvigorated relationship with Grantham College. Staff and students have built support programs and designed some of our images in their computer suites as part of their giving. New volunteers with key skills are always welcome, this includes trustees as well as people to work in the foodbank.

Supporters

We continue to be astounded by the level of support, both financial and in kind, that the project has received from local churches as well as the wider community. We are grateful to all those who have enabled the foodbank to be on a secure financial footing. We are grateful for the continued support of Grantham Estates.

Governance

The Grantham Foodbank was granted formal charity status on 23rd March 2012. From 21st September 2021 the charity commission registered the charity as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and the process of transferring all assets to the new charity has now been completed. There are 17 churches that continue to be the formal members of the charity. The trustee board consists of 6 members at 31 December 2022.

The Board of Trustees welcomes new trustees. We would appreciate applications from people with business, legal, financial and HR experience who are comfortable with the Christian ethos of the project.

Chair's Report

The charity is now eleven years old and has become well established as both a resource for those in food crisis and as a vehicle of compassion in our town and surrounding villages. Covid 19 has continued to affect us all in different ways, despite the gift of vaccines, but particularly those who have lost jobs and income and whose health has deteriorated because of the pandemic. The cost of living crisis, fuelled by Covid and the war in Ukraine, has only served to add to these pressures and increase the need for food parcels. For this reason we are seeing a significant increase in demand for food parcels above 2020 and 2021 levels.

There is still a great need in our Grantham communities and this need will only increase in 2023 with the continuing rise in food, fuel and energy costs. We are grateful that the Foodbank continues to be a blessing to our town and surrounding villages, especially in these immensely challenging times.

People's generosity has been astounding. Many people have chosen to give money rather than food in 2022, so trustees we have decided to set aside an even larger surplus to buy much needed food. As the cost of living continues to rise, the financial gifts sacrificially given to us are very much appreciated. Proverbs 19:17 says *'Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done.'* May all who have given so liberally and compassionately be blessed in their generosity.

We continue to thank God for our wonderful team of volunteers, still reduced due to the pandemic but beginning to build up again. We are immensely grateful to all of them for their dedication, hard work, flexibility, compassion and resilience in the face of increased work and pressure. May the Lord continue to bless them in their faithful service to Him and to the people of Grantham.

In the past the Foodbank has offered other services within the premises that provide help and support to those in need. These were suspended during the Covid pandemic but in 2022 we began to reopen some of these services with Covid safety measures in place.

We continue to give thanks for the outstanding work of our Co-ordinator Brian Hanbury whose compassion, vision and creativity have kept the Foodbank functioning and adapting to ever changing needs and circumstances. We are also thankful to the fantastic team of volunteers who work closely with him behind the scenes providing him invaluable support.

I am indebted to my colleagues on the Board of Trustees for all their wisdom, expertise and dedication which helps to drive forward the work and vision of the Foodbank. During 2022 we finalised the complex work of transitioning to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and this was completed in September 2022. The old charity has been removed from the central register of charities and we are now solely functioning as the CIO. I would like to extend particular thanks to Michelle Feasey, our treasurer, and Frank Hedley our vice-chair, who invested much time to enable this process to be completed. Linda Dowson stepped down as a trustee in August after many years of outstanding and faithful service to the Foodbank. Though she sadly died in October, we would like to express our deep gratitude to her for all she did. She was a remarkable lady and will be greatly missed. We are delighted that Kevin Hunt joined us as a trustee in August. His experience and expertise in the charity sector are a tremendous asset to the Foodbank. Gill Mason joined us as Secretary to the Trustees in early 2022 and has been an excellent and much valued addition to the team.

It is a source of great sadness that a foodbank is needed in Grantham, but while the need exists, we are thankful to be able to provide this service to the

community and grateful to all who support it through their time, resources and prayers.

Every blessing - **Rev Samantha Parsons, Chair of trustees.**

Treasurer's Report

Income

We have continued to be blessed with wonderful support both financial and through donations. We have been particularly well supported by local businesses and charities, as well as our church and regular supporters, together with wonderful one-off donations. Donations have been very generous this year, and as a charity we expect this to be put to very good use in the coming year, with the cost of living crisis putting additional pressures on families. We continue to review our reserves policy, and at present have £50,000, which is one years running costs, in restricted funds.

Expenditure

The two most significant ongoing items of expenditure are the rent of the premises and the employment costs of our Co-ordinator. Our Landlords rent the premises to us at a very generous rent, and to that end, we have paid our 2023 rent in advance for the year. To run an operation of this nature and complexity these are costs that cannot be avoided.

The Van, purchased in 2020, is now being written off over a 5 year period to reflect the reduction in the value of this asset.

The coordinator and trustees are concerned that over the next 12 months pressures on households will result in increased food requirements, and reduction in donations. Hence, we are maintaining a reserve of £20,000 which has been set aside for food purchases, in 2022 about £10,000 was spent on purchasing food, and we expect this to increase.

It is a worrying fact that some of our clients have little or limited equipment with which to prepare and cook food. To assist clients with purchasing these essential items a reserve of £5000 has been set aside.

Annual Accounts

Both the income and expenditure figures include "donations in kind". This includes the value of the food we distribute, but not the value of the 4000+ hours of volunteer time.

A summary of Income and Expenditure for the CIO is shown in annex 5. These are unaudited figures, an independent examination will be carried out before the AGM.

Michelle Feasey - Treasurer

Annexes

Annex 1 - Background

Grantham foodbank is an independent organisation but is also part of a national network of foodbanks each having a similar mission. Quality assurance is supported by membership of this network under the auspices of the Trussell Trust. This, among other things, provides standardised operating procedures and evaluation/inspection of each local operation. There are now 1200 similar foodbank outlets in the UK.

Foodbanks provide food to people in crisis by means of a voucher system. By this intervention they help prevent people potentially entering the cycle of debt or even criminal behaviour. The food provided is to a set standard, is donated by the public, and involves the willing co-operation of supermarkets and voluntary organisations.

Grantham foodbank has the active support of the ministers and members of the churches in Grantham and of Churches Together in Grantham and District. The constitution of Grantham foodbank defines the churches in Grantham to be its members.

The need

As a whole, South Kesteven cannot be described as suffering excessive deprivation compared to any other district council area. It falls within the mid-range 50% least/most deprived areas in the country.

Grantham, however, falls into the 30% Most Deprived Category and is the most deprived area covered by the district council. Within Grantham, two areas stand out as particularly suffering: one is in the top 10% most deprived and the other in the top 20% most deprived in the country.

As reported elsewhere, the general introduction of Universal Credit has had a massive impact on foodbank usage. The ongoing changes in the benefits system and the continuing financial squeeze are likely to require the need for a foodbank during the coming years.

Operation of the Foodbank

The concept and detail of foodbank operation are set out in Annex 2. The Trussell Trust provides a detailed and comprehensive operating manual. This has been followed and extended as necessary to provide the basis of the operation. This includes a strong “brand” identity with a logo and design for work wear. Risk assessment, safety and statutory matters are covered fully in the manual.

Annex 2 - How a foodbank works

FOOD IS DONATED

Schools, churches, businesses and individuals donate largely non-perishable, with some perishable, in-date food to a food bank. Large collections often take place as part of seasonal celebrations such as harvest and Christmas, and food is also collected at supermarkets.

FOOD IS SORTED & STORED

Volunteers sort food to check that it's in date and store it ready to be given to people who are referred to food banks in crisis. More than 40,000 people give up their time to volunteer at food banks across the UK.

PROFESSIONALS IDENTIFY PEOPLE IN NEED

Food banks partner with a wide range of care professionals such as doctors, teachers, health visitors and social workers to identify people in crisis and give them a food bank voucher to access emergency food.

CLIENTS RECEIVE FOOD

People bring their voucher to a food bank where it can be redeemed for three days' emergency food. Volunteers welcome people and offer them further support to help resolve the crisis they face.

Annex 3 - Trustees - December 2022

Brian Deptford

Michelle Feasey - Treasurer

Rev Neil Griffiths

Frank Hedley - Vice Chair

Kevin Hunt

Rev Samantha Parsons - Chair

Annex 4 - Members of the charity

Any member church of Churches Together in Grantham and District can become a member of the charity and vote at the AGM. The churches that are currently registered as members are:

- Alive
- Barrowby Baptist Church
- Christchurch Methodist/URC
- Church of the Ascension
- Colsterworth Group of Churches
- Grantham Baptist Church

- Grantham Christian Fellowship
- Harrowby Lane Methodist Church
- Jubilee Christian Fellowship
- Salvation Army
- Seventh Day Adventist
- St John's Manthorpe
- St Mary's & St Peter's Harlaxton
- St Mary's Catholic Church
- St Sebastian's Great Gonerby
- St Wulfram's
- Trinity South Parishes

Grantham Foodbank CIO

Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

	£	£
Income		
Financial donations:		
Churches	3,019	
Regular donors	10,068	
One-off donors	36,490	
Other Charities	7,317	
Business		
ess	<u>28,015</u>	
		84,909
Donations in kind:		
Food donated		86,502
Other income:		
Gift aid tax		
reclaimed	509	
Interest income	<u>977</u>	
		<u>1,486</u>
Total income		<u>172,897</u>
Expenditure:		
Co-ordinator wages and		
pension costs		14,877
Premises costs:		
Rent	833	
Elec, Gas and		
phone	3,609	
Water and waste removal	498	
Insurance		
e	1,796	
Repairs and		
renewals	<u>1,879</u>	
		8,615
Food and		
provisions:		
Distributed food		84,472
Printing, stationery &		
computer costs		735
Motor expenses		2,334
Vehicle		
depreciation		2,156
Professional and legal fees		748

Other expenses		781	
			<u>114,718</u>
Surplus of income over expenditure			<u>58,179</u>
Transferred from Grantham foodbank (Charity No:1146588)			192,095
Reserves carried forward	General Designated	175,274	
	ed	75,000	
			<u>250,274</u>
Reserves balance			250,274
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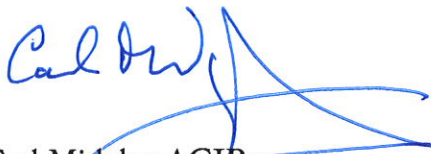
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