

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1196306**

**Report of the Trustees and  
Unaudited Financial Statements  
for the Period  
27 October 2021 to 31 December 2022  
for  
The Blackmore Vale Charity**

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**The Blackmore Vale Charity**

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**The Blackmore Vale Charity**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
**for the Period 27 October 2021 to 31 December 2022**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 27 October 2021 to 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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**

**Objectives and aims**

The charity's principal activity is the prevention or relief of poverty in Sturminster Newton and the surrounding area, by the operation of a community store for food and essential items; also the provision of linked support services, education and advice.

The charity's aim is to support the local residents of Sturminster Newton and the local surrounding areas.

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

The Blackmore Vale Charity operates as the Vale Pantry, a social supermarket providing food to any family or household that is financially disadvantaged and facing food insecurity. In addition, a whole range of holistic support wrap-around care is provided with the aim of helping those households back on their feet and to independence. This includes cookery workshops, and a weekly support group for parents with high needs and autistic children. Budget Coaching is provided by trained volunteers with a gateway through to the Citizens Advice Service for work around debt and legal matters. One-to-one mentoring is provided to those with mental health issues and anxiety. Help in accessing vital household appliances is provided in times of crisis, warm winter coats provided to children in the winter months and more. Working with local voluntary partners, Dorset Council, Social Services, Housing, the GP Surgery, the Citizen's Advice Service, Schools and mental health teams, the Vale Pantry is in a unique position to bring all parties together to provide the support needed.

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**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

The Vale Pantry opened in November 2020 during the Covid Pandemic as a community pantry working alongside the Blackmore Vale Partnership, a local GP practice before registering as a charity in October 2021. The need was identified during the running of the Covid Action Group locally after seeing the level of food poverty through the handing out of Food Vouchers. We were extremely fortunate to be granted free premises which were fitted out and stocked with the first members registering for its use during October 2020. The aims of the Pantry were to provide affordable, good quality fresh foods to members who were asked to make a small contribution of £4.50 on each visit. The Pantry model was chosen to provide those who registered, known as members, to have the ability to choose their own foods and by making a small contribution it was felt this would provide dignity. The Pantry model offers a wide range of fresh foods and chilled unlike the foodbank model.

The Pantry has been run during this time with a team of local volunteers who provided a range of services from working in the Pantry helping members, to collecting foods, restocking shelves and fundraising. The aims were not to just provide food, but where possible to work to uncover the many underlying issues that have led members to ask for help and to support, where possible, households back to independence through a variety of strategies and mentoring. Embedded in the community, the Pantry works closely with the local medical centre, schools, the Citizens Advice Service, Dorset Council and the many services it provided, (housing, children's services, adult social care etc) and the many local voluntary groups throughout the area. Up until December 2021 a total of 418 households registered with us. During this time, we provided 6502 shops, with an average retail value of £35 each. The number of households who used our services and who we were able to help back to complete independence totalled 167. On October 27th, 2021 we became registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). At this date, £41,784 was transferred in cash and £6,473 was transferred in assets from the existing centre to the CIO and this is recognised as income in the period to 31 December 2022.

During 2022, the demand for our services grew with families coming from all over North Dorset and parts of Somerset. In 2022 we provided over 8200 weekly shops for families, helped a further 127 families back to independence and ended the year with 328 households on our list, we saw a 50% increase in the number of shops by single-parent families.

The support we received from the community at large was exceptionally good and we regularly take cash donations along with food donations.

The challenges which faced us at the time of opening was real food poverty with many parents who had either lost their jobs or were on furlough only eating once a day. We encountered a great many people who were socially isolated and were extremely anxious at leaving their homes. As the number grew of those needing help the challenge was raising enough money to purchase the food needed. Over time the fundraising gathered pace with bids, grants and donations being made through Trusts, Charities and individuals. One of the key areas for our volunteers was to spend time talking with families, and indeed for many of the families we were the only social interaction they had, but over time this enabled us to provide help, support and mentoring which we continue to provide.

Our challenges during 2022 grew with the increased need for funds to cope with the larger number of families needing help along with the rising costs of food. The cost of living crisis has hit many households who now struggle between heating and food, in addition, we have seen an increasing number of families who are owner-occupiers who are finding the increase of their mortgage costs difficult to manage.

At the end of December 2022 we were delighted to be awarded a 3-year National Lottery Funding Stream to take on a full time manager for the Pantry along with a dedicated Citizen's Advisor for 12 hours a week.

We were also given a van by a local company, Rose Engineering which will be used to offer a much-needed outreach service and we look forward to 2023 in reaching those who are unable to get to us.

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

There have been three sources of income to the Pantry:

- Membership Income
- Grants
- Donations

The start-up funding was provided by the Medical Centre through the CCG. This enabled the Pantry to open quickly and enter a contract with FareShare and purchase fridges, freezers and shelve out the shop area. Over time this was adapted and added to as demands for space increased. The main area of spend has undoubtedly been food. Unlike a foodbank the Pantry has to purchase all of its food. Gradually over time we have been able to build up contacts who have helped us with contributions of food but our costs in this area have been considerable. The contract with FareShare provides 500KG of food weekly which costs IRO £250 per week. In addition, an account was opened with Morrisons who provide a bulk delivery to foodbanks and pantries. Whilst this provides a good choice of all foods the discount on retail is minimal. As a volunteer led organisation no staffing costs were incurred, and the utility bills were centred around electricity, water, and waste disposal. Our challenge before becoming registered as a charity was not being able to bid for a number of funding opportunities and therefore this became a priority, and we were extremely fortunate in this service being provided by the Fisher Charitable Trust who dealt with it entirely through their own legal team.

Since registering as a charity much effort has gone into writing bids and applying for grants to continue and grow the work we do.

The charity has free reserves of £147,370 as at 31 December 2022. The Trustees consider this level of reserves to be sufficient to deliver charitable objectives for the next twelve months. Free reserves are calculated by deducting fixed assets from the unrestricted (and undesignated) reserves held at the year-end.

**Reserves policy**

The Trustees have set aside reserve funds of £15,000, calculated to safely see the charity through 4 - 6 weeks in the case that the charity has to cease activities. This amount would pay all remaining bills and allow enough time to inform all members and volunteers.

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation, registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 27 October 2021. Prior to formal registration, the charity operated its community pantry from the premises of Blackmore Vale Partnership, a local GP practice, from October 2020.

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:

- a copy of the current version of this constitution; and
- a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Detail on the trustee Board**

Carole Jones who set up and led the Pantry from its inception. As a local Councillor, Carole had the community contacts which has been invaluable.

Dr. Duncan Ward from the local Medical Centre, The Blackmore Vale Partnership providing an essential link into the practice.

Annette Fisher, who represented the Fisher Charitable Trust and enabled our Charity Registration and further help.

Catherine Jacks, a local tutor with links into education.

**None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the organisation.**

The Vale Pantry has evolved with the use of volunteers.

Carole Jones leads and works directly with all of the volunteers - some of which organise different areas such as, Food deliveries and stocking shelves, end of day surplus food collections and manning the Pantry when opened.

Our Treasurer works in a voluntary capacity and deals with all accounts matters.

Signatories on the Bank are Helen Graeser (Treasurer) and Carole Jones.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1196306

**Principal address**

35A Market Place  
Sturminster Newton  
Dorset  
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**Trustees**

C Jacks (appointed 24.11.21)  
A Fisher (appointed 27.10.21)  
Dr W Ward (appointed 27.10.21)  
C Jones (appointed 27.10.21)

**Independent Examiner**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... 10 May 23 ..... and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
C Jones - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
The Blackmore Vale Charity**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Blackmore Vale Charity**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Blackmore Vale Charity (the Trust) for the period 27 October 2021 to 31 December 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

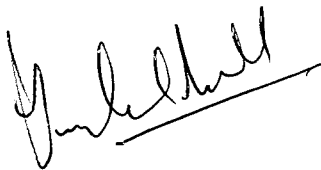
**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of ICAEW which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: ...12 May 2023.....



**The Blackmore Vale Charity**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**for the Period 27 October 2021 to 31 December 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>				
Donations and legacies	3	288,210	19,000	307,210
Other trading activities	4	60,674	-	60,674
<b>Total</b>		<u>348,884</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>367,884</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>				
<b>Charitable activities</b>	5			
Charitable activities		<u>195,703</u>	<u>16,938</u>	<u>212,641</u>
 <b>NET INCOME</b>		<u>153,181</u>	<u>2,062</u>	<u>155,243</u>
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>153,181</u></u>	<u><u>2,062</u></u>	<u><u>155,243</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

The Blackmore Vale Charity

Balance Sheet  
31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Tangible assets	8	5,811	-	5,811
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Debtors	9	585	-	585
Cash at bank and in hand		149,461	2,062	151,523
		150,046	2,062	152,108
<b>CREDITORS</b>				
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(2,676)	-	(2,676)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		147,370	2,062	149,432
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		153,181	2,062	155,243
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		153,181	2,062	155,243
<b>FUNDS</b>	11			
Unrestricted funds				153,181
Restricted funds				2,062
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				155,243

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ..... 10 MAY 2023 .....  
and were signed on its behalf by:

.....  
C Jones - Trustee

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**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
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**1. LEGAL FORM**

The Blackmore Vale Charity is a charity registered in England and Wales with the Charity Commission (registration number 1196306). The principal address is included in the reference and administrative details section of the report of the trustees.

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**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.

Where income relating to future periods is received in advance, or income relating to past periods is received in arrears, such amounts are held as deferred or accrued income accordingly.

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.

Grant income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions are attached to grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Membership fees are recognised as income on receipt.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings                      -    20% on cost

Tangible fixed assets purchased pre charity registration have been recorded at Net Book Value as at registration date and will continue on the set economic life cycle of 5 years.

**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).

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Period 27 October 2021 to 31 December 2022

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

##### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

##### Cash at Bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity to three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

##### Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

#### 3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	£
Donations	112,341
Grants	146,612
Transfer from Medical Centre	48,257
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	307,210
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Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	£
Stour Management Christmas Grant	5,000
National Lottery - Bags of Energy Grant	10,000
Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Foundation - FareShare Grant	6,000
DEFRA via Dorset Council (OSFR Round 2)	10,000
Dorset Council Grants	10,000
Valentine Trust - Mental Health Advisor Grant	5,000
Screwfix Foundation Grant	5,000
The Foyle Foundation Grant	7,500
The Hilden Charitable Fund Grant	5,000
St Aldhelm's Endowment Fund Grant	10,000
William Williams Charity Grant	10,000
Garfield Weston Grant	10,000
Other Grants - under £5,000	53,112
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	146,612
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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	£
Fundraising events	3,641
Membership fees	56,019
Hardship	1,014
	<u>60,674</u>

**5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 6) £	Totals £
Charitable activities	210,048	2,593	212,641

**6. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Charitable activities	793	1,800	2,593

Independent Examiners' remuneration was £1,800 including VAT.

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 December 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31 December 2022.

**8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Fixtures and fittings £
<b>COST</b>	
Additions	7,803
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
Charge for year	1,992
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2022	<u>5,811</u>

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**9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	£
Trade debtors	197
Prepayments and accrued income	388
	<u>585</u>

**10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	£
Trade creditors	591
Other creditors	2,085
	<u>2,676</u>

**11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
General fund	153,181	153,181
<b>Restricted funds</b>		
Screwfix Foundation	2,062	2,062
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>155,243</u>	<u>155,243</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	348,884	(195,703)	153,181
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Foundation	6,000	(6,000)	-
Valentine Trust	5,000	(5,000)	-
Screwfix Foundation	5,000	(2,938)	2,062
Funding Bids	3,000	(3,000)	-
	<u>19,000</u>	<u>(16,938)</u>	<u>2,062</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>367,884</u>	<u>(212,641)</u>	<u>155,243</u>

**Purpose of restricted funds**

Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Foundation - to be used to pay bills to charity FareShare

Valentine Trust - for the provision of an in-house mental health mentor

Screwfix Foundation - for improvements to the rented property.

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**11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Funding Bids - for the provision of professional bid writing services.

**12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year, The Blackmore Vale Charity received a donation of £3,000 from The Fisher Charitable Trust (no. 1189317) which has a related trustee on the board.