

The Ryedale Community Foodbank
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 March 2025

**'Ryedale Community Foodbank enables local people to help
their neighbours at times of crisis.'**



**We would like to thank everyone who has donated food, money or
their time so that people in Ryedale do not have to go hungry**

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Chair's report

Since the creation of the new independent Ryedale Community Foodbank in November 2021 we have seen a slow rise in demand for food parcels and this upward trajectory has continued overall. 2024/25 has again been busier than the previous year, with demand for food aid remaining at high levels throughout the year.

With the help and commitment of our many volunteers, the generosity of the people of Ryedale and various organisations we have been able to meet some of this need, but we have also had to increase spending significantly to supplement food and other stock required in order to function. Physical donations of food have declined at many of our usual collection locations as people who would have donated in the past have also been impacted by the consistent high cost of living.

Fortunately thanks to our excellent fundraising volunteers who have raised funds for us, and ongoing generous donations from local people, we have managed to maintain a healthy bank balance which has meant we have been able to purchase food/other domestic needs as required. Our thanks go to Michael Leighton for his continued work on grant applications. Thanks also to North Yorkshire Council for two Winter Support Grants, which were aimed specifically at providers of food aid. Other grants have been received from a variety of trusts and organisations:

April 2024 - First Community	£500
June 2024 - Gilham	£1,000
July 2024 - North Yorkshire Council	£10,000
November 2024 - Community Foundation	£5000
December 2024 - Little House	£1,500
December 2024 - Two Ridings	£2,500 & £5,000
January 2025 - North Yorkshire Council	£10,000

We are grateful to all those people and organisations that have supported us financially. As the Foodbank is operated entirely by volunteers there are no salaries to pay and so our main expenses are maintaining the Foodbank van, and the rental of premises at Howe Road, the Hungate centre and

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Kirkbymoorside church rooms. We are grateful to C Watts Ltd who generously provide us with fuel for the van.

Volunteers:

We are extremely grateful to our many volunteers (around 70 individuals) who carry out various roles at the Foodbank from signposting clients, packing parcels, collecting food from supermarkets and other venues to delivering to clients. Everyone plays a crucial role in making sure the Foodbank runs smoothly and offers the best possible service to our clients. Each Foodbank runs slightly differently across our three centres in Norton, Pickering and Kirkbymoorside, but our volunteers across the entire district are at the heart of what we do in providing food aid to people who need it.

As Chair of trustees I want to offer a huge vote of thanks on behalf of the trustees and myself for all your hard work. We have again been recognised by North Yorkshire Council and our partners as an efficient and effective Foodbank and much of this recognition is down to our volunteers and team leaders.

I would also like to thank our trustees who are responsible for the governance of the Foodbank. Cate Tate Smith has continued to improve our accounting systems and fight the good fight with CAF bank over its ongoing issues.

I would especially like to thank Fiona MacKenzie, Sue Fitter, Sue Harrison, Alan Robinson, Ian Clarke, Elaine Gilson and Christine Brett for their dedication to the running of their respective branches of the Foodbank.

Thanks must also go to Ian Clarke for his ongoing hard work transforming our website and referral system. This is a big task but it will hopefully transform our running processes and improve data collection.

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Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name The Ryedale Community Foodbank

Charity registration number 1197910

Principal office 7A Howe Road
Norton
Malton
North Yorkshire
YO17 9BH

The trustees

Dinah Keal	Chair
Catherine Tate-Smith	Treasurer
Susan Fitter	
Elaine Gillson	
Michael Leighton	
Fiona Mackenzie	
John Mackenzie	
Ian Clarke	
Alan Robinson	

Independent examiner Stephen Douglas FCA
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Structure, governance and management

The Ryedale Community Foodbank was established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and was registered on 14th January 2022. The CIO's registered Charity number is 1197910. The CIO is administered by the Charity's Trustees who are named above.

Objectives and activities

The prevention or relief of poverty or financial hardship amongst people in Ryedale and the surrounding area in such ways as the Trustees from time-to-time think fit. In particular, but not exclusively, by (a) Providing emergency food, essential toiletries and household items to individuals and families in need and/or for distribution by charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty or financial hardship; and, (b) Such other means, including (but not limited to) the provision of support or signposting to relevant information and other advisory services.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of activity over the last year

Who has been helped:

Since April 2024, 3,606 (3,413 last year) people in Ryedale were given food for 3 days to help them at a time of crisis. Of this number 2,437 (2,253) were adults and 1,169 (1,160) children. This equates to 1,634 (1,457 last year) vouchers across Norton, Pickering and Kirkbymoorside. Many thanks to Data Volunteer Sue Teal for producing our monthly stats, which are a vital record of our activities and the benefits the Foodbank brings to our community.

Reasons given by the agencies for use of the Foodbank:

The major reasons given were low income and benefit changes or delays. It has been necessary to support some people who have had lengthy periods without access to other forms of support.

Crisis type People affected:

Benefit Changes	17	(20)
Benefit delays	86	(82)
Child holiday meals	9	(1)
Debt	113	(75)
Delayed wages	4	(6)
Domestic violence	10	(20)
Homelessness	31	(22)
Hungry/cost of Living crisis	0	(0)
Low income	1,119	(1,014)
No recourse to public funds	4	(4)
Other	31	(42)
Sickness	171	(114)
Unemployed	46	(25)

NB. Last years figures in brackets

Homelessness as a reason to visit the Foodbank has continued to increase and is a worrying trend - we are able to provide 'cold packs' to homeless clients as well as signposting them to other sources of support. Debt has also significantly increased but this is unsurprising in the current economic climate. Many clients have several reasons that lead them to need food aid.

Distributing the food to those who need it:

This has been a very busy year for us at all three of our foodbank centres and we have relied on our dedicated team of volunteers to cope with the growing demand, showing compassion and respect to all who need to use our service.

Everyone who comes to the Foodbank is referred from one of the agencies in Ryedale that hold our vouchers. Ryedale Community Foodbank vouchers are given out by these agencies to people who need them: situations leading to such need have been listed in the table above. Over the past year we have increased the number of referral agencies we work with to include schools, churches, Racing Welfare and Sight Support, alongside our usual agencies ie. North Yorkshire Council and the CAB.

On receipt of a voucher the individual can then take it to one of our foodbank centres, Howe Road, Norton, Hungate Centre, Pickering or Kirkbymoorside, where our volunteers will greet them, offer a hot drink and a chat if they wish, and signpost to other services if they require additional help whilst their food parcel is prepared.

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The food is put together based on the number of people in the family and taking into account any special dietary needs and preferences where possible. We also provide toiletries and household items. At Easter we were able to provide Easter Eggs and at Christmas we provide festive treats and gifts thanks to a partnership with local volunteers Ruth Longworth-Zurcher and Ann Young who worked with local people to create Christmas boxes, which were distributed to people alongside their food parcels in November/December. We also provide school holiday packs during the school summer break.

Our aim is to make the foodbank centres informal and friendly places, where people feel welcome.

We also deliver to clients dependent on need, ie due to age or disability or on occasion due to the inability to attend the Foodbank due to lack of transport. Ryedale is a big rural district with poor public transport so this service is very helpful to people who live some distance from our Foodbank centres. We have a dedicated team of volunteer drivers to whom we are very grateful.

Supporting partners:

We have supplied surplus food and items that we are unable to distribute as a Foodbank ie. fresh goods or bulk items to local partners including the YMCA, Derwent Lodge and Next Steps. We also work closely with the Norton Free Fridge.

Financial review

The attached Financial Statements show a surplus of £15,687 for the year. The general funds of the Charity at the year end amounted to £183,822. A substantial part of this arose historically in 2022 when the Charity received transfers of cash and assets amounting to £112,779 from the organisation which formerly provided foodbank services in the area.

Of the Charity's funds, some £103,893 at the year end was held on deposit - split between a Skipton Building Society account and a Charities Aid Foundation deposit account. The trustees will keep under review the length and nature of the deposits in order to ensure maximum interest receipts while at the same time maintaining sufficient working funds to cover operational expenses.

For this reason the trustees have adopted a Reserves Policy to ensure, in view of the dependent nature of the Charity's clients upon its activities, that an amount equal to this deposit should be designated as Reserves. The trustees believe that such a provision would be generally sufficient to ensure that the working funds of the Charity would be sufficient to maintain its activities for a least a year.

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Plans for future periods

We anticipate that the current trend in rising demand for food aid is likely to continue in the face of the ongoing cost of living crisis and high fuel costs. We will

- Continue to provide food parcels to those who need them across the district in the face of growing demand
- Continue to work with and increase our range of referring agencies to ensure everyone who needs a voucher can access one.
- Transition onto electronic vouchers asap
- Continue to work with professional partners across the district and county

2025 - 26 onwards will mark some major and exciting changes for the Ryedale Community Foodbank:

- Following a failed attempt to rent larger premises on Howe Road to better meet our needs, we have undertaken negotiations with Next Steps to move into their new Community Hub when it is completed. We will then run our client facing service out of their building on Church Street, Norton, while retaining the Howe Road premises for storage and sorting of stock. The new premises should benefit clients who will be able to access support, including the Foodbank, under one roof and will hopefully offer them more confidentiality in speaking to our volunteers alongside access to the Next Steps Café.
- We are in the early stages of transforming our offer to clients in Pickering and Kirkbymoorside by merging and operating from one site. This will be discussed by the trustees at length to ensure an efficient client centred service will continue.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 9 September 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Dinah Keal
Trustee

The Ryedale Community Foodbank

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Ryedale Community Foodbank

Year ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Ryedale Community Foodbank ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

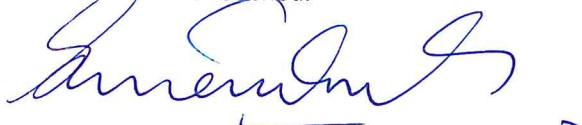
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements 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.



Stephen Douglas FCA
Independent Examiner

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2025

		2025		2024
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	4	70,577	70,577	83,625
Investment income	5	2,699	2,699	1,232
Total income		<u>73,276</u>	<u>73,276</u>	<u>84,857</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	57,589	57,589	71,601
Total expenditure		<u>57,589</u>	<u>57,589</u>	<u>71,601</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>15,687</u>	<u>15,687</u>	<u>13,256</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		168,135	168,135	154,879
Total funds carried forward		<u>183,822</u>	<u>183,822</u>	<u>168,135</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	12	5,905	7,873
Current assets			
Stocks	13	10,000	5,000
Debtors	14	—	1,776
Cash at bank and in hand		168,067	153,636
		178,067	160,412
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	150	150
Net current assets		177,917	160,262
Total assets less current liabilities		183,822	168,135
Net assets		183,822	168,135
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		183,822	168,135
Total charity funds	16	183,822	168,135

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 9 September 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Dinah Keal
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	15,687	13,256
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	1,968	2,625
Other interest receivable and similar income	(2,699)	(1,232)
Accrued expenses	–	50
<i>Changes in:</i>		
Stocks	(5,000)	2,100
Trade and other debtors	1,776	(220)
Cash generated from operations	11,732	16,579
Interest received	2,699	1,232
Net cash from operating activities	<u>14,431</u>	<u>17,811</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	14,431	17,811
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>153,636</u>	<u>135,825</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>168,067</u>	<u>153,636</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2025

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 7A Howe Road, Norton, Malton, North Yorkshire, YO17 9BH.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Reserves policy

The trustees have implemented a Reserves Policy to designate part of the unrestricted funds of the Charity as a contingency in respect of both contractual and non-contractual obligations and outgoings. Further details are shown as necessary in the Financial Review section of the Annual Report above. This policy, together with any amounts so designated will be kept under review on an annual basis by the trustees.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Plant and machinery	- 25% reducing balance
Equipment	- 25% reducing balance

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Donations			
Donations	32,491	—	32,491
Grants	35,500	—	35,500
Gift Aid claims	1,841	—	1,841
Sundry donations	745	—	745
	<u>70,577</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>70,577</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations	29,774	—	29,774
Grants	44,500	7,143	51,643
Gift Aid claims	1,776	—	1,776
Sundry donations	—	432	432
	<u>76,050</u>	<u>7,575</u>	<u>83,625</u>

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Deposit account interest	<u>2,699</u>	<u>2,699</u>	<u>1,232</u>	<u>1,232</u>

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6. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025
	£	£	£
Community Foodbank	57,439	–	57,439
Independent Examination Fees	150	–	150
	<u>57,589</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>57,589</u>
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Community Foodbank	63,876	7,575	71,451
Independent Examination Fees	150	–	150
	<u>64,026</u>	<u>7,575</u>	<u>71,601</u>

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	Total funds 2025	Total fund 2024
	£	£	£	£
Community Foodbank	<u>57,439</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>57,589</u>	<u>71,601</u>

8. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>1,968</u>	<u>2,625</u>

9. Independent examination fees

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>

10. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was Nil (2024: Nil).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

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11. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No trustee has received any remuneration or benefits from the Charity.

12. Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025	<u>12,800</u>	<u>1,198</u>	<u>13,998</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	5,600	525	6,125
Charge for the year	1,800	168	1,968
At 31 March 2025	<u>7,400</u>	<u>693</u>	<u>8,093</u>
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2025	<u>5,400</u>	<u>505</u>	<u>5,905</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>7,200</u>	<u>673</u>	<u>7,873</u>

13. Stocks

	2025 £	2024 £
Raw materials and consumables	<u>10,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>

14. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Other debtors	<u>—</u>	<u>1,776</u>

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>

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16. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1/4/2024	Income	Expenditure	At 31/3/2025
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>168,135</u>	<u>73,276</u>	<u>(57,589)</u>	<u>183,822</u>

	At 1/4/2023	Income	Expenditure	At 31/3/2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>154,879</u>	<u>77,282</u>	<u>(64,026)</u>	<u>168,135</u>

17. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1/4/2024	Cash flows	At 31/3/2025
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>153,636</u>	<u>14,431</u>	<u>168,067</u>

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Management Information

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	32,491	29,774
Grants	35,500	51,643
Gift Aid claims	1,841	1,776
Sundry donations	745	432
	<u>70,577</u>	<u>83,625</u>
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	2,699	1,232
	<u>2,699</u>	<u>1,232</u>
Total income	<u>73,276</u>	<u>84,857</u>
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Opening stock	5,000	7,100
Purchases	44,927	47,907
Closing stock	10,000	5,000
Packaging	2,399	2,608
Rent	4,999	4,143
Light and heat	943	1,172
Repairs and maintenance	404	—
Insurance	641	689
Motor and travel costs	2,243	2,055
Telephone	1,351	1,505
Computer, telephone etc	1,863	1,650
Depreciation	1,969	2,625
Printing etc	630	3,052
Independent Examination fees	150	150
Advertising	—	1,040
Training	70	700
Sundry expenses	—	205
	<u>57,589</u>	<u>71,601</u>
Total expenditure	<u>57,589</u>	<u>71,601</u>
Net income	<u>15,687</u>	<u>13,256</u>

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	2025 £	2024 £
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Activity type 4		
Activities undertaken directly		
Opening stock	5,000	7,100
Purchases	44,927	47,907
Closing stock	(10,000)	(5,000)
Packaging	2,399	2,608
Rent, rates and water	4,999	4,143
Light & heat	943	1,172
Repairs & maintenance	404	—
Insurance	641	689
Motor and travel costs	2,243	2,055
Computer, data and telephone	1,351	1,505
Office costs and equipment	1,863	1,650
Depreciation of fixed assets	1,969	2,625
Printing	630	3,052
Advertising and promotion	—	1,040
Training	70	700
Sundry expenses	—	205
	<u>57,439</u>	<u>71,451</u>
Support costs		
Independent Examination fees	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u><u>57,589</u></u>	<u><u>71,601</u></u>