



The Felling Food Network

Registered Charity 1198236.

PROVIDING SUPPORT

Over the 10 month
reporting period:-

- We Provided Food for 2239 Adults
- We Provided Food for 715 Children
- We Handed Out 1566 Food Parcels
- We Provided 1078 Hot Meals over 22 weeks once our kitchen became operational
- We provided over 100 meals for Pets

We are pleased to present our first Annual Report since becoming a Registered Charity in March 2022.

The Felling Food Network, along with many other charities, has faced challenges during the continuing cost of living crisis. We have seen the cost of our food parcels double in price and food donations fall, while the requests and referrals for help, continue to increase.

Over the reporting period we have worked with many other organisations including MIND, Oasis, the Melissa Bus, Working Gateshead, as well as Energy and Debt advice workers.

The Felling Food Network continues to support those in need, whilst Signposting to other agencies who can offer further support.

We have recently moved to new premises, which has involved much work and we give thanks to our Volunteers for helping with such a mammoth task.

Annual Report from The Chair

The Felling Food Network faced many challenges this past year due to running costs, reduction in food donations and monetary donations. The cost-of-living crisis impacted on the charity when purchasing food for food parcels due to the increasing food prices.

The Felling Food Network also experienced an increase in people attending the Felling Hub each week needing help with food support due to the challenges with rising energy prices and the cost-of-living crisis.



For the charity to continue through the challenges and provide food support and advise /signposting to the most vulnerable in the community, we had to apply for more pots of funding available as we were providing between 40-45 food parcels each week

The Felling Food Network had many successes this past year, and as Chair I am so proud of the charity's achievements which has all been possible working together as a team.

- Since opening in April 2019, we moved to our first building, the Felling Hub which is situated in the heart of the community.
 - We welcomed our new Trustee/Treasurer in May.
 - We welcomed new volunteers to our team, and sadly said goodbye to volunteers who had been with us a long time due to ill health and change in circumstances.
 - We opened our kitchen in July to provide hot/cold meals each week for those people attending for food support, we held HAF during the summer holidays where arts and craft activities and meals were provided to families.
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Annual Report from The Chair



- We celebrated the Platinum Jubilee event by providing a buffet.

- We held fundraising fair events at the Felling Hub and attended local fair events to raise monies for the Charity.



- We supported families at a local school by providing food support and new toys for children for Christmas.
- We work with organisations and receive referrals from them for people needing food support.
- On 14 December 2022, we provided 70 Christmas meals to those people attending the foodbank that week for food parcels.

Annual Report from The Chair



- We have worked with many organisations and held events at the Felling Hub such as the Melissa Bus event where people attending for food support had access to advisors to help with many issues from energy, housing, health, mental health, debt and employment.

As Chair, I would like to thank Trustees, Angela and Anne for their hard work dedication, and support throughout the year. I would like to thank our team of volunteers for their time, dedication, and hard work throughout the year.

As Founder/Chair, I would like to thank the Funders and the organisations listed on our website for their kind support throughout the year.

Finally, a thank you to our supporters for their kind support throughout the year with either food donations or monetary donations or fundraising.

Thank You.

Sonya Dickie

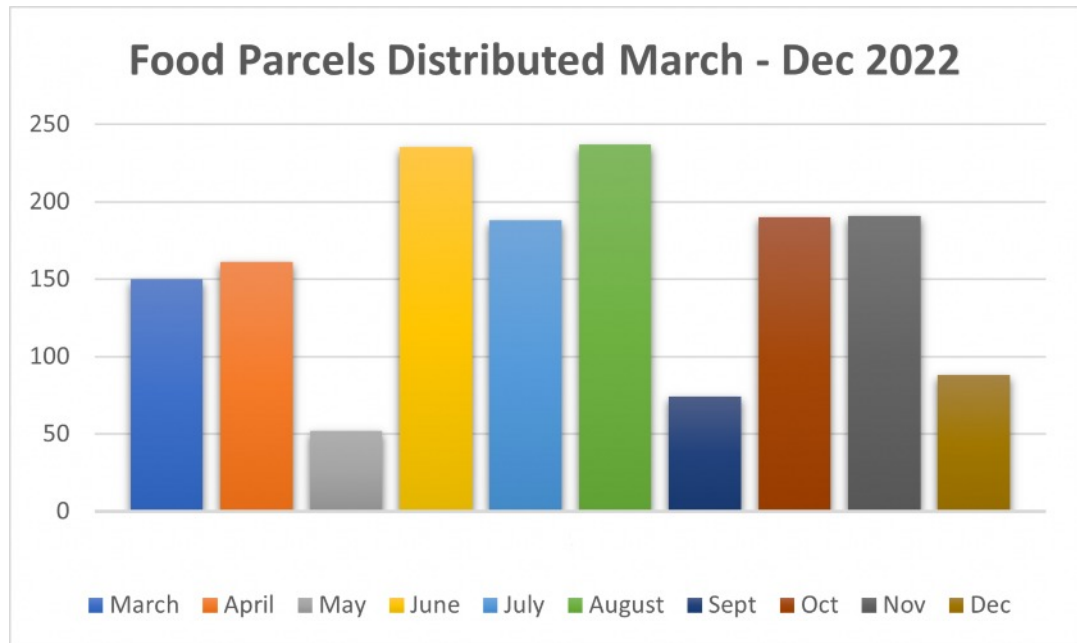
Founder/Trustee/Chair
The Felling Food Network



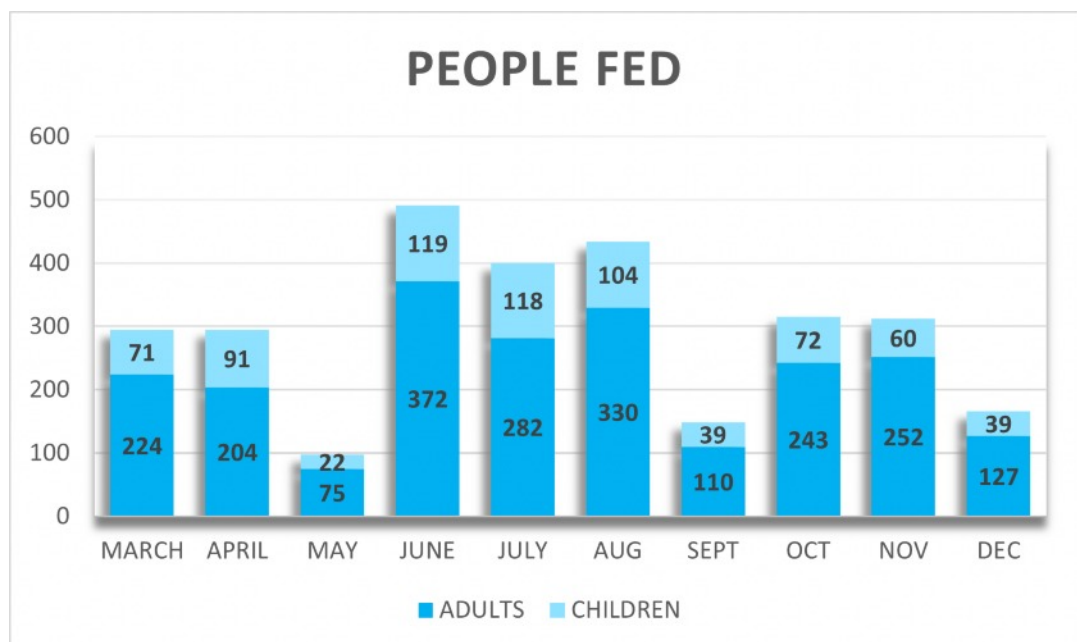
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Facts & Figures

During the 10 month reporting period, we handed out a total of 1254 Food Parcels:



We Fed a Total of 2239 Adults and 715 Children:



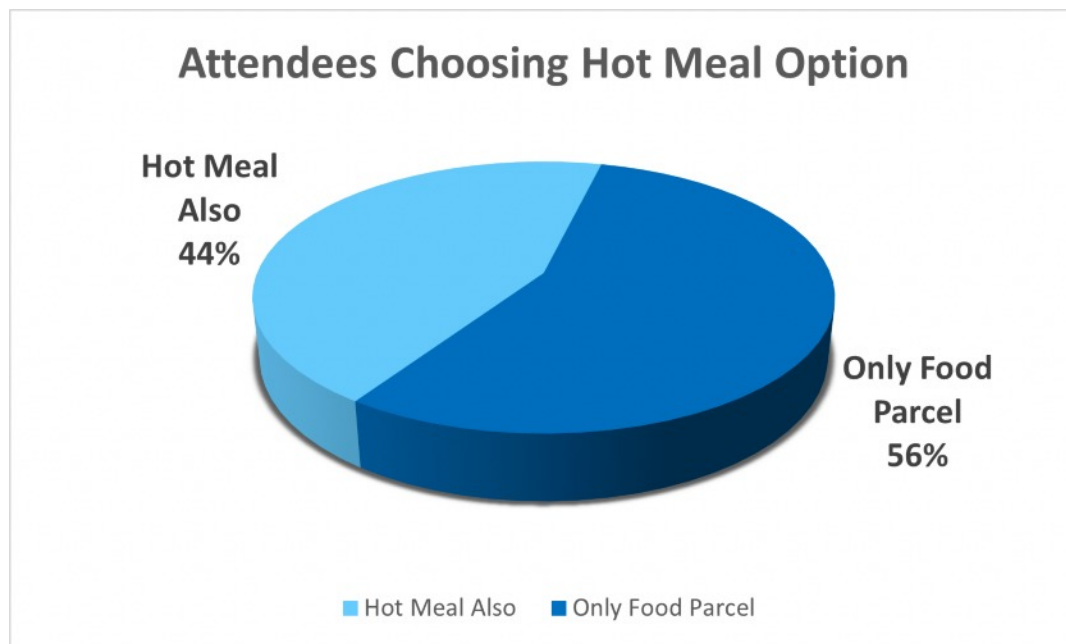


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Facts & Figures

The Network's Kitchen was ready to open for Hot Meals in mid-July. Prior to the Hot Meal option, we had fed people with sandwiches, fruit and a sweet offering, such as biscuits along with tea, coffee, chocolate or Cup-a-Soup.

The Chart below shows the percentage of people taking up the option of a Hot Meal Offering. Almost half the people attending the Food Network, opted for a Hot Meal, along with their Food Parcel.



Thanks

The Felling Food Network would like to Thank the following Organisations for their help and support:

Gateshead Metropolitan Council
The Greggs Foundation
Ezoic UK
Lidl
Neighbourly
Warburtons
Heron's Food
The Melissa Bus
MIND

The Schooner, Gateshead for providing a chef to cook hot meals.

And of course, all our Volunteers and Helpers who kindly donate their time and effort for the benefit of the Community.

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Registered Charity No. 1198236

**Financial Statements
for the Period Ended
31 December 2022**

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Charity Name: The Felling Food Network

Charity No: 1198236

Registered Office:
18 Havelock Close
GATESHEAD
NE8 1QX

Trustees:

Sonya Dickie (Chair)

Angela Knox (Treasurer)

Anne Wheeler

Independent Examiner:

Darren Thompson
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44 Witton Drive
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the Trustees	The Felling Food Network
Charity No	1198236
On the accounts for period ended	31 December 2022
Set out on pages	5-7

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner:

The Trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- ☐ examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2001 Act.
- ☐ follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.
- ☐ to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's statement:

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 present a 'true and fair view', and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiners statement:

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- ☐ the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- ☐ the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- ☐ the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I 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.

Darren Thompson

FutureSkills North East CIC
44 Witton Drive
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Co. Durham DL16 6LU

Date: 15/5/2023

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Receipts and Payments Account

14th March 2022 - 31 December 2022

	Notes	Restricted	Unrestricted	2022
		£	£	£
Receipts				
Events		-	477.00	477.00
Donations		-	8,431.00	8,431.00
Grants	3	23,750.00	-	23,750.00
		-	-	-
Total Receipts		23,750.00	8,908.00	32,658.00
Payments				
Charitable activities	4	14,621.00	789.00	15,410.00
Fundraising costs		-	244.00	244.00
Legal fees	5	-	5,299.00	5,299.00
Office costs		-	1,381.00	1,381.00
Total payments		14,621.00	7,713.00	22,334.00
Surplus/Deficit for the period		9,129.00	1,195.00	10,324.00
		-	-	-
Funds carried brought forward	6	-	22,974.00	22,974.00
Funds carried forward as at 31st December 2022		9,129.00	24,169.00	33,298.00

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31 December 2022

		2022
	Notes	£
Current assets:		
Cash at bank and in hand		33,298.00
Total current assets:		33,298.00
Current liabilities:		
Total current liabilities:		-
Net assets:		33,298.00
Represented by:		
Restricted reserves	7	9,129.00
Unrestricted reserves	8	24,169.00
Total funds:	9	33,298.00

The financial statements were approved on behalf of the Board of Trustees:

Signed:*Cllr S Dickie*..... Position: Chair

Signed: ..*A. Knox*..... Position: Treasurer

Signed:*A Wheeler*..... Position: Secretary

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Notes to the accounts as at 31 December 2022

1	The Felling Food Network is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, Charity No.1198236 registered on 14 th March 2022. The organisation is governed by a Board of Trustees. The organisation has no paid staff.
2	The accounts are prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> This includes:<input type="checkbox"/> Ezoic UK - £250.00<input type="checkbox"/> Greggs Foundation - £20,000.00<input type="checkbox"/> LHG - £2,500.00<input type="checkbox"/> HAF Summer 22 - £500.00<input type="checkbox"/> Neighbourly - £500.00
4	This includes purchases of food and small items of equipment.
5	This includes legal fees incurred for establishing charitable registration.
6	This includes funding received prior to charitable registration.
7	This includes funding set aside for specific purpose as agreed with individual funders.
8	This includes funding available to the charity without restriction to achieve its charitable objectives.
9	Total funds available to the charity as at 31.12.2022.