



The Felling Food Network

Cadet Building, off Wellington Street, Felling, Gateshead, NE10 0BH Charity No 1198236

The Chairs Annual Report

The Chair firstly mentioned how The Felling Food Network had relocated from the Felling Hub in July 2023 to the Cadet Building, off Wellington Street, Felling, Gateshead, NE10 0BF. Our new venue is smaller, but we do have more outside space. Upon moving to the Cadet Building in July 2023, The Felling Food Network did not reopen within the Felling community until the end of January 2024.

The Chair explained how the Charity has introduced new policies:-

- * Personal Safety Awareness for Trustees, Volunteers, and members.
- * an appointment system.
- * a new referral system for those members who have obtained food support previously from the Charity either long or short term.

The Chair highlighted that food donations had still not improved over the past year and that funding had been applied for to purchase food for the food parcels and other personal hygiene and household items needed to support the most vulnerable. However monetary donations had been received for the Charity and we thanked everyone for their kindness and support as the donations helped to continue our work.

The Chair mentioned with the Treasurers help and support they both attended a local venue during 2023 to raise funds for The Felling Food Network by selling arts and crafts that they had made.

The Felling Food Network received funding from Gateshead Council which helped the Charity to provide a warm space area for those attending the foodbank to have a relaxing atmosphere to sit down with a tea or coffee and a sandwich.

The Chair would like to raise the important work The Felling Food Network is doing within the community regarding the prevention and relief of poverty. The Chair has been linking the Charity with many organisations to support this work. Felling is a ward of deprivation, and The Felling Food Network is not only supporting the most vulnerable in Felling and the surrounding areas in relation to Food Insecurity, but also by raising awareness on health and wellbeing by holding events and holding events on cost-of-living issues.

The Felling Food Network worked with a local school at Easter to provide families with food support during the holidays and Easter eggs for the children.

We have the Recovery Partnership who are based in Gateshead, attending our foodbank sessions to provide help/support. They have a community of people both working and ambassadors who work voluntarily who have lived experience with alcohol and substance misuse.

The Felling Food Network has also held events at the Charity on important issues:-

- Energy
- Gambling
- Stop the Loan Shark
- Cancer Awareness

The Chair is also delighted that the gardening project within the charity is beginning this year, after receiving LCF funding which would enable the charity to purchase gardening equipment. The Chair is linking the gardening project to raise The Felling Food Networks work on awareness and support on mental health, isolation, by linking with other organisations, and looking for volunteers. The gardening project will allow the charity to grow some produce over the year to provide to those people attending the foodbank for food support and in the future provide some meals from the produce.

Finally, the Chair thanked the Trustees for their hard work and support and to our dedicated team of volunteers for all their hard work and support throughout the year.

SDickie

Sonya Dickie (Chair)

The Felling Food Network dated: 21.10.2025

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Charity Number 1198236

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Registered charity name	The Felling Food Network
Charity number	1198236
Registered office	18 Havelock Close Ga 1QXteshead NE8 1QX
Trustees and Members of the Board	Sonya Dickie (Chair) Angela Knox (Treasurer) Anne Wheeler
Financial reviewerIndependent Examiner	Doug Maltman FMAAT Connected Voice Business Services One Strawberry Lane Newcastle upon Tyne. NE1 4BX.
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Financial Statements

**For the Year Ended
31 December 2024**

I have examined the accounting records of 'name' for the Year ended 31 December 2024 from the information and explanations supplied.

I confirm that no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect accounting records have not been properly kept or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records.

Signed: *D G Maltman*

Position: **Financial reviewer**

Date: **21.10.2025**

**Connected Voice Business Services
One Strawberry Lane
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NE1 4BX**

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Receipts and Payments Account
For the Year Ended 31st December 2024

	Restricted	Unrestricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Events			-	533
Donations		1,523	1,523	3,041
Grants	2,280	500	2,780	3,000
Refunds	52		52	93
Total Receipts	2,332	2,023	4,355	6,667
Payments				
Charitable activities	2,093	772	2,865	300
Fundraising costs			-	70
Legal Fees			-	-
Office costs	1,354	2,514	3,867	14,283
Funding Returned	2,032		2,032	-
Total Payments	5,479	3,286	8,764	14,653
Surplus/Deficit for the period	(3,147)	(1,263)	(4,409)	(7,986)
Funds brought forward	5,332	19,980	25,312	33,298
Funds carried forward as at 31st December 2024	2,185	18,718	20,903	25,312

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities At 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets:		
Cash at bank and in hand	20,903	25,312
Total current assets	20,903	25,312
Current liabilities:		
Total current liabilities	-	-
Net assets:	20,903	25,312
Represented by:		
Restricted reserves	18,718	5,332
Unrestricted reserves	2,185	19,980
Total funds	20,903	25,312
Signed on behalf of the Trustees	<u><i>SDickie</i></u>	
Name	<u>Sonya Dickie (Chair)</u>	
Date	<u>21.10.2025</u>	

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis. An audit is not required by the charity's constitution and has not been requested by the trustees.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with 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.

The Felling Food Network meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

3 Receipts

3.1 Recognition of receipts

Receipts are recognised when the charity has received the resources, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of receipt have been met.

3.2 Grants and donations

Receipts from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has received the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met.

3.3 Donated goods and services

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.

Donated services and facilities are included in the Statement of Receipts and Payments when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided that the value of the gift can be measured reliably. Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as a receipt with the equivalent amount recognised as a payment under the appropriate heading in the Statement of Receipts and Payments.

3.4 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when received.

3.5 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

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4 Expenditure and liabilities

4.1 Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

4.2 Charitable activities

Payments on charitable activities includes the costs of work and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

4.3 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

4.4 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the payment was incurred.