

Report of the Trustee and
Financial Statements
for the Year Ending 25 October 2023
for
Feed The Community CIO

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Report of the Trustees **For the Year Ending 25 October 2023**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 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 relief of financial hardship amongst people in Grimsby and Cleethorpes and the surrounding area or in other parts of the United Kingdom 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, and; b. Such other means, including (but not limited to) the provision of support or signposting to relevant information and other advisory services.

Background

Feed the Community started as an idea to help relieve families facing food poverty in Grimsby and Cleethorpes. To fulfil this aim, the charity opened a food bank, currently housed at a local church in an area of high unemployment and lower income households. But a hugely rich and diverse community.

Achievements During Financial Year & public Benefit

The main achievement of the charity has been the setting up of larger premises and reaching a wider area of people in need. Feed the Community is open Monday 11-2pm at St. Christopher's Church and is available for approximately 50 weeks of the year.

The food bank is in Alliance with 2 other Food Banks in different areas of North East Lincolnshire. We share a information system so that people in need can use an alternative venues if they are not able to attend with us on a Monday.

The charity works with Supermarkets through the Neighbourly platform, redistributing perfectly edible surplus food.

We have volunteers who collect this surplus food every week. The food donations add an estimated £50-£100 worth of ambient food most weeks. However, this is not guaranteed, so that charity does in those circumstances top up the donations ensuring there is always plenty potatoes, carrots and onions in addition to the food parcels provided.

In total from September 2022 to 25th October 2023 the food bank gave out 2,201 food parcels, supporting 2,895 adults and 2,045 children, each parcel containing emergency food for three meals a day for three days. Use of our Service has increased by 66%.

Un used donated food, is distributed to pensioners in a local area. Food that is not fit for consumption is given to local allotment association for compost.

For the three weeks in January and February the charity worked alongside a national fuel poverty charity identifying service users who required extra help with their energy bills due to having arrears or due to disability costs. The charity is aiming to do this again this winter.

Over the winter period the charity was able to further help people keep warm by distributing thick coats, blankets and a craft group gave hats scarfs and gloves.

There was also a large number of homeless individuals that were signposted to other relevant agencies for further help and support.

The charity has hosted community events, such as coffee mornings and jumble sales, children's activities such as litter picks and a Teddy Bears Picnic which was hugely successful.

Feed the Community is dedicated to helping those who regardless of circumstances

Volunteers & partner agencies

The charity relies upon the valued support of its volunteers and partner agencies.

Weekly we have 6 volunteers at the food bank giving 1,200 hours per year

Weekly 7 Fundraisers volunteering over 1,300 hours per year

Future Goals & Developments

Future aims are to improve understanding in managing a budget, offering advice on food handling and preparation. Recipe ideas and how to cook quick, simple and nutritious meals using easy techniques. The charity is looking forward to working on this with the Lincolnshire Coop who will be printing the recipe booklets and distributing them to food banks locally.

The charity also is looking forward to working with Go Fish allotment group to encourage service users to "grow their own" using containers and a sunny windowsill. This can also be done with the children's groups who also use the church premises.

The charity has been extremely successful in raising the funds to provide the food the food bank requires on a week-by-week basis and has built up a healthy reserve of funds should numbers of attendees continue to rise.

The charity is looking at renting a suitable space that, along with our storage locker can be used to take more professional photographs of our donated items, utilising other online platforms to reach a wider audience. Freeing up the time and the space taken up in volunteer's own homes to currently list the auction lots. Have a dedicated collection and drop off point, hopefully recruiting more volunteers to accomplish these smaller roles within the charity.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

On 26 May 2023, The Charity adopted a three month formal Reserves Policy to help cover increased shortfalls in food Donations and demand from the local people for the foodbank service due to increased poverty.

Going concern

The trustees consider that the Charity will remain a going concern for at least one year from the date of their approval of the financial statements.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation Model) and was registered on 14th April 2022.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Charity recruits' new trustees by way of recommendation, induction and supervision until they are comfortable and effective in their role.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number: 1198636

Principal address

St Christophers Food Bank
St Christophers Methodist Church
Convamore Road
Grimsby, DN32 9PA

| Trustees | Date of Appointment | Date of Resignation |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Susan Williams | 25 October 2020 | |
| Deborah Burley | 25 October 2020 | |
| Lindsey Dickenson | 25 October 2020 | 25 April 2023 |
| Tiffany Berry | 26 May 2023 | |
| Sandra Brown | 06 September 2023 | |
| Hazel Abey | 30 October 2023 | |

Approved by order of the board of trustees 4th November 2023 and signed on its behalf by: Susan Williams Trustee

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

For the Year Ending 25 October 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 25/10/2023.

As the charity's trustees, 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 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.

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

- the accounting records were kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed



4/11/2023

Adrian Alan Wilson

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Statement of Financial Activities For the Year Ending 25 October 2023

| | <i>Notes</i> | <u>2023</u> Restricted | <u>2023</u> Unrestricted | <u>2023</u> Total | <u>2022</u> |
|--|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Income from Charitable Activities | | | | | |
| Fundraising | | | £16,973 | £16,973 | £10,571 |
| Grants | 2 | £1,000 | | £1,000 | |
| Donations | | | £8,438 | £8,438 | |
| Sale of Vehicle Parts | | | £110 | £110 | |
| Total Income | | £1,000 | £25,521 | £26,521 | £10,571 |
| Expenditure on Charitable Activities | | | | | |
| Food Bank Stock | | £1,000 | £12,919 | £13,919 | £2,489 |
| Cost of Fundraising | | | | | |
| Stationery/Advertising & Other Running Costs | | | £70 | £70 | £191 |
| Volunteer Expenses | 3 | | £1,674 | £1,674 | £503 |
| Storage Costs | | | £626 | £626 | £157 |
| Motor Vehicle (Van) Fuel | | | £100 | £100 | £130 |
| Motor Vehicle (Van) On Road Costs | | | £475 | £475 | |
| Vehicle Insurance/Road Tax | | | £699 | £699 | £656 |
| Fundraising Public Liability Insurance | | | £925 | £925 | |
| Training | | | £157 | £157 | |
| Bank/Card Costs | | | £24 | £24 | £4 |
| Small Equipment Costs | | | £106 | £106 | |
| Depreciation of Motor Vehicle | | | £528 | £528 | £44 |
| Total Expenditure | | £1,000 | £18,303 | £19,303 | £4,174 |
| Net Gains | | £0 | £7,218 | £7,218 | £6,397 |
| Movement In Funds | | | | | |
| Nat Gains 2023 | | £0 | £7,218 | £7,218 | |
| Net Gains 2022 | | £0 | £6,397 | £6,397 | |
| Total Cash Fund 2023 | | £0 | £13,615 | £13,615 | |

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Balance Sheet

For the Year Ending 25 October 2023

| Fixed Assets | Notes | <u>2023</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | Restricted | Unrestricted | Total | |
| Motor Vehicle | 4 | | £1,028 | £1,028 | £1,556 |
| Current Assets | | | | | |
| Cash at Bank | | | £12,587 | £12,587 | £4,841 |
| Creditors | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | | | | | |
| Net Assets | | <u>£0</u> | £13,615 | £13,615 | £6,397 |
| Funds | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | 5 | <u>£0</u> | £13,615 | £13,615 | £6,397 |

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Notes to the Financial Statements **For the Year Ending 25 October 2023**

1. 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

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

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

All fixed assets are recorded initially at cost.

The cost of minor additions or those costing less than £1,000 are not capitalised.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life. Motor Vehicles 33%

TAXATION

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

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.

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|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Restricted Income | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
| | | £Nil |
| North Bank Forum | £ 500 | |
| Forum CIO | £ 500 | |
| 2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
| | £ 333 | £Nil |
| Lindsey Dickenson Reimbursed for Fuel used for Fundraising | | |
| 3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS | £ | £ |
| Cost or Valuation | £1,556 | £1,600 |
| Depreciation 1 Month | £ 528 | £ 44 |
| Net Book Value as at 25 October 2022 | £1,028 | £1,556 |

4. MOVEMENT OF FUNDS

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------|---------------|
| Opening Funds | £ 6,397 | £0 |
| Net movement in funds | £ 7,218 | £6,397 |
| Closing movement in funds | £13,615 | <u>£6,397</u> |