

**DERBY FOOD 4 THOUGHT ALLIANCE**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR**

**31 MARCH 2025**

**Charity Registration Number 1198665**

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**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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# **DERBY FOOD 4 THOUGHT ALLIANCE**

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Board of Trustees**

Ejaz Sarwar  
Jane Whitney  
Sarah Fowler

### **Chief Executive Officer**

Paul Brookhouse

### **Registered office**

30 Charnwood Street  
Derby  
DE1 1GU

### **Independent Examiner**

Mark Newey  
Derby Community Accountancy Service  
Babington Lodge  
128 Green Lane  
Derby  
DE1 1RY

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### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

#### **YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements of the organisation for the year ended 31 March 2025.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The aims of the charity shall be to:

For the public benefit, the prevention or relief of poverty in Derby, in particular but not exclusively by providing emergency food supplies and related provisions to individuals in need and to other charitable organisations in Derby working to prevent or relieve poverty

#### **SUMMARY OF THE MAIN ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN RELATION TO THESE OBJECTS**

In planning the activities for the year, the Charity kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and in all its meetings the Trustees ensured that this was the driving force behind the Charity's activities.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

- Despite increased pressures of demand for service, lead to us being less than 4 weeks away from running out of funds in August, to ending the year in the best financial position since becoming an independent charity in 2023.
- Distributed 19,575 food parcels with partners, ensuring that those facing food insecurity were supported during the cost-of-living crisis.
- This equated to £465,873 retail value of food making 176,175 meals within those parcels
- We supported 22848 Adults and 14283 children through these parcels
- We redistributed over £210,000 of surplus food that could have ended in landfill - increase of over £40,000 from last year
- For 2<sup>nd</sup> year in row we raised and spent over £100, 000 on purchasing food to ensure we could meet the supply and demand of those in need.
- Provided Christmas support on top of normal food parcel provision we provided 2642 meals via hampers or hot meals equating to 21,105 meals, including over 3200 children.
- We have supported with over 1200 applications for Household Fund support, winter essentials & over 800 children with school uniform in our summer campaign.
- We successfully secured funding to launch our new furniture and electrical project, helping those facing the challenge of making 'home' or eating.
- Led on 2 child poverty summits as part of our role within the Derby Poverty Commission and played leading role in development of Derby's Anti-Poverty Strategy.

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- Continued to increase the partner projects who work with us to a total of 19 food bank or community shop or pantries meaning we have offer in all wards of the city and over 30 warm welcome style projects.
- We have started development of a Derby membership scheme for accessing food support and working with external partner to open Derby's 1<sup>st</sup> Community Shop selling surplus food items at low cost.
- Took over the running of 1 community hub that was at risk of collapse and set up a new offer in one ward of the city. We are progressing to handover the 2 Warm welcomes we took over during last financial year.
- Celebrated 5 years of Derby food 4 Thought Alliance in March 2025.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance has as its registered office 30 Charnwood Street, Derby, DE1 1GU. is a CIO (charity registration No. 1198665) and registered with the Charity Commission on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

### **Trustee selection**

The Trustees yearly undertake a skills audit to ascertain those skills that are required of trustees. Efforts are made to recruit as Trustees persons who have among them the range of skills necessary or desirable for the conduct of the Charity's work and fulfilment of its objects in its field of operation.

### **Risk management policy**

The Trustees examine the major risks facing Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance annually when updating business plans. Systems have been developed to monitor and counter such risks, to lessen any impact they may have in the future.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Reserves Policy**

The charity has a reserves policy to hold three months running costs in reserves. At 31 March 2025 the charity had unrestricted reserves of £31,716.

### **Independent Examiner**

Mark Newey of Derby Community Accountancy Service and will be in office as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

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Registered office:  
30 Charnwood Street  
Derby  
DE1 1GU

Signed on behalf of the trustees



Approved by the committee on

Ejaz Sarwar

Trustee

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF DERBY FOOD 4 THOUGHT ALLIANCE

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 16.

### **Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner**

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

M. Newey

Mark Newey ACMA  
Derby Community Accountancy Service  
Babington Lodge  
128 Green Lane  
Derby  
DE1 1RY

12/6/2025

Date

**DERBY FOOD 4 THOUGHT ALLIANCE**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2025	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2024
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations	3	125,758	17,000	142,758	178,693
Charitable activities	4	65,178	132,026	197,204	157,304
Other income	5	-	-	-	306
Investment income	6	13	-	13	3
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<u>190,949</u>	<u>149,026</u>	<u>339,975</u>	<u>336,306</u>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>					
Raising funds		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		<u>159,068</u>	<u>117,325</u>	<u>276,393</u>	<u>300,100</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	7	<u>159,068</u>	<u>117,325</u>	<u>276,393</u>	<u>300,100</u>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>		<b>31,881</b>	<b>31,701</b>	<b>63,582</b>	<b>36,206</b>
Transfer between funds		<u>(912)</u>	<u>912</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year</b>		<b>30,969</b>	<b>32,613</b>	<b>63,582</b>	<b>36,206</b>
Balances brought forward		<u>747</u>	<u>35,459</u>	<u>36,206</u>	<u>-</u>
Balances carried forward		<u><u>31,716</u></u>	<u><u>68,072</u></u>	<u><u>99,788</u></u>	<u><u>36,206</u></u>

The Board has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the organisation are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 8 to 16 form part of these financial statements.



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## BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 2025

	Note	31 Mar 2025 £	31 Mar 2024 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets		-	-
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		106,591	44,139
Debtors	10	8,547	7,196
		<u>115,138</u>	<u>51,335</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	<u>15,350</u>	<u>15,129</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>99,788</b>	<b>36,206</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>99,788</b>	<b>36,206</b>
<b>Net assets/(liabilities)</b>		<b>99,788</b>	<b>36,206</b>
<b>Funds</b>			
Restricted Funds	12	68,072	35,459
General Funds	12	31,716	747
Designated Funds	12	-	-
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<b>99,788</b>	<b>36,206</b>

The financial statements were approved by the members of the trustees on the and signed on their behalf by:



Ejaz Sarwar  
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

### 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:

#### Organisation information

Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance's registered office is 30 Charnwood Street, Derby, DE1 1GU, At the end of the year there were 3 trustees.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The organisation is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in Sterling which is the functional currency of the organisation. Monetary amounts in these financial statements to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared on historical cost convention apart from freehold property that is carried at market value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

These are accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 are prepared in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland. The impact on the reported financial position and financial performance for the previous year are not affected by the transition to FRS 102.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Board have a reasonable expectation that the organisation has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Board continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

#### 1.3 Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Board in furtherance of the general objectives of the organisation.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Board for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the organisation is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Gifts in kind have been included at market value of gifts received and in assets acquired. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

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#### 1.5 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Fund-raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in the support of the charitable activities.

#### 1.6 Debtors

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

#### 1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.8 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the organisation 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. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

#### 1.9 Financial instruments

The organisation has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

##### *Derecognition of financial liabilities*

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the organisation's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the year in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the board is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### 1.11 Taxation

The organisation is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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#### 1.12 Depreciation

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:-

Asset category	Annual rate
Equipment	20%

#### 2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the organisation's accounting policies, the committee are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimated and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

#### 3. Voluntary income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year to 31 Mar 2025 £	Year to 31Mar 2024 £
Donations	125,758	17,000	142,758	178,693
	<u>125,758</u>	<u>17,000</u>	<u>142,758</u>	<u>178,693</u>

#### 4. Grants receivable

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year to 31 Mar 2025 £	Year to 31 Mar 2024 £
Community Action Derby	25,178	61,428	86,606	40,598
Derby City Council	-	418	418	-
Community Matters	-	-	-	9,555
Foundation Derbyshire	-	18,100	18,100	13,977
LandAid	-	-	-	804
National Grid	-	-	-	4,000
National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	88,370
Electrical Safety First	-	5,000	5,000	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	-	41,580	41,580	-
DACP Ltd	-	1,000	1,000	-
Vernon Robert Bowmer Charitable Trust	40,000	-	40,000	-
The Grocers Charity	-	4,500	4,500	-
	<u>65,178</u>	<u>132,026</u>	<u>197,204</u>	<u>157,304</u>

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### YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

#### 5 Sundry Income

	Year To 31 Mar 2025 £	Year to 31 Mar 2024 £
Other	-	306
	<u>-</u>	<u>306</u>

#### 6 Interest receivable

	Year to 31 Mar 2025 £	Year to 31 Mar 2024 £
Bank interest	13	3
	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>

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#### 7. Total resources expended

	Total Funds Year to Mar 2025 £	Total Funds Year to 31 Mar 2024 £
Administration	3,551	2,431
Equipment	1,701	428
Expenses	980	842
Fees	17,537	18,663
Freelance workers	30,999	30,104
Insurance	2,606	1,719
Maintenance	1,933	1,859
Rent	30,134	29,226
Service delivery costs	95,056	118,735
Sundry costs	3,562	1,833
Telephone, printing and stationery	1,173	669
Training	110	198
Utility costs	3,379	2,033
Vehicle costs	2,647	3,997
Salary costs	81,025	87,363
	<u>276,393</u>	<u>300,100</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £276,393 (2024: £300,100) of which £117,325 was restricted (2024 £121,845)

#### 8. Net (expenditure)/income

	Year to 31 Mar 2025 £	Year to 31 Mar 2024 £
Independent examiner's Fees	<u>1,000</u>	<u>750</u>

#### 9. The Board and key management personnel

During the year the Board members did not receive remuneration for their roles as Trustees. The key management personnel of the organisation consist of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and other members of the senior management team.

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The aggregate payroll costs were:

	Year to 31 Mar 2025 £	Year to 31 Mar 2024 £
Wages and salaries	75,567	81,612
National Insurance	1,213	1,548
Pension	4,245	4,203
	<u>81,025</u>	<u>87,363</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 per annum. No trustees were reimbursed for expenditure.

#### Particulars of employees:

The average number of staff employed by the organisation during the financial year amounted to:

	Year to 31 Mar 2025 No	Year to To Mar 2024 No
Direct Charitable Staff	5	5
Administration	-	-
	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

#### 10. Debtors:

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepaid expenses	7,180	7,196
Sundry	1,367	-
	<u>8,547</u>	<u>7,196</u>

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#### 11. Creditors:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salary costs	4,753	12,321
Sundry creditors	10,597	2,808
	<u>15,350</u>	<u>15,129</u>

#### 12. Statement of funds

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	At 31Mar 2025 £
<b>General reserve</b>	747	190,949	(159,068)	(912)	31,716
<b>Designated Funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total unrestricted funds</b>	<u>747</u>	<u>190,949</u>	<u>(159,068)</u>	<u>(912)</u>	<u>31,716</u>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
<b>Community Action Derby</b>					
Maths Multiplier	990	-	(990)	-	-
Warm Welcome	5,828	50,790	(47,099)	-	9,519
UKSPF	16,607	-	(16,607)	-	-
Acorn Close Friendship Group	-	798	(1,100)	417	115
Community Care Hub	-	4,174	(4,419)	495	250
<b>Community Matters</b>					
WW Support	2,605	-	(2,605)	-	-
Energy	(749)	-	749	-	-
Warm Welcome	1,100	-	(1,100)	-	-
Radiator	74	-	(74)	-	-
Fuel	618	-	(618)	-	-
<b>Foundation Derbyshire (Our abbey)</b>	-	17,000	(10,462)	-	6,538
LandAid	159	-	(159)	-	-
National Grid	4,000	-	(4,000)	-	-
NLCB – Awards for All	4,227	-	(4,227)	-	-
Furniture Project	-	74,080	(23,566)	-	50,514
Food 4 Life (Foundation Derbyshire)	-	1,100	(214)	-	886
Filbert Walk	-	1,084	(834)	-	250
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>35,459</u>	<u>149,026</u>	<u>(117,325)</u>	<u>912</u>	<u>68,072</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>36,206</u>	<u>339,975</u>	<u>(276,393)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,788</u>



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## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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### **RESTRICTED FUNDS**

#### **Community Action Derby**

Maths Multiplier – Fund to help individuals learn some basic maths skills through support of food banks in partnership with Community Action Derby

Warm Welcome – Fund to support residents of Abbey Ward with a place to go to get support, food during winter months in partnership with Community Action Derby

UKSPF – Fund to support residents of Derby with various food provision who are accessing our services, including food parcels and meals in partnership with Community Action Derby

#### **Community Matters Fund**

Fund to support residents of Derby during the winter months with a mixture of warm welcome, energy packs and items that will help keep their houses

#### **Derbyshire Community Foundation**

Funding via the Tom Carey Fund & Walbrook Fund to support the work of our warm welcome in Abbey ward and the running costs of our storage unit.

#### **Land Aid**

Fund to support refugees with vital support.

#### **National Grid**

Fund to support residents of Derby in winter months with warm welcome offer and other support services.

#### **National Lottery**

Cost of Living Fund & Awards for All Funds to support the staffing and delivery costs of our core work to support those facing food insecurity over winter months

#### **Acorn Close Friendship Group**

The fund was spent on a monthly Warm Welcome and support.

#### **Community Care Hub**

Weekly Warm Welcome and Food provision to support residents of Spondon.

#### **Foundation Derbyshire (Our Abbey)**

Weekly Warm welcome provision based in Abbey Ward.

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### Furniture Project

A new initiative re-using good quality furniture and electrical items to support households setting up home for first time and those in crisis situations.

### Food 4 Life (Foundation Derbyshire)

A small voluntary project that runs a breakfast club the charity supports.

### Filbert Walk

Weekly Warm welcome and food provision to support residents of Chellaston.

## 12. Analysis of net assets

	Tangible fixed assets	Other net assets	Total
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
	£	£	£
General Funds	-	31,716	31,716
Restricted Funds			
<b>Community Action Derby</b>			
Warm Welcome	-	9,519	9,519
Acorn Close Friendship Group	-	115	115
Community Care Club	-	250	250
<b>Foundation Derbyshire Our Abbey</b>	-	6,538	6,538
<b>Furniture Project</b>	-	50,514	50,514
<b>Food 4 Life (Foundation Derbyshire)</b>	-	886	886
<b>Filbert Walk</b>	-	250	250
	<u>-</u>	<u>99,788</u>	<u>99,788</u>

## 13. Related party transactions

One trustee is an employee of Community Action Derby, a charity that gave funding to the value of £86,606 to Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance.