

Charity registration number: 1199536

**COVENTRY FOOD NETWORK  
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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## **Coventry Food Network Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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

### **Objectives and Activities**

#### **Aims and Objectives**

The purpose of Coventry Food Network is to promote the voluntary sector for the benefit of the public in Coventry, Warwickshire, and its environs by providing advice, support, information and training to voluntary organisations working to relieve poverty.

#### **Public Benefit**

During this period, Coventry Food Network focused on addressing food insecurity by distributing funds to organisations that provide food support. Additionally, the charity provided advice and support to 15 food hubs across Coventry, ensuring efficient operations and the delivery of food to those in need.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

#### **Grant Making**

The trustees may make grants to organisations where this is considered an appropriate way of furthering the charity's charitable objects.

Grant decisions are made by the trustees, having regard to the purposes of the proposed activity and the availability of funds.

### **Achievements and Performance**

#### **Main Achievements**

This year, the charity partnered with several funding bodies to ensure sustainable support for food hubs. These partnerships enabled significant progress in the following areas:

- **Funding Distribution:** Financial resources were allocated to local organisations, empowering them to expand their outreach and support services.
- **Food Hubs Support:** Advice and operational guidance were provided to 15 food hubs, strengthening their capacity to meet growing demand.
- **Collaboration:** Partnerships with funding bodies enhanced the ability to identify and address community needs effectively.

Through these efforts, the charity directly contributed to the alleviation of poverty and hunger in the region.

### **Financial Review**

#### **Financial Position**

Looking ahead, the charity aims to:

- Expand support to additional food hubs in the region.
- Strengthen partnerships with funding bodies to secure long-term sustainability.
- Provide further training and resources to improve the efficiency and impact of voluntary organisations addressing food poverty.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

#### **Governing Document**

The charity is constituted as a charitable incorporated organisation, governed by a board of trustees. Trustees meet regularly to discuss strategy, approve fund allocations, and oversee the organisation's operations.

The trustees are committed to maintaining strong governance structures to ensure the effective delivery of the charity's objectives.

**Coventry Food Network  
Trustees' Report (continued)  
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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**Related Parties**

Dianne Williams, a trustee of the charity, is also a trustee of Henley Green Community Trust. During the year, the charity made grants to Henley Green Community Trust amounting to £32,877.

At 31 March 2025, there is a balance outstanding to be distributed to Henley Green Community Trust of £65,321.60.

Thomas Hickinbottom, a trustee of the charity, is also a trustee of The Canley Community Centre. During the year, the charity made grants to The Canley Community Centre amounting to £45,666.

The trustee did not participate in the decision-making process relating to these transactions. The trustees are satisfied that the transactions were undertaken on an arm's length basis and in the best interests of the charity.

**Reference and Administrative Details**

**Trustees**

Mr Thomas Hickinbottom - Trustee  
Mr David Roberts - Trustee  
Mrs Dianne Williams - Chair

**Charity Number**

1199536

**Principal Address**

C/O The Canley Community Centre  
Prior Deram Walk  
Coventry  
CV4 8FT

**Independent Examiner**

Mr L Adams FCCA  
Lexova Accountants Ltd  
Unit 1.25  
Cannock Chase Enterprise Centre  
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**Coventry Food Network  
Trustees' Report (continued)  
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

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*Dianne Williams*

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Mrs Dianne Williams

Trustee

17/02/2026

**Coventry Food Network**  
**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Coventry Food Network**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Coventry Food Network (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

**Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

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**

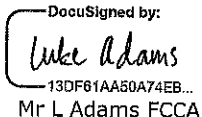
Since the Trust's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents 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.

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Mr L Adams FCCA

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**Coventry Food Network  
Statement of Financial Activities  
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	8,155	650,607	658,762	674,710
Investments	4	15,649	-	15,649	7,582
		<u>23,804</u>	<u>650,607</u>	<u>674,411</u>	<u>682,292</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Charitable activities:	6				
Charitable Activities		(14,933)	(649,119)	(664,052)	(645,287)
		<u>8,871</u>	<u>1,488</u>	<u>10,359</u>	<u>37,005</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>					
		<u>8,871</u>	<u>1,488</u>	<u>10,359</u>	<u>37,005</u>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>					
		<u>8,871</u>	<u>1,488</u>	<u>10,359</u>	<u>37,005</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		61,935	167,916	229,851	192,846
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	13	<u>70,806</u>	<u>169,404</u>	<u>240,210</u>	<u>229,851</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

**Coventry Food Network  
Comparative Statement of Financial Activities  
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2024 Total funds</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>				
Donations and legacies	<b>3</b>	89,563	585,147	674,710
Investments	<b>4</b>	7,582	-	7,582
		<u>97,145</u>	<u>585,147</u>	<u>682,292</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>				
Charitable activities:	<b>6</b>			
Charitable Activities		(60,140)	(585,147)	(645,287)
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<u>37,005</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,005</u>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<u>37,005</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,005</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		24,930	167,916	192,846
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>13</b>	<u>61,935</u>	<u>167,916</u>	<u>229,851</u>

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**Coventry Food Network  
Statement of Financial Position  
As At 31 March 2025**

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	11	-	4,854	4,854	-
Cash at bank and in hand		438,626	182,239	620,865	711,933
		438,626	187,093	625,719	711,933
<b>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b>	12	(367,820)	(17,689)	(385,509)	(482,082)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>		70,806	169,404	240,210	229,851
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		70,806	169,404	240,210	229,851
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		70,806	169,404	240,210	229,851
<b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>					
Restricted Funds				169,404	167,916
Unrestricted Funds				70,806	61,935
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	13			240,210	229,851

On behalf of the board

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*Dianne Williams*

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Mrs Dianne Williams

Trustee

17/02/2026

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**Coventry Food Network  
Statement of Cash Flows  
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Net cash (used in)/generated from operations	1	(106,717)	494,709
Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities		(106,717)	494,709
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Interest received		15,649	7,582
(Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(91,068)	502,291
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	2	711,933	209,642
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	2	620,865	711,933

**Coventry Food Network  
Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows  
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**1. Reconciliation of income to cash (used in)/generated from operations**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net income	10,359	37,005
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Interest income	(15,649)	(7,582)
<i>Movements in working capital:</i>		
Increase in trade and other debtors	(4,854)	-
(Decrease)/increase in trade and other creditors	(96,573)	465,286
Net cash (used in)/generated from operations	<u>(106,717)</u>	<u>494,709</u>

**2. Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents, as stated in the Statement of Cash Flows, relates to the following items in the Balance Sheet:

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>620,865</u>	<u>711,933</u>

**3. Analysis of changes in net funds**

	<b>As at 1 April 2024</b>	<b>Cash flows</b>	<b>As at 31 March 2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>711,933</u>	<u>(91,068)</u>	<u>620,865</u>

## **Coventry Food Network Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

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### **1. General Information**

Coventry Food Network is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1199536. The principal address is C/O The Canley Community Centre, Prior Deram Walk, Coventry, CV4 8FT.

### **2. Accounting Policies**

#### **2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements**

The financial statements 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 charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

#### **2.2. Incoming Resources**

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Donations and voluntary income**

Donations and voluntary income are recognised when received or when the charity is entitled to the income, whichever is earlier.

##### **Grant income**

Grant income, including government and local authority grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grants received in advance of the charity meeting the conditions attaching to the grant are deferred and recognised as income when the conditions are fulfilled.

##### **Restricted income**

Income is recognised as restricted income when it is subject to specific conditions imposed by the funder. Restricted income is applied in accordance with those conditions.

#### **2.3. Resources Expended**

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Charitable activities**

Expenditure on charitable activities includes costs incurred directly in delivering the charity's objectives, including grants made to other organisations and the costs of premises, materials, and other resources used to support charitable activities.

##### **Governance costs**

Governance costs comprise those costs incurred in the strategic management of the charity, including constitutional and statutory requirements. These include costs associated with the preparation of statutory accounts, independent examination, and other compliance costs.

##### **Apportionment of support costs**

Support costs that relate to more than one activity are apportioned on a reasonable basis, for example the usage of premises or shared materials and other resources.

#### **2.4. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

### **3. Income from Donations and Legacies**

**Coventry Food Network**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
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	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2025 Total funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and gifts	8,155	-	8,155
Grants	-	650,607	650,607
	<u>8,155</u>	<u>650,607</u>	<u>658,762</u>
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>2024 Total funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Donations and gifts	89,563	-	89,563
Grants	-	585,147	585,147
	<u>89,563</u>	<u>585,147</u>	<u>674,710</u>

#### 4. Investment Income

	<b>2025 Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>2024 Unrestricted funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Interest on short-term deposits	15,649	7,582

#### 5. Government Grants

During the year the charity received restricted government grant income totalling £645,753.99 (2024: £585,146.58) to support its charitable activities.

All grants were restricted funds and were applied in accordance with the terms and conditions set by the funders.

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Coventry City Council in respect of the Household Support Fund	629,283	585,147
Coventry City Council Grant	19,414	-
Feeding Britain	1,910	-
	<u>650,607</u>	<u>585,147</u>

#### 6. Analysis of Expenditure

	<b>Activities undertaken directly</b>	<b>Grant funding of activities (see note 7)</b>	<b>Support costs (see note 8)</b>	<b>2025 Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Charitable Activities	649,610	823	13,619	664,052

**Coventry Food Network**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

			<b>2024</b>
	<b>Activities undertaken directly</b>	<b>Grant funding of activities (see note 7)</b>	<b>Support costs (see note 8)</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Total £</b>
Charitable Activities	620,344	500	24,443
			<b>645,287</b>

**7. Grants Payable**

			<b>2025</b>
	<b>Grants to Institutions</b>	<b>Support costs</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Charitable Activities	823	823	1,646

			<b>2024</b>
	<b>Grants to Institutions</b>	<b>Support costs</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Charitable Activities	500	-	500

**8. Support Costs**

	<b>2025</b>
	<b>Charitable Activities</b>
	<b>£</b>
General administration	12,619
Governance costs	1,000
	<b>13,619</b>

	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Charitable Activities</b>
	<b>£</b>
Employee costs	13,910
General administration	10,533
	<b>24,443</b>

**9. Independent Examiner's Remuneration**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Independent examination of the financial statements	1,000	-
Other assurance services	-	-
Tax advisory services	-	-
Other financial services	-	-
	<b>1,000</b>	<b>-</b>

**Coventry Food Network**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

**10. Average Number of Employees**

Average number of employees during the year was: NIL (2024: 1)

**11. Debtors**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Other debtors	4,854	-

**12. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	1	129
Other creditors	384,508	481,953
Accruals and deferred income	1,000	-
	<u>385,509</u>	<u>482,082</u>

**13. Movement in Funds**

	<b>As at 1 April 2024</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>As at 31 March 2025</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	61,935	23,804	(14,933)	70,806
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted fund	167,916	650,607	(649,119)	169,404
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>229,851</u>	<u>674,411</u>	<u>(664,052)</u>	<u>240,210</u>

	<b>As at 1 April 2023</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>As at 31 March 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	24,930	97,145	(60,140)	61,935
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Restricted fund	167,916	585,147	(585,147)	167,916
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>192,846</u>	<u>682,292</u>	<u>(645,287)</u>	<u>229,851</u>

**14. Transactions with Trustees**

None of the trustees received any remuneration or any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity during the current or previous year.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

**15. Related Party Disclosures**

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure.

**Coventry Food Network  
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
For The Year Ended 31 March 2025**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>funds</b>	<b>funds</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations and gifts	8,155	89,563
Government Grants	650,607	585,147
	<u>658,762</u>	<u>674,710</u>
<b>Investments</b>		
Interest on short term deposits	15,649	7,582
	<u>15,649</u>	<u>7,582</u>
	<u>674,411</u>	<u>682,292</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>		
<b>Charitable Activities:</b>		
<b>Charitable Activities</b>		
Purchases	(649,119)	(616,616)
Travel and subsistence expenses	(491)	(2,708)
Premises costs	-	(1,020)
Grants to institutions	(823)	(500)
Wages and salaries	-	(13,910)
Computer software, consumables and maintenance	-	(9,400)
Computer software costs	(10,775)	-
Printing, postage and stationery	(224)	-
Telecommunications and data costs	-	(338)
Accountancy fees	(728)	-
Legal fees	(750)	-
Bank charges	(60)	(85)
Sundry expenses	(82)	(710)
Independent examiner's fees	(1,000)	-
	<u>(664,052)</u>	<u>(645,287)</u>
	<u>(664,052)</u>	<u>(645,287)</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u>10,359</u>	<u>37,005</u>