

## **Annual Report and Return Shoreham and Adur Community Foodbank (SAACF) 2024**

We are a small charitable foodbank that operates out of the Huntingdon Hall, Shoreham Free Church, Buckingham Road, Shoreham by Sea BN43 6WF. We provide a service for visiting clients every Friday, between 10-12pm. We also provide a home delivery service for those who are unable to visit The Shoreham and Adur Community Foodbank became registered charity in its own right on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022 (No 1200007),

The objects of the charity are the prevention and relief of poverty in Shoreham and Adur, West Sussex, providing the services via a foodbank to those in need. To do this we collect food and financial donations from organisations and individuals. All our work is undertaken by volunteers.

The food and a range of household provisions are redistributed to households based on numbers of occupants and any specific needs. As far as possible, we seek to provide a 'balanced' range of food, this based on work undertaken by the Trussell Trust.

The work of the charity is overseen by a Trustee Board. The members of the Board are; The Trustee Board meets quarterly or as and when appropriate.

Name	Role	Date of appointment
Rev James Grant	Chair	01 July 2022
Alex Robertson	Trustee	07 October 2022
Tessa Ricketts	Trustee	01 July 2022
Joanne Lesley Nisbet	Trustee	01 July 2022
Pastor Peter Earle	Trustee	01 July 2022
Richard Behling	Trustee	01 July 2022
Jocelyn Caroline Loader	Trustee	01 July 2022
Janice Baker	Trustee	01 July 2022

## **Financial Statement for Shoreham and Adur Community Foodbank for the**

**period April 2023 to March 2024 (approved and signed off at the Trustee's meeting 6/12/2024)**

### **Incoming and Outgoing Monies**

During the period from 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 inclusive, a total of £32,653.23 was received by Shoreham and Adur Community Foodbank, and £29,114.87 was spent, largely on stocks of food.

### **Staff Costs**

Shoreham and Adur Community Foodbank does not have any paid staff.

### **Trustee Payments and Expenses**

Shoreham and Adur Community Foodbank does not have any paid Trustees, and has not paid any expenses to Trustees during this accounting period.

### **Money in Reserve**

Funds to cover running costs are held in a Santander Charities current account, and

reserves are held in a Santander Charities savings account, which receives interest.

A float of between approximately £1,000 and £5,000 is kept in the current account.

At the end of this accounting period, a total of £50,444.09 was held in the two Santander accounts.

See also attached 'Notes to Trustees'

### **Performance and achievements**

During 2024, we saw an increase in the call on our services of 7-10%, this in addition to the 20% increase we experienced in 2023. We provided food and household items on 2309 occasions (last year's fig 2032), we made home deliveries to households who are the most vulnerable on 269 occasions. The total number of provision of food to individuals was 5197 (last year's fig 4708)

During the year we also made a number of 'unscheduled' emergency deliveries to struggling families and individuals.

We also were able to continue to provide some financial support for those facing significant increases in domestic fuel costs. This we were able to provide with a link up with a partner charity The Adur East Lions.

We belong and are participating members of the Adur and Worthing Food Network. We are members of Community Works, this organisation works on behalf of Adur and Worthing Council to support charities, not-for-profit and community groups across Worthing and Adur.

During the year we conducted a survey with our clients. Our aim was to further engage those we seek to help and hopefully achieve a better understanding of their needs. Over 50% of our clients responded, with over 35% providing written additional point and comments. The results were very positive and action points based on the comments implemented. We plan a similar exercise in 2025

In the run up to Christmas we were particularly pleased to able to provide clients with over 200 Christmas Dinners, alongside our regular food support. We also now provide a neighbouring struggling foodbank with support including the provision of Christmas Dinners

## **Volunteers**

At any one time we have up to twenty volunteers; they range in age from 15 to 82. They all give their time, energy and commitment for free. They are the beating heart of our charity and we thank all of them for their work and dedication.

## **Safeguarding**

We have a safeguarding policy in place. There have been no safeguarding issues or concerns this year.

## **Conclusion**

Although still operating under a challenging background of increasing demand. The Shoreham and Adur Community Foodbank, has fully established itself as a valued and respected community based charity. We have a growing number of donor organisations, these include, supermarkets, business organisations, schools, charity organisations, social groups, individuals, families, churches and church organisations.

Dai Hudd

Lead Volunteer

James Grant

Chair of Trustees



## Notes to 2023/2024 Financial statement for Trustees

Balances at:	01/04/23	31/03/24
Current account	£6,867.69	£4,310.11
Savings account	£40,038.04	£46,133.98
Total	£46,905.73	£50,444.09 (Increase of £3,538.36)

2023/2024 Income	£32,653.23
Less 2023/2024 Outgoings	£29,114.87
Total	£3,538.36

Income of £32,653.23 included the following:

Grant from WSCC	£2795.25
Donation from Postcode Lottery	£15,000.00
Donation from Co-op	£3358.90
Interest on savings account	£345.94

Outgoings of £29,114.87 included the following:

Rent of premises 2023	£2,250.00
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Promotional items	£281.40
Oaks Trust (recycling bin)	£138.15
First Aid Courses	£444.00
Public Liability Insurance	£77.84

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the Shoreham and Adur Community Foodbank (Registered Charity Number 1200007)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Shoreham and Adur Community Foodbank (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

**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 all 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 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.

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:



DATED 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024

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