

## **Annual Report and Return Shoreham and Adur Community Foodbank 2025 (SAACF)**

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 a registered charity in its own right on 9th 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. In the last year we have been able to introduce more fresh produce.

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
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Jocelyn Caroline Loader	Chair	21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025
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Alex Robertson	Trustee	07 October 2022
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Tessa Ricketts	Trustee	01 July 2022
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Joanne Lesley Nisbet	Trustee	01 July 2022
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Pastor Peter Earle	Trustee	01 July 2022
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Richard Behling	Trustee	01 July 2022
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Janice Baker	Trustee	01 July 2022
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James Grant stood down as a Trustee in March 2025. We are grateful for his valuable contribution.

### **Financial Statement for Shoreham and Adur Community Foodbank( March 2024 to March 2025)**

#### **Incoming and Outgoing Monies**

During the period from 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 inclusive, a total of £27,153.48 was received by Shoreham and Adur Community Foodbank, and £31,452.41 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 £46,145.16 was held in the two Santander accounts.

Generally, funds to cover running costs are maintained in the Santander bank account and reserves are kept in a Santander saving account receiving interest. A float of between £1000 and £5000 will be kept in the main account.

At the end of this accounting period there was £46172.23 in the Santander Accounts.

#### **Operation and achievements**

Similar to the experience of all organisations seeking to tackle food poverty, 2025 has been a very challenging year. Food prices have remained at historically high levels. Cost of living challenges have meant that we now receive fewer individual food donations; this has resulted on our greater reliance on food purchases, this impacting on our financial position. However due to strong community support our financial position as set out above, remains healthy.

During the year we provided food and other support on 2238 occasions to households, over 200 by way of household deliveries to the most vulnerable. This translates in to support provided to individuals on 5000 occasions, 1434 Of these being children. A breakdown of the households are as follows 403 were singletons, 334 were two in the household, 318 were 3-4 in the household and 58 were 5 or more in the household. NB. This data was only gathered part way through the year, thus the shortfall for total numbers of households supported.

During the year we have also provided support to a neighbouring foodbank the Lighthouse Church Foodbank based in Fishersgate.

As in previous years in the run up to Christmas we will be providing clients with over 200 Christmas Dinners, alongside our regular food support.

We also were able to provide some support for the increase 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.

## **Volunteers**

At any one time we have up to twenty volunteers available, 15 in attendance on operating days. 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.

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Jocelyn Caroline Loader

Lead Volunteer

Chair of Trustees

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**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 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 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:



Name: Mr Philip James Stone F.C.M.A.

(Fellow Chartered Management Accountant)

Dated: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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