

Report submitted to the Charity Commission

Trustee Report – The Hyndburn Food Bank

During our first year of the Hyndburn Food Bank, we have seen the need for our services grow at an accelerated rate. We currently serve over 10% of our borough, which comprises of 80,000 residents. Users of the charity must reside within the borough of Hyndburn, and this is checked by proof of address. When they sign up with us, they get added to our membership database.

Customers can visit us once a week on our opening days which consists of Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. They are allocated 10 points per week and pay a charge of £3 for their shopping. We operate as a social supermarket where customers can come and complete their own shopping and take items off the shelf, and then take their items to the cash desk, maintaining their pride and independence.

We also have a free café within our premises accessible to everyone, where they can receive free refreshments and is also utilised as a warm space during the winter months, with supported funding received from the local County Council.

We have also assisted our customers by working together with the local leisure trust as being a venue for distributing the local rounds of the Household Support Fund, where supermarket vouchers have been handed out to customers in need.

We have also worked with the local borough council and other service providers supporting those of domestic violence, Ukrainian refugees, asylum seekers, those who are homeless and anyone else who needs a bit of help, in order to not to go to bed hungry.

We have had a very busy year supporting those customers in need, and sadly we are getting even busier supporting families and supporting elderly people who need some company and just a chat with someone.

Overall, we are happy with how our first registered year as a charity has gone, and have a positive outlook for future years ahead.

Eddy O'Brien

Chair of Trustees

Charity Number: 1201044

The Hyndburn Food Pantry

**Financial Statements For The Period Ended
31 October 2023**

The Hyndburn Food Pantry
Trustees and Registration Number

Charity Number 1201044

Trustees Edward James O'Brien
Sarah Elizabeth Barton
Nancy Anne Hickinbottom
Diane Cheryl Gordon
Stacy Anne Walsh
Rean Blackburn
Donna Marie Lawrenson

The Hyndburn Food Pantry
Profit & Loss For The Period Ended 31 October 2023

	£	£
Income		85,687.05
Cost of Sales	-	82,181.80
Closing stock		-
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Net Income		3,505.25
Administrative Expenses		
Rent	1,050.00	
Heat, Light & Water	3,792.18	
Motor Fuel, Repairs & Expenses	4,798.98	
Postage, stationary & phone	969.08	
Cleaning	1,208.00	
Charity Donations	255.50	
Repairs and maintenance	2,782.61	
Professional Fees	300.00	
Sundries	103.00	
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Loss for the year	-	11,754.10
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The Hyndburn Food Pantry
Balance Sheet For The Period Ended 31 October 2023

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Prepayments	446.35
Bank	12,370.43
Restricted Income /Accruals	- 4,300.00
Funds introduced	- 20,270.88
Loss in the year	11,754.10
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28, January 2024

Independent Examiner's report to Hyndburn Food Pantry for the year ended October 2023.
Charity number 1201044

This report on the accounts of the Hyndburn Food Pantry for the year ended October 2023 is in respect of an examination carried out in accordance with the Charity Accounting Regulations 2006

Respective responsibilities of the Hyndburn Food Pantry and the examiner

As members of the Hyndburn Food Pantry you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of the Regulations and section 43(2) of the Act do not apply. It is my responsibility to issue this report on those accounts in accordance with the terms of the Regulations.

Basis of this report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Hyndburn Food Pantry and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts

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Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
- (2) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements, which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the Act and the Regulations have not been met; or
- (3) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Laura Bolton
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