

Cranleigh Food Bank

Annual Review/Report September 2024 to August 2025

Trustees: Rosslyn Doney (Chair) Adrian Gosling, Hilary Clark, Stella Halloran

Charity Overview

Cranleigh Foodbank has been in existence since 2014, and was in operation during the year September 2024 to August 2025. It has registered charity status. The charity exists to relieve poverty through the provision of food, toiletries and other household items in a manner which demonstrates God's love.

Cranleigh Food Bank operates each Friday morning throughout the year from Cranleigh Baptist Church, High Street, Cranleigh. It is a separate entity from the Church, but the Church very generously allow us space and storage. Beneficiaries are able to receive food parcels following referral from local agencies and organisations.

Review of Activities 2024 to 2025

During the past year, we have been as busy as ever, with a steady use of the Food Bank by local families, who represent the vast majority of our beneficiaries. Families, and single people who receive parcels live, mainly in Cranleigh, but also in Ewhurst, Shamley Green, .Alfold and Dunsfold. 86% of parcels are provided to Cranleigh families and the remainder to families in surrounding villages.

During the year to 31st August 2025 we have provided 988 parcels of food, feeding 1429 adults and 802 children. Parcels vary in size according to the size of the family and each parcel should provide enough food for 4– 5 days. This is a slight decrease on last year, but a vast increase on pre-pandemic numbers.

Many local families find it difficult to deal with the rises in food prices and the uncertainty of the jobs market. They come to the Food Bank by referral from local organisations such as the Citizens Advice Bureau, Waverley Housing Department., local Home School Link Workers, the Probation Service, Local GPs and other health and social workers.

In addition to the regular Friday opening, a 24/7 emergency service is provided for those in very urgent need.

Food Bank has also benefitted this year from some non- food donations; Cranleigh Young Arts have provided activity packs for the holidays and Waverley provided a grant in order that the Food ank could buy and distribute toothbrushes and paste, particularly to families with children, in support of their initiative on teeth health.

Alongside the facility for providing food parcels, a drop in café is run for anyone who wishes to have a free cup of tea or coffee and a chat with one of the volunteers. During the past year the popularity of the drop in café has increased and many find that a listening ear is beneficial.

The initiative to service hearings aids, now called 'Hear Here', also operates from Foodbank on the fourth Friday morning of each month and is staffed by a small group of volunteers who have all

been trained by the Audiology Dept of the RSCH, and in conjunction with the Diocese of Guildford who coordinate the service. Anyone with an NHS hearing aid is welcome to come along, have it serviced and re-tubed as well as receiving batteries for it. The numbers using this service has increased greatly thanks to an advertisement in the Cranleigh Magazine.

Cranleigh CAB provide an advisor one Friday a month, who is available at the Foodbank to enable beneficiaries to get additional help where appropriate. This service is invaluable.

The Dog Food Bank, although running totally separately from Food Bank, operates from the back entrance to the church hall in cooperation with Food Bank on the second Friday of each month. This is of benefit to those who use the Food Bank and have a dog.

Donations during the year

As always, we are grateful for the many donations of food throughout the year, and particularly over the Christmas period when, in addition to our regular basic offer, we provided around 80 Christmas hampers. These were offered to every family who had needed to use the Food Bank during the previous 6 months. (if they wished to have one).

We are also grateful to the local supermarkets. Co-op and Sainsbury's allow us to have a collection point in-store, where donations can be left by the public: Nationwide collected donations for us, Rawlings' butchers were very generous in providing fresh meat, and a vegetable stall in the market provided veg and fruit at cost price. We have also collected surplus M&S and Sainsbury's food each Friday.

Local Churches and organisations also collect for Foodbank and we are grateful to each of them.

Financial donations from many local organisations, notably The Henry Smith Trust and Cranleigh Lions, as well as individuals, have enabled us to buy food items throughout the year; at times this is just to top up other donations but once the Christmas 'glut' is used up we have needed to buy increasing amounts of staple food; particularly so as donations of food have reduced. We are also generously funded by one family to buy fresh vegetables, milk, eggs, cheese etc. each week.

In addition to all the donations of food in kind, we have, during the past 12 months had cash donations from, Henry Smith Trust, Duke of Kent School, several Ewhurst events, Elmbridge Village, Bramley, Waverley (for teeth) and many individuals, totalling £16,234. We have spent £10,314 on food, £418 on Admin costs, £1000 donation to Cranleigh Baptist Church in lieu of rent and £288 on publicity and stationery. Since our registration as a charity we can now reclaim Gift Aid from HMRC for eligible financial donations. In the period from charitable status being granted to the end of August 2025 that amounted to £4524. (more than one year).

Volunteers

The Steering Group is very grateful to the volunteers who, each week, collect food from the donation points, shop for additional items, turn up regularly to receive stock, date and sort it, pack and distribute food to those in need, make refreshments and sit and talk with visitors. All our cakes and refreshments have been donated and none of those who run or help with Food Bank have asked for any expenses.

The Food Bank currently has 28 regular volunteers, who give their time on Fridays from 8am to noon; some attend each Friday and some on alternate weeks. During the year we have benefited from approximately 2,600 hours of volunteer time.

Future Plans

We plan to continue the foodbank service on an ongoing basis during 2025-26. The trustees and steering group meet regularly to review emerging needs and trends. We will continue to maintain and build links with other local community groups to ensure the best outcomes for our beneficiaries.

Without the generosity of the Cranleigh Community we would not be able to provide for the level of need that exists and we are grateful to all who have supported the Food Bank during the past year

Trustees and Steering Group of Cranleigh Food Bank

September 2025

CRANLEIGH FOODBANK
PERIOD TO 31 AUGUST 2025

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS	2024/2025	2023/2024
Personal Donations	12,638	13,921
Organisation Donations	8,121	4,876
TOTAL	20,759	18,797
PAYMENTS		
Administration	419	404
Food	10,314	12,662
Stationary and Photocopying	0	0
Advertising	288	0
Christmas	966	477
Other (toothbrushes and toothpaste)	225	
In lieu of Rent	1,000	1,000
TOTAL	13,212	14,543
Excess of receipts over payments	7,547	4,254
Cash in hand	0	0
Unpresented chqs	0	0
Lloyds Current Account opening balance	18,905	14,651
TOTAL	26,452	18,905
Lloyds Current Account closing balance	26,452	18,905
Unpresented cheques	0	0
Cash in hand	0	0
TOTAL	26,452	18,905



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Cranleigh Foodbank

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1201740

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2025**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date: 08/12/2025

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Jane Briggs

Relevant professional

FCPA

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None to disclose