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Registered in England & Wales

Swansea Foodbank
Report to the Trustees and Unaudited
Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st May 2025

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Charity Information

Trustees	Mrs Gloria Hughes (Chair) Mr Christopher Davies (Treasurer) Mr Peter Hurst Mr Philip Davies Rev Dr Adrian Morgan Mr Alan Cram Ms Julie Rees
Registered Number	1202604
Registered Office	St Catherine's Church Alexandra Road Gorseinon Swansea SA4 4NU
Independent Examiners	Swansea Accountancy Limited 237 Jersey Road Bonymaen Swansea SA1 7DL
Bankers	HSBC

Annual Report: Swansea Foodbank

1. Introduction and Overview

This report covers the activities and developments of Swansea Foodbank for the financial year ended 31st May 2025. It is submitted to external stakeholders to provide an overview of our work, governance, and financial position.

2. Governance and Structure

The board of trustees oversees the governance and strategic direction of the charity. A review of all policies and processes, including safeguarding, data protection, and confidentiality, was completed and policies were distributed to all seven Foodbank centres. A trustee, Chris Davies, has been appointed to be responsible for data protection. A new Trustees' Policy Document was adopted, which includes a code of conduct for the induction of new trustees. Peter Hurst has taken over the treasurer role from Chris Davies.

3. Charitable Activities and Achievements

- Benefits Advice and Financial Inclusion:

The benefits advice team works with foodbank clients to prevent them from needing to use the foodbank in the future. The team's work is collaborative and supportive. The team secured a total of £663,698 in financial gains for clients during the year. The team has not lost a single court case, and they are the only charitable benefits advisor to help clients throughout the entire process, including court appearances. The charity is also seeking a replacement Financial Inclusion case support worker.

- Partnerships and Advocacy:

Swansea Foodbank works to build connections within the city to end the need for foodbanks. The CEO attends the bi-monthly Swansea Food Poverty Forum, which has been a source of information on funding opportunities, such as the Period Dignity Fund and the Household Support Fund. The CEO also links with Trussell Trust and other Welsh foodbanks and represented Swansea Foodbank on the Swansea Poverty Truth Commission. The commission identified key areas of work, including breaking the cycle of poor mental health and poverty and reducing the stigma and assumptions about poverty.

- Operational Developments

The charity gratefully acknowledges the generosity of Riverside Christian Fellowship for the use of Siloam for many years. The warehousing provided at Siloam (Foodbank Warehouse Facility) will no longer be required, as in future, each centre will store its own food locally, thereby eliminating the need for a central distribution point.

6. Our Volunteers

The Trustees wish to place on record their sincere gratitude for the huge contribution of time donated freely and willingly by our over 150 volunteers across all of the Swansea Foodbank centres. Our volunteers are the lifeblood of our organisation. Their contributions are equivalent to having six full-time staff members. At the minimum wage of £12.21 for a 35-hour work week, this would be equivalent to £133,000 in salaries. In recognition of time spent volunteering, the charity is participating in the Tempo Time Credits scheme, which allows volunteers to exchange credits for activities and days out. A de-escalation course was scheduled to help volunteers handle situations involving clients with anxiety and, at times, abusive behaviours.

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5. Financial Review

Peter Hurst has taken over the treasurer role from Chris Davies. The budgeting principle for all centres will be based on the number of vouchers each centre fulfils. The trustees have set aside designated funding for staffing in a reserved fund. The charity is also exploring alternative accounts to obtain higher interest rates and will move £85,000 into a one-year bond with CAF (Shawbrook bank) and £20,000 into an instant access account. The Trustees would like to place on record their sincere gratitude for all the donations received during the year, which are listed in the attached list of donors.

6. Fundraising

The fundraiser, Peter Hurst, has raised £78,303 in restricted and unrestricted funds, which includes money for food, toiletries, and fresh fruit and vegetables. The fundraiser has also negotiated with student providers to send surplus food at the end of academic terms. Morfa Shopping Park funded 10,000 strong reusable carrier bags, and the Pobl Trust funded 23 donation baskets that have been placed in workplaces and community settings to attract more food donations.

7. Impact

Swansea Foodbank fed 12,500 people with a food parcel, and 1 in 37 of Swansea's population was helped by Swansea Foodbank.

8. Community and Partner Agencies

The Trustees also want to express their gratitude to the many other agencies who provide excellent support services to our Food Bank Centres. The dedication and commitment of these partners are vital ingredients in developing a collaborative ecosystem of wraparound care and support for our clients. We are especially grateful for the support given by Swansea Tenancy Support, Swansea Local Area Coordinators, Adferiad, The Jack Lewis Foundation, The Red Cross, and many others.

9. Donor Acknowledgement

The Trustees would like to express their sincere gratitude to all the corporate donors who so generously supported our work during the year, a list of which is appended to this report.

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Report to the Trustees (cont)

There are no serious incidents to report during the year ended 31st May 2025.

Declaration:

I declare in my capacity as a trustee that:

The trustees have approved the above report, and
Have authorised me to sign it on their behalf

Signature: G. HUGHES

Full Name: Gloria Hughes

Position: Chairman of the Trustees

Date: 03/11/2025

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Swansea Foodbank**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st May 2025 set out on pages 6 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

..... L ALLEN

Date: 02/11/2025

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Total Statement of Financial Activities

	<i>notes</i>	2025 £	2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Voluntary Income	3	227,062	265,529
Investment Income	3	2,853	102
Total incoming resources		229,915	265,631
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Costs of Generating Voluntary Income	4	-	-
Fundraising Trading Costs	4	-	-
Charitable Activities	4	150,857	116,821
Governance Costs	4	12,881	11,837
Total resources expended		163,738	128,658
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		66,177	136,973

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Balance Sheet as at 31st May 2025

	notes	2025 £ TOTAL	2024 £ TOTAL
FIXED ASSETS			
Equipment		3,826	4,783
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash in Hand and at Bank	6	176,484	128,961
Food Stock	7	23,339	3,729
Debtors	8	-	-
		199,823	132,690
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	1,924	500
NET CURRENT ASSETS		197,899	132,190
NET ASSETS		201,725	136,973
FUNDS			
Restricted Funds	10	13,080	47,564
Unrestricted Funds	10	188,645	89,409
		201,725	136,973

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 03/11/2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

SIGNED PE HURST

TRUSTEE PETER EDWARD HURST DATE 03/11/2025

SIGNED JULIE REES

TRUSTEE JULIE REES DATE 03/11/2025

The notes form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historic cost basis of accounting, and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (issued in March 2005) and the Charities Act.

2. INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- The charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA when they are received.

Investment Income

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

EXPENDITURE & LIABILITIES

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to pay out resources.

Costs of Generating Funds

This comprises those costs attributable to generating incoming resources from all sources other than those from undertaking charitable activities.

Charitable Activities

This comprises all expenditure directly relating to the objects of the Charity.

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Governance Costs

Governance costs comprise costs incurred in the governance of the Charity. These costs include costs relating to Independent Examination, together with apportionment of overhead and support costs where appropriate.

Taxation

The Charity is exempt from taxation.

ASSETS

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are initially recorded at cost, and are subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Stocks and Work in Progress

Stock held is of food donated during the year but not yet distributed. Stock is valued by weight of stock held multiplied by an external valuation figure.

3. ANALYSIS OF INCOMING RESOURCES

Incoming Resources from Charitable Activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Donations		
Donations	152,798	201,589
Grants	3,700	18,400
Trussell Trust	56,790	45,540
Gift Aid	13,774	-
TOTAL	227,062	265,529

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Investment Income

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank Interest	2,853	102
	-	-
TOTAL	2,853	102

4. ANALYSIS OF RESOURCES EXPENDED

Charitable Activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Food Boxes	182	-
Opening Food Stock	3,729	1,947
Food Purchases	57,935	38,283
Personal Hygiene Purchases	4,255	8,543
Closing Food Stock	- 23,339	- 3,729
Gifts & Donations	1,440	-
Admin Costs	8,207	11,007
Wages	98,449	60,769
TOTAL	150,857	116,820

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Governance Costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Advice UK	983	1,823
Recruitment & Training	1,007	1,246
Insurance	748	706
Trussell Trust Franchise Fee	-	-
Printing, Postage, Ink & Stationery	398	375
Other Foodbank Costs	512	651
Telephone	120	315
Equipment	5,806	2,962
Depreciation	957	1,196
Accountancy	500	500
Travel Costs	1,750	1,978
Bank Charges	99	83
TOTAL	12,881	11,835

5. DETAILS OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE

Fees for the examination or audit of the Accounts

	2025 £	2024 £
Accountancy and Independent Examination Fees	500	500
	-	-
	500	500

6. CASH IN HAND & AT BANK

	2025 £	2024 £
	-	-
Current Account	13,530	8,859
Deposit Account	162,954	120,102
	176,484	128,961

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7. FOOD STOCK

Food stock held at the year end had a value of £23,339. This includes food that was donated during the year end to 31st May 2025 that had not yet been distributed.

Stock Reconciliation

	£
Opening Stock as at 1st July 2024	3,729
Food Purchased	68,936
Food Donated	179,696
Out of Date/Damaged Stock	209
Stock Issued	228,813
Closing Stock as at 31st May 2025	23,339

8. DEBTORS & PREPAYMENTS

	2025 £	2024 £
	-	-
	-	-

9. CREDITORS & ACCRUALS

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	500	500
Other Creditors	1,424	-
	1,924	500

10. FUNDS

	2025 £	2024 £
Restricted Funds	13,080	47,564
Unrestricted Funds	188,645	89,409
	201,725	136,973

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11. SOURCES & APPLICATIONS OF RESTRICTED FUNDS DURING THE YEAR

Source of Funds	Opening Balance	Received £	Spent £	Balance £
Digital Inclusion Grant	3,921.00	-	3,921.00	-
Financial Inclusion Grant	-	45,000.00	45,000.00	-
Period Poverty Grant	-	1,997.67	1,997.67	-
CAB Supervision	-	637.55	-	637.55
POBL Grant	-	950.00	415.18	534.82
Relocation Grant	-	2,750.00	729.86	2,020.14
Fresh Fruit & Vegetables	-	7,250.00	7,250.00	-
Training	-	377.00	-	377.00
Toiletries	-	5,000.00	849.81	4,150.19
Carrier Bags	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Food Grants	43,642.61	13,550.00	51,832.65	5,359.96
	47,563.61	78,512.22	112,996.17	13,079.66

Appendix: List of Donors

Financial Donations:

- Trusts and Public Bodies

Trussell Trust: The Trustees would like to place on record their profound gratitude to the Trussell Trust for their invaluable financial grant support during the year.

City & County of Swansea: The Trustees would like to place on record their profound gratitude to the City & County of Swansea for their invaluable financial grant support during the year.

UK Government, Levelling Up (via Swansea Council for Voluntary Service) - Shared Prosperity Fund

Pobl Trust

Oakdale Trust

Monmouthshire Building Society Charitable Foundation

Arnold Clark Community Foundation

TK Maxx Foundation

Yorkshire Building Society Foundation

- Corporate Donors

ABP Swansea Docks

Andrew Scott Ltd

Arvato Connect

Azets

Barratt Homes - Penllergaer

Bellway Homes - Parc Mawr

Confused.com

CRM Students (Crown Place, Seren and Boutique)

Cyden Ltd

ERS Insurance

Farm Foods

Fforest Timber Engineering

Glanmor Chartered Surveyors

Gower Chemicals

John Lewis

Knights Brown - Mumbles Sea Wall

LoftCo Ltd Albert Hall

Lotto Abertawe

Lyte Ladders/Towers

Morfa Shopping Retail - Realty Income Corp

Morgan Advanced Materials

National Grid

Nationwide Building Society

Next

Primark

Principality Building Society

South Wales Transport

Titan Investors (West Swansea)

V4 Vending

Wagamama

Appendix: List of Donors (continued)

Food and Product Donations

AAH Pharmaceuticals
BT/EE
Capita
Caredig
Castell Construction
CEF Electrical Factors
Coppergate Mezzino Student Living
DPD
DVLA
Earth Breeze
ERIKS Industrial Services Limited
FEI Foods
Fresh Property Group (Oldway House and Ty Nant)
HM Land Registry
IWG Regus – Princess House
LCP (Parc Fforestfach)
Kier
Melt
Morganstone
Quartzelec
R&M Williams – Palace Theatre
Royal Mail Swansea
Spa Medica
Student Roose – Grey Star – St davids
TCH Group
Telesgop
Tramshed Tech (Palace Theatre)
Trojan Electronics
Uber
UPS Swansea