



# Bedlington Foodbank

Helping our Community

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## **Annual Report for 2024** **(Including Statistics)**

As we gather for this AGM, we take a moment to reflect on another year of service to our community. The Bedlington Foodbank has continued to provide vital support to those experiencing food insecurity, and this has only been possible through the dedication and generosity of our volunteers, donors, and community links.

### **Gratitude to Our Volunteers**

First and foremost, we extend our sincere thanks to our incredible team of volunteers. Each week, you give tirelessly of your time and effort to ensure the smooth running of the Foodbank. Whether collecting food donations from local shops, preparing and packing food parcels, coordinating deliveries, or handling administration and email referrals, your commitment is invaluable. Without your collective hard work and compassion, the Foodbank could not operate as effectively as it does.

“Thank You” must also go to the Management Trustees, Chris our Chairperson, Peter our Treasurer, Liane our Secretary and Pauline who co-ordinates and oversees the week by week working of the Foodbank. The Trustees are also responsible for making sure we comply with Charity Regulations including good policies on Data Protection, Safeguarding, and Health and Safety (in conjunction with Trinity Church Bedlington)

“Thank You” to Trinity Church Bedlington for the use of their building giving us a good base to work from.

### **Acknowledging Our Supporters**

We are incredibly grateful to all those who have donated food, toiletries, and financial contributions over the past year. Your generosity ensures that we can continue to meet the growing needs of individuals and families in our community. We also extend our thanks to Trinity Church, which has kindly provided us with the use of their hall as a base for storing provisions and packing parcels. Your support plays a crucial role in enabling our operations.

Thank you to East Bedlington Town Council for their support in providing meat vouchers for families in need within their area. This additional assistance has made a meaningful difference in ensuring families have access to essential nutrition.

### **The Area Covered by the Foodbank:**

Many people only need to use our Foodbank for a short amount of time - particularly if they are waiting for confirmation of their Benefit Applications etc (which can take up to 8 weeks to process). However, we do have a number of regular clients who are struggling with the Cost of Living Increases and do have to resort to using our Foodbank on a much more regular basis.

An Emergency Food Parcel is delivered to each client, with enough food to last for at least 3 days - (the size of the parcel is dependent on the number of family members and the ages of any children).

We continue to provide and delivered food parcels to people living in:

- Bedlington
- Bedlington Station
- Guide Post
- Stakeford
- Choppington
- Sleekburn (including both East and West)
- Cambois

### **Statistics for 2024:**

- The number of parcels we have delivered has been.
- We recorded the number of adults, children and pets we have helped over the year:
  - We have delivered a Total of **335** Parcels
  - We were able to help a Total number of **411** Adults
  - We were able to help a Total number of **330** Children
  - We were able to help a Total number of **175** Pets
  - **(See The Statistics Sheet Overleaf)**

### **Northumberland Forum:**

We continue to be registered as part of “The Northumberland Forum”

The Forum is a platform used by Health Care Professionals and Members of the Public containing helpful direct links, contact details and general information for a wide variety of Well Being and Health Issue sites.

## **Impact Over the Past Year**

Without the Foodbank, many of these individuals and families may have struggled to access sufficient food. Our ability to provide a substantial food parcels for these people is a testament to the strength of our community coming together to care for one another.

A special thank you goes to East Bedlington Town Council for their support in providing meat vouchers for families in need within their area.

## **Looking Ahead**

As we move into our third year, the challenges of supporting those in need remain significant. The demand for our services continues, and we are actively engaging with as many agencies as possible to expand our reach and support the most disadvantaged in our community. Our commitment is unwavering, and with the continued support of our volunteers, we are confident that we can rise to meet these challenges.

Thank You Again To You All - Your kindness, time, and generosity enable us to serve our community and make a real difference to people's lives

*The Trustees of the Bedlington Foodbank*  
(On Behalf of Trustees)

### **Formal Information:**

Bedlington Foodbank is a Registered Charity - Number 1203148

Our Operating Address is from TRINITY CHURCH BEDLINGTON NE22 5TZ

### **Bedlington Foodbank Trustees are:-**

(Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Foodbank's Constitution.)

Chris Elder - Chair  
Pauline Fryer - Co-Ordinator  
Peter Rand - Treasurer  
Liane Todd - Secretary





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bedlington Foodbank

1203148

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01-Jan-24

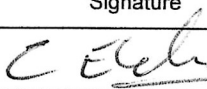
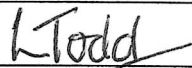
To

31-Dec-24

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Funds from Matthew Project	-	-	-	-	17,174
St Cuthberts Church Donation	-	-	-	-	250
Lairds House Fundraiser	-	-	-	-	220
Creighton Cup Football Competition	-	-	-	-	257
Stakeford Methodist Church Donation	-	-	-	-	120
Ukelele Band Donation	-	-	-	-	80
Trinity Church Donation	-	-	-	-	50
Inner Wheel Donation	-	-	-	-	100
D Corner - Football Club Donation	-	-	-	-	200
J Grenfell & Sons Donation	-	-	-	-	35
Individual Donations	2,056	-	-	2,056	1,365
Other income & Donations	-	-	-	-	222
Sainsburys Grant	-	-	-	-	500
West Bedlington Town Council Grant	-	-	-	-	4,500
Bedlington Christian Fellowship Donation	125	-	-	125	-
Blyth & Wansbeck Football League Donation	300	-	-	300	-
Interest received	199	-	-	199	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>2,680</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,680</b>	<b>25,073</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>2,680</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,680</b>	<b>25,073</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Purchase of Food	3,266	-	-	3,266	4,765
Insurance	283	-	-	283	204
ID Cards	-	-	-	-	110
Donation to Trinity Church	600	-	-	600	100
Gifts for volunteers	180	-	-	180	320
Purchase of equipment	405	-	-	405	535
Mileage paid to volunteers	-	-	-	-	50
Other Payments	87	-	-	87	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,821</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,821</b>	<b>6,084</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>4,821</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,821</b>	<b>6,084</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 2,141</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 2,141</b>	<b>18,989</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>18,989</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,989</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>16,848</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,848</b>	<b>18,989</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Petty Cash	27	-	-
	Bank	6,622	-	-
	90 Day Notice account	10,199	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>16,848</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees				
	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		C. ELDER	16/2/25	
		L. Todd	17/2/25	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity name  
Bedlington Foodbank

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1203148

Set out on pages

1 - 2

(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 31/12/2024.

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:

18/2/25

Name:

MILES J. HUMBLE

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

BA FCA BFP



(if any):

Address:

## 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.

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