



## **Keswick Area Food Share**

### **AGM**

**September 2025**

Welcome to the Keswick Area Food Share AGM 2025.

We have had a busy 12 months since our first AGM, and looking back at the figures, we are busier than ever.

In our first 12 months, we provided 873 bags of food to residents in the CA12 area.

In the 12 months from September 2024, to the first two weeks of September 2025, we have provided 1471 bags of food to our customers.

We have bags for families, single people, couples and a small number of homeless people.

Bags include breakfast, lunch and dinner for a few days, and some snacks, made up of tinned and packet goods. Additionally, we provide a separate bag of fresh fruit and vegetables. Some of these we buy in, but a lot of fresh goods are donated by local residents, who have a surfeit of produce. In the last few weeks, we have had eating apples, baking apples (the lovely Keswick Codlins) French beans, Victoria plums, cucumbers, and pears donated.

Additionally, each week we receive three boxes of fresh produce from the Living Well Project in Egremont, totally free of cost. The Project helps local residents with mental health needs, and other local people

who volunteer in their market garden, growing fresh vegetables to distribute to community food projects in West Cumbria.

The variety of produce they provide has enabled our customers to try many new varieties, such as rainbow chard, kale, heritage tomatoes, fennel and squash

We also provide pet food, toiletries, and a small number of cleaning products on demand.

We are well supported by local businesses, both in donations of money and goods.

Keswick Rotary and Keswick Lions have been stalwart friends since our inception, and continue to support us, week in, week out.

Local residents often pop in to the share with donations both financial and practical.

We also have our donation trolleys at Booths and the Co op, and donation boxes in the Library, local businesses and Threlkeld Coffee Shop. The trolleys in particular have been well supported, although we have noticed a reduction in donations over the last few months, which perhaps indicates the difficulties many people are facing with the constantly increasing prices of food.

We are entirely run by volunteers, and our volunteers remain the absolute backbone of this project. Their hard work, the "extra mile" approach, their open and welcoming attitude have been the major part of our ongoing and growing success.

We are very grateful for the ongoing support of Cumberland Council, from whom we lease the premises rent free, and particularly the Library Service and the very supportive staff at Keswick Library, who have made this journey with us, and made it so much easier.

For the future, we would benefit from being able to access our premises outside of Library opening hours, for deliveries, packing, and possibly additional opening hours. We are in negotiation with Cumberland Council at the present time, to investigate whether this will be possible.

## KESWICK AREA FOOD SHARE - ACCOUNTS 01-09-24 to 31-08-25

The table below records in column D the bank reconciled summary of income & expenditure for the 12 month period commencing 01-09-24.

Column C records similar information for the 11 month period from 01-10-23 as specified by the Charity Commission.

Column B records similar information for the 7 mth trial period prior to CIO status

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT				
PARTICULARS	23 TRIAL	23/24	24/25	,25/26
BALANCE B/F	0.00	13,893.12	23,683.83	6.00
INCOME				
I1 GRANTS	13,500.00	9,400.00	1,243.98	0.00
I2 DONATIONS IN <£20.00	142.00	467.40	1,144.00	0.00
I3 DONATIONS IN >£20.00	1,834.80	5,606.36	6,513.00	0.00
I4 BAG CONTRIBUTIONS	518.16	1,445.10	1,761.00	0.00
TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME	15,994.96	16,918.86	10,661.98	0.00

EXPENDITURE				
E1 DONATIONS OUT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
E2 ADVERTISING	-317.40	0.00	-87.32	0.00
E3 FACILITIES HIRE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
E4 ADMIN COSTS	-340.00	-204.36	-1,067.32	0.00
E5 FOOD PURCHASE	-1,319.34	-6,448.61	-13,653.87	0.00
E6 NON FOOD ITEMS	-125.10	-475.18	-145.83	0.00
TOTAL ANNUAL EXPEND	-2,101.84	-7,128.15	-14,954.34	0.00

YEAR PROF/-LOSS	13,893.12	9,790.71	-4,292.36	0.00
BALANCE C/F	13,893.12	23,683.83	19,391.47	6.00

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