

Bevendean Foodbank
Charity number 1211804

Annual Report

Trustees

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Mandy Bennett
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The period the report covers is 21st January 2025 to 31st August 2025.

The overall income (£13,885) and expenditure (£7,429) for the period.

Throughout this year, numbers and demand for the Foodbank's services have increased. Donations have slowed down. We have reached capacity of what we can achieve weekly, but are looking at making our processes run more smoothly to help the volunteers cope with demand. We currently give out approximately up to 51 bags. These are for pensioners, single parent families, families on low income and single people living in shared housing. We also have had a few university students who have struggled to make ends meet temporarily.

We gave out a few emergency vouchers to people with no income due to benefits change over or waiting for benefits. Additionally we gave out air fryers and slow cookers to help people cook more healthily at home, and save money.

Financial updates: Prices for FareShare tonnage and public liability insurance have gone up and now have to pay a fee to the bank for our account since becoming a charity. We continue to receive free toiletries from the Hygiene Bank. To meet the demand we buy in extra food on a bi-weekly basis to ensure we have a wider variety of healthy and durable foods for our clients.

To support this and additional support for our clients we have luckily received funding from the Brighton & Hove City Council as part of their Household Support Funding. This helped us give out additional shopping vouchers in emergency situations.

To help our clients become financially secure, and less dependent on the foodbank, we invite support services whenever possible. The ones coming more regularly are

BhesCo for energy saving and switching advice and Together Co for wellbeing signposting, the local job club group for employment support, and individual support from money advice organisations. Our local councillors come regularly to hear voices from the local community. For families with specific needs we link up with Pelican Parcels and Smarter Uniforms as well as Amaze for families with children with SEN.

To make our clients comfortable, connect with others and feel welcome and safe, we have now established community run arts & crafts activities running alongside foodbank services on a weekly basis. There are free refreshments and volunteers who support with special arts projects - for example pottery.

Some of our volunteers have benefitted from First Aid training, and we are continuing to recruit more volunteers. Currently we have 2 volunteers helping with occasional deliveries and food pick up, as well as 6 volunteers supporting the packing of food bags and client support weekly.

We belong and benefit from support from Brighton & Hove Food Partnership and have support from Trust for Developing Communities Community Workers.

Annual Report approved by



M. Bennett

Mandy Bennett, Secretary
~~Chairperson~~

Jonathan White,
~~Chairperson~~

Independent Examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees of Bevendean Foodbank CIO

Registered Charity number 1211804

Accounts for the period 21st January 2025 to 31st August 2025

The accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 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 specified in the General Directions of the Charity Commissioners (under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act) and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 laid out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Report

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
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act: and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.



Kate Chapman

Resource Centre

6 Tilbury Place

Brighton BN2 0GY

Date: 25th June 2026

Bevendean Food Bank CIO

Accounts for the period 21st January 2025 to 31st August 2025

Registered charity 1211804
Charity correspondent Holy Nativity Community Centre
Norwich Drive
Brighton
BN2 4LA

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis from information and explanations supplied by the charity.



Kate Chapman
Resource Centre
6 Tilbury Place
Brighton BN2 0GY
18th June 2026

These accounts have been approved by the Trustees of the charity.
Signed by one or two Trustees on behalf of all the Trustees

1. Mrs J. Gandy.
2.  M. Bennett

Date 24/6/2026

Charity number: 1211804

Receipts and Payments Account from 21st January 2025 to 31st August 2025

Receipts	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
<i>Grants and donations</i>			
Brighton & Hove City Council - for foodbank clients (May 2025)	13,000	-	13,000
Donations	-	885	885
Total Receipts	13,000	885	13,885

<i>Payments</i>			
<i>Expenditure on charitable activities</i>			
Food and supplies	3,250	2,382	5,632
Room hire	-	750	750
Vouchers for winter fuel and food	300	-	300
Slow cookers and air fryers for clients	265	-	265
Phone top up	-	60	60
Stationery and equipment	-	191	191
Craft table supplies	-	104	104
Insurance	-	112	112
Easter	-	14	14
Bank charges	-	2	2
Total Payments	3,815	3,615	7,429

Net receipts (payments) for the period	9,185	(2,730)	6,456
Balance of funds at 21st January 2025	-	-	-
Transfer: from Bevendean Food Bank, Coffee Morning and Advice Centre	3,395	11,042	14,437
Balance of funds at 31st August 2025	12,580	8,312	20,893

Assets and Liabilities at 31st August 2025

<i>Assets</i>	
Metro Bank - ****494	20,898
Uncleared items	(5)
Cash in hand	0
	20,893

<i>Liabilities</i>	Nil
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Restricted funds held at 31st August 2025

	received	Balance at 31/08/25
Brighton & Hove City Council - re winter fuel and food vouchers	Nov-24	2,830
Brighton & Hove City Council - for food bank clients	May-25	9,750 * see note
		12,580

*** Note**

These accounts assume that the grant of £13,000 was intended to support the food bank over a period of 12 months. This balance assumes that the grant supported three months' work in this period (June, July, August 2025) and therefore that 9 months' worth of funding remained at 31st August 2025.