Bangor Foodhub and Community Support Ltd

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108533

Details

Status	Received
Company number	676076
Registered	2022-02-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Activities

Purposes: 4.1. The charity’s objects (Objects) are specifically restricted to the following: - to provide emergency nutritionally balanced non-perishable food for families and individuals in crisis; - to supply our local hunger-relief partners with the food necessary to bring hope and nourishment to those in need, so that they can focus on what matters most: raising their children, supporting their families, and giving back to their community; - to provide a supportive environment in which to offer compassionate, practical support to people in crisis to tackle the root causes that lock people into poverty and build people's resilience so they are less likely to find themselves in crises in the future; - the promotion of such other charitable purposes according to the laws applicable in Northern Ireland. 4.1.1. 1 What outcomes the charity is set up to achieve? To initially tackle issues of food poverty faced by individuals and families and then to assist were needed beyond this point as we would seek to assist clients with broader financial matters. 2 How will it achieve these outcomes? Along with the provision of food will come a client meeting which will help the organisation to further identify area of need that a client may require assistance with. 3 Who will benefit from these outcomes? The services of the organisation are open for any resident within the surrounding area of benefit to avail of. 4 Where the benefits extend to? Geographically the benefit of the service extends across Bangor, Holywood, Conlig, Donaghadee, Portavogie and Portaferry and the greater area of benefit. All individuals or families identified to us as being in need will be provided for irrespective of background. 4.2 Nothing in the articles authorises an application of the property of the charity for purposes which are not charitable in accordance with section 2 of the Charities Act 2011 and/or section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty,The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage,Other charitable purposes

How the charity works: Advice/advocacy/information,Community development,Counselling/support,Education/training,Relief of poverty,Volunteer development,Welfare/benevolent,Youth development

Who the charity helps: Addictions (drug/solvent/alcohol abuse),Adult training,Asylum seekers/refugees,Carers,Children (5-13 year olds),Community safety/crime prevention,Ethnic minorities,Ex-offenders and prisoners,General public,Homelessness,Learning disabilities,Men,Mental health,Older people,Parents,Physical disabilities,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Specific areas of deprivation,Tenants,Unemployed/low income,Victim support,Voluntary and community sector,Volunteers,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£229,429	£221,952	£0	4

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Aaron Addidle		
Emily Magrath		
Gary Faulkner		
Joanne Faulkner		
Sonya Beattie		

Accounts

Our Ref: PA/ED/CJ
Date: 28th November 2025
Code: PM7006

MTS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Bangor Foodhub & Community Support Ltd
13 Balloo Crescent
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Dear Gary

Bangor Foodhub & Community Support Ltd

Please find attached PDF of the following document that requires your electronic signature:

1. Main Accounts for the period ended 28th February 2025.

Yours faithfully

Paula Armstrong
Paula Armstrong (Nov 28, 2025 12:56:18 GMT)

Mrs Paula Armstrong
On behalf of MTS Prior McMahon

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Charity registration number NIC108533

Company registration number NI676076 (Northern Ireland)

BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	G Faulkner J Faulkner A Addidle S Beattie E Magrath
Secretary	G Faulkner
Charity number	NIC108533
Company number	NI676076
Independent examiner	MTS Prior McMahon c/o Ards Business Hub Sketrick House Jubilee Road Newtownards Co Down BT23 4YH
Bankers	AIB (NI) 85 Main Street Bangor BT20 4BA

BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2025.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charitable purpose of the organisation is the prevention and relief of poverty. We receive donations of non-perishable food and other household items from the local community through support from churches, businesses, individuals and community groups. Individuals and families in need can access our services through external referral agencies, front line service providers including churches, schools, MLAs and Health and Social Care Trust Keyworkers.

The charity's objects are to tackle poverty borne problems by working together and looking to the community for solutions. Supported by a network of businesses, churches and individuals, the charity has provided a daily safety net for at-risk families, those over 65 years of age and other individuals in the North Down & Ards Peninsula area. We have a proud history of working closely with a wide range of community organisations and front line service providers to provide better outcomes for people.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

This year we have:

- Continued to welcome people in crisis with dignity, compassion, and respect.
- Supported families beyond food parcels, helping them connect with other services that address the root causes of their difficulties.
- Maintained strong partnerships with local churches, schools, community groups, and businesses, who have provided practical support and donations.
- Relied heavily on our team of volunteers and staff, whose hard work and commitment cannot be overstated.

While the demand for our services has been significant, we are proud that BFCS has remained a place of welcome and hope.

This year has been one of both challenge and encouragement. The pressures facing local families have been clear, but so too has the generosity and determination of our volunteers, supporters, and partners. It is thanks to them that we have been able to continue offering vital help to those who need it most.

In addition to meeting basic needs, BFCS has significantly advanced its Financial Inclusion service. This program offers personalised financial guidance and support to help people manage their money more effectively. Over the past year, BFCS has supported over 3,240 individuals through one-on-one financial coaching sessions and workshops, helping them to create budgets, manage debt, and set savings goals. Many participants have reported an improved sense of financial security and reduced stress, showing the tangible impact of this service.

The Ten Tiny Toes baby bank has also seen significant growth, supporting over 106 families with essential baby supplies, including nappies, clothing, and equipment. This service is crucial for parents and caregivers facing financial hardship, ensuring that every child has access to the necessities for a healthy and happy start in life. Feedback from recipients has been overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing gratitude for the support during challenging times.

This year also marked the launch of a new Addiction Drop-In service, addressing a critical gap in support for individuals struggling with substance abuse. The drop-in provides a safe, welcoming space where people can seek help, access resources, and connect with trained volunteers and staff who offer guidance and emotional support. The response to this service has been encouraging, with many attendees taking steps towards recovery and rebuilding their lives. BFCS's achievements are not only measured in numbers but also in the stories of transformation and hope. The organisation has forged strong partnerships with local agencies, businesses, and volunteers, enhancing its ability to respond effectively to the community's needs. By taking a holistic approach that addresses both immediate and long-term challenges, BFCS has empowered countless individuals and families to overcome adversity and build brighter futures.

Looking ahead, BFCS remains committed to expanding its reach and impact, continuing to serve as a beacon of hope and resilience for those in need. The past year has been a testament to the dedication and compassion of its team, volunteers, and supporters, who have made these achievements possible.

Financial review

Our income this year has once again come from a mixture of grants, donations, fundraising, and support from local partners. Expenditure has largely gone towards food supplies, staff costs, volunteer support, and the running of our premises and vehicle.

During the year the Charity generated incoming resources of £229,429

Outgoing resources were £221,952 leaving net outgoings of £7,477 for the year to 28 February 2025.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

The main challenges we face are:

- Ongoing demand for our services, with many families struggling due to rising living costs.
- The increasing cost of food and utilities, which impacts both our clients and our own operations.
- The need to continue recruiting, training, and retaining volunteers to keep pace with demand.

The Trustees are aware of these pressures and continue to plan carefully for the future, seeking to secure sustainable funding and partnerships.

Plans for future periods

In the coming year we will continue to:

- Provide food and practical support to people in crisis.
- Strengthen our wraparound services to help tackle the causes of poverty as well as the symptoms.
- Value and support our volunteers and staff.
- Build community awareness and reduce the stigma that still surrounds asking for help.

Our vision remains that every individual or family who needs our services today will one day no longer need them.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and incorporated on 2nd February 2021. The company was established under Articles of Association which set out the objectives and powers of the charitable company and the company is governed by these Articles. In the event of the company being wound up, board members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. BFCS is in compliance with legal and other government obligations. The company was formally granted charitable status by the Northern Ireland Charities Commission on 22nd February 2022.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

G Faulkner

J Faulkner

A Addidle

S Beattie

E Magrath

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of Bangor Foodbank and Community Support (BFCS), playing an essential role in the delivery and success of all our services. Their dedication, compassion, and commitment make a profound difference in the lives of those we serve. From sorting and packing food parcels to offering a friendly and supportive ear, our volunteers are at the heart of everything we do. At the foodbank, volunteers work tirelessly to ensure that families in crisis receive nutritious food parcels. They handle the collection, sorting, and distribution of donations, often going above and beyond to create a welcoming and dignified experience for those seeking help. Their friendly, non-judgmental presence makes a significant impact, offering not just food but also a sense of community and support. In our Financial Inclusion program, volunteers provide one-on-one advice sessions, helping individuals navigate complex financial challenges. Their expertise and patience empower clients to take control of their finances and build more secure futures. The Ten Tiny Toes baby bank relies on volunteers to collect, organise, and distribute essential baby items to families in need. Their hard work ensures that parents have access to the supplies they need to care for their children, alleviating some of the stress and anxiety that financial hardship can bring. Our new Addiction Drop-In service also benefits immensely from the dedication of volunteers, who offer a compassionate, listening ear and support to those struggling with addiction. The passion and generosity of our volunteers inspire us every day. Their work is crucial in providing not just practical assistance but also hope, dignity, and a sense of community for those who are struggling. We couldn't do it without them!

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Gary Faulkner

Gary Faulkner (Nov 28, 2025 12:59:27 GMT)

G Faulkner

Chairperson

28 November 2025

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors of Bangor Foodbank & Community Support for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Bangor Foodbank & Community Support (the charity) for the year ended 28 February 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under company law and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent examiner's statement
I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ; or
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have completed my examination and I have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Paula Armstrong
Paula Armstrong (Nov 28, 2025 13:03:08 GMT)

MTS Prior McMahon

c/o Ards Business Hub
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Paula Armstrong FCA

Dated: 28 November 2025

BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	**3**	43,091	186,338	229,429	96,686	67,503	164,189
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities							
Charitable expenditure	**4**	93,297	128,655	221,952	140,598	33,211	173,809
Total charitable expenditure		93,297	128,655	221,952	140,598	33,211	173,809
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(50,206)	57,683	7,477	(43,912)	34,292	(9,620)
Gross transfers between funds		24,250	(24,250)	-	-	-	-
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(25,956)	33,433	7,477	(43,912)	34,292	(9,620)
Fund balances at 1 March 2024		45,590	150,789	196,379	89,502	116,498	206,000
Fund balances at 28 February 2025		19,634	184,222	203,856	45,590	150,790	196,380

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**9**		148,489		122,259
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		57,847		77,093	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**10**	(2,480)		(2,972)	
Net current assets			55,367		74,121
Total assets less current liabilities			203,856		196,380
Net assets excluding pension liability			203,856		196,380
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	**12**		184,222		150,790
Unrestricted funds			19,634		45,590
			203,856		196,380

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 28 February 2025.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 28 November 2025

Gary Faulkner

Gary Faulkner (Nov 28, 2025 12:59:27 GMT)

G Faulkner

Chairperson

Company registration number NI676076 (Northern Ireland)

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Bangor Foodbank & Community Support is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is .

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 “The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland” (“FRS 102”) and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, [modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value]. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors or grantors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% reducing balance
Computers	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.9 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.10 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	31,392	-	31,392	92,652	-	92,652
Grants	11,699	186,338	198,037	4,034	67,503	71,537
	43,091	186,338	229,429	96,686	67,503	164,189

4 Charitable activities

	Charitable expenditure 2025 £	Charitable expenditure 2024 £
Staff costs	92,195	65,769
Depreciation and impairment	38,707	31,504
Motor expenses	(2)	398
Rent	26,150	21,600
Rates and water rates	485	10,147
Insurance	1,564	1,254
Telephone	1,632	3,970
Repairs and maintenance	2,614	7,644
Heat and light	9,185	7,811
Computer expenses	153	423
Advertising	1,226	522
Bank fees	466	451
Legal and professional fees	3,000	8,467
Vouchers	1,410	1,314
Food	7,673	9,085
General costs	2,475	3,450
Other charitable expenditure	33,019	-
	221,952	173,809
	221,952	173,809
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	93,297	140,598
Restricted funds	128,655	33,211
	221,952	173,809
For the year ended 29 February 2024		
Unrestricted funds	140,598	
Restricted funds	33,211	
	173,809	

5 Net movement in funds

	2025 £	2024 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	38,707	31,504

6 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2025 Number	2024 Number
	4	3

Employment costs	**2025 £**	**2024 £**
Wages and salaries	91,152	64,896
Other pension costs	1,043	873
	92,195	65,769

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

Remuneration of key management personnel
The remuneration of key management personnel was as follows:

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings	Computers	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 March 2024	173,798	12,913	186,711
Additions	61,686	3,251	64,937
At 28 February 2025	235,484	16,164	251,648
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 March 2024	58,114	6,338	64,452
Depreciation charged in the year	35,474	3,233	38,707
At 28 February 2025	93,588	9,571	103,159
Carrying amount			
At 28 February 2025	141,896	6,593	148,489
At 29 February 2024	115,684	6,575	122,259

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	987	659
Other creditors	84	994
Accruals and deferred income	1,409	1,319
	2,480	2,972

11 Retirement benefit schemes

	2025	2024
Defined contribution schemes	£	£
Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	-	873

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

12 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 March 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 28 February 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
	150,789	186,338	(128,655)	(24,250)	184,222

Previous year:	At 1 March 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 29 February 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
	116,498	67,503	(33,211)	-	150,790

13 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 March 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 28 February 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	45,590	43,091	(93,297)	24,250	19,634

Previous year:	At 1 March 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 29 February 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	89,502	96,686	(140,598)	-	45,590

14 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the period.

Accounts

Charity Registration No. NIC108533

Company Registration No. NI676076 (Northern Ireland)

BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	G Faulkner J Faulkner A Addidle S Beattie E Magrath
Secretary	G Faulkner
Charity number	NIC108533
Company number	NI676076
Bankers	AIB (NI) 85 Main Street Bangor BT20 4BA

BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 29 February 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charitable purpose of the organisation is the prevention and relief of poverty. We receive donations of non-perishable food and other household items from the local community through support from churches, businesses, individuals and community groups. Individuals and families in need can access our services through external referral agencies, front line service providers including churches, schools, MLAs and Health and Social Care Trust Keyworkers.

The charity's objects are to tackle poverty borne problems by working together and looking to the community for solutions. Supported by a network of businesses, churches and individuals, the charity has provided a daily safety net for at-risk families, those over 65 years of age and other individuals in the North Down & Ards Peninsula area. We have a proud history of working closely with a wide range of community organisations and front line service providers to provide better outcomes for people.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Over the past year, Bangor Foodbank and Community Support (BFCS) has made a remarkable impact in the community, addressing the growing need for emergency support and tackling the root causes of poverty and hardship.

One of the most significant achievements has been the expansion of the foodbank's services. Over the past year, Bangor Foodbank and Community Support has provided crucial assistance to over 3,240 individuals, a 15% increase compared to the previous year. Our core service, the foodbank, distributed over 65 tonnes of food, equating to more than 154,760 meals. We are proud to have been able to meet this rising demand while maintaining the quality and dignity of the services we offer. This increase in distribution reflects the rising demand, driven by factors such as the cost-of-living crisis and the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to meeting basic needs, BFCS has significantly advanced its Financial Inclusion service. This program offers personalised financial guidance and support to help people manage their money more effectively. Over the past year, BFCS has supported over 3,240 individuals through one-on-one financial coaching sessions and workshops, helping them to create budgets, manage debt, and set savings goals. Many participants have reported an improved sense of financial security and reduced stress, showing the tangible impact of this service.

The Ten Tiny Toes baby bank has also seen significant growth, supporting over 106 families with essential baby supplies, including nappies, clothing, and equipment. This service is crucial for parents and caregivers facing financial hardship, ensuring that every child has access to the necessities for a healthy and happy start in life. Feedback from recipients has been overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing gratitude for the support during challenging times.

This year also marked the launch of a new Addiction Drop-In service, addressing a critical gap in support for individuals struggling with substance abuse. The drop-in provides a safe, welcoming space where people can seek help, access resources, and connect with trained volunteers and staff who offer guidance and emotional support. The response to this service has been encouraging, with many attendees taking steps towards recovery and rebuilding their lives. BFCS's achievements are not only measured in numbers but also in the stories of transformation and hope. The organisation has forged strong partnerships with local agencies, businesses, and volunteers, enhancing its ability to respond effectively to the community's needs. By taking a holistic approach that addresses both immediate and long-term challenges, BFCS has empowered countless individuals and families to overcome adversity and build brighter futures.

Looking ahead, BFCS remains committed to expanding its reach and impact, continuing to serve as a beacon of hope and resilience for those in need. The past year has been a testament to the dedication and compassion of its team, volunteers, and supporters, who have made these achievements possible.

Financial review

During the year the Charity generated incoming resources of £164,189.

Outgoing resources were £173,809 leaving net outgoings of £9,620 for the year to 28 February 2024.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for future periods

The aim of BFCS is to provide compassionate and practical assistance to individuals and families facing financial hardship. Working with such organisations as Home Start, Women's Aid, uHub, Orchardville and the Simon Community and by offering a range of services and programmes, including emergency food parcels, financial guidance, and essential baby items, BFCS strives to alleviate the immediate pressures of poverty while addressing its underlying causes. Our goal is not only to provide relief but to empower people to achieve lasting stability and well-being. BFCS believes in treating everyone with dignity and respect, creating a safe, welcoming environment for those who seek help. The organisation recognises that each person's journey is unique, and we offer personalised support to help individuals regain control of their lives. From helping families put food on the table to guiding people through financial challenges or supporting new parents, BFCS is dedicated to making a meaningful impact in the community. Through our compassionate efforts, BFCS aims to create a more caring and connected community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and incorporated on 2nd February 2021. The company was established under Articles of Association which set out the objectives and powers of the charitable company and the company is governed by these Articles. In the event of the company being wound up, board members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. BFCS is in compliance with legal and other government obligations. The company was formally granted charitable status by the Northern Ireland Charities Commission on 22nd February 2022.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

G Faulkner

J Faulkner

A Addidle

S Beattie

E Magrath

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of Bangor Foodbank and Community Support (BFCS), playing an essential role in the delivery and success of all our services. Their dedication, compassion, and commitment make a profound difference in the lives of those we serve. From sorting and packing food parcels to offering a friendly and supportive ear, our volunteers are at the heart of everything we do. At the foodbank, volunteers work tirelessly to ensure that families in crisis receive nutritious food parcels. They handle the collection, sorting, and distribution of donations, often going above and beyond to create a welcoming and dignified experience for those seeking help. Their friendly, non-judgmental presence makes a significant impact, offering not just food but also a sense of community and support. In our Financial Inclusion program, volunteers provide one-on-one advice sessions, helping individuals navigate complex financial challenges. Their expertise and patience empower clients to take control of their finances and build more secure futures. The Ten Tiny Toes baby bank relies on volunteers to collect, organise, and distribute essential baby items to families in need. Their hard work ensures that parents have access to the supplies they need to care for their children, alleviating some of the stress and anxiety that financial hardship can bring. Our new Addiction Drop-In service also benefits immensely from the dedication of volunteers, who offer a compassionate, listening ear and support to those struggling with addiction. The passion and generosity of our volunteers inspire us every day. Their work is crucial in providing not just practical assistance but also hope, dignity, and a sense of community for those who are struggling. We couldn't do it without them!

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

G Faulkner
Chairperson

14 November 2024

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

The trustees, who are also the directors of Bangor Foodbank & Community Support for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Bangor Foodbank & Community Support (the charity) for the year ended 29 February 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under company law and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent examiner's statement

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2 the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records; or
3 the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ; or
4 That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have completed my examination and I have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Paula Armstrong

Paula Armstrong FCA

Dated: 13 November 2024

BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 FEBRUARY 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	96,686	67,503	164,189	133,474	83,478	216,952
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities							
Charitable expenditure	4	140,598	33,211	173,809	90,982	28,393	119,375
Total charitable expenditure		140,598	33,211	173,809	90,982	28,393	119,375
Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds		(43,912)	34,292	(9,620)	42,492	55,085	97,577
Fund balances at 1 March 2023		89,502	116,498	206,000	47,010	61,413	108,423
Fund balances at 29 February 2024		45,590	150,790	196,380	89,502	116,498	206,000

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 29 FEBRUARY 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**7**		122,259		113,578
Current assets					
Debtors	**8**	-		2	
Cash at bank and in hand		77,093		100,878	
		77,093		100,880	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**10**	(2,972)		(8,458)	
Net current assets			74,121		92,422
Total assets less current liabilities			196,380		206,000
Income funds					
Restricted funds			150,790		116,498
Unrestricted funds			45,590		89,502
			196,380		206,000

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 29 February 2024.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 14 November 2024

G Faulkner
Trustee

Company Registration No. NI676076

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Bangor Foodbank & Community Support is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is .

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Resources expended

Income and expenses are included in the financial statements as they become receivable or due.

Expenses include VAT where applicable as the company cannot reclaim it.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% reducing balance
Computers	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	2024	**2024**	**2024**	2023
	£	**£**	**£**	£
Donations and gifts	92,652	-	92,652	137,474
Grants	4,034	67,503	71,537	79,478
	96,686	67,503	164,189	216,952
For the year ended 28 February 2023	133,474	83,478		216,952

4 Charitable activities

	Charitable expenditure 2024 £	Charitable expenditure 2023 £
Staff costs	65,769	46,055
Depreciation and impairment	31,504	28,830
Motor expenses	398	1,872
Rent	21,600	21,600
Rates and water rates	10,147	388
Insurance	1,254	828
Telephone	3,970	240
Repairs and maintenance	7,644	7,534
Heat and light	7,811	1,460
Computer expenses	423	72
Advertising	522	440
Bank fees	451	419
Legal and professional fees	8,467	1,050
Vouchers	1,314	1,188
Food	9,085	167
General costs	3,450	606
Corporation tax charge for the period	-	6,626
	173,809	119,375
	173,809	119,375
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	140,598	90,982
Restricted funds	33,211	28,393
	173,809	119,375
For the year ended 28 February 2023		
Unrestricted funds	90,982	
Restricted funds	28,393	
	119,375	

5 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

6 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
	3	3

Employment costs	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	64,896	45,361
Other pension costs	873	694
	65,769	46,055

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 March 2023	136,463	10,064	146,527
Additions	37,335	2,849	40,184
At 29 February 2024	173,798	12,913	186,711
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 March 2023	29,193	3,755	32,948
Depreciation charged in the year	28,921	2,583	31,504
At 29 February 2024	58,114	6,338	64,452
Carrying amount			
At 29 February 2024	115,684	6,575	122,259
At 28 February 2023	107,270	6,308	113,578

8 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	-	2

9 Loans and overdrafts

	2024 £	2023 £
Other loans	-	5,000
Payable within one year	-	5,000

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Borrowings	-	5,000
Other taxation and social security	659	607
Other creditors	994	463
Accruals and deferred income	1,319	2,388
	2,972	8,458

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	2024 £	2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fund balances at 29 February 2024 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	122,259	-	122,259	113,578
Current assets/(liabilities)	74,121	-	74,121	92,422
	196,380	-	196,380	206,000

12 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the period.

Bangor Foodhub and Community Support Ltd

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108533

Annual report

BFCS BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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About us

Bangor Foodbank and Community Support (BFCS) is an outreach project of Bangor Elim Church and is an independent charity based in Bangor, Northern Ireland. It is dedicated to alleviating poverty and promoting well-being in the community through a range of vital services that go beyond just food provision.

The foodbank is at the heart of its operations, providing emergency food parcels to individuals and families in crisis. These parcels, filled with nutritious staples, are a lifeline for many who struggle to make ends meet.

At BFCS we know that food assistance alone is not enough to break the cycle of poverty, which is why we've developed several additional programs to address the root causes of financial hardship.
One of these initiatives is the Financial Inclusion service. Understanding that managing finances can be overwhelming, especially for those dealing with debt or on low incomes, BFCS offers personalised support to help people take control of their financial situations. Through one-on-one sessions and workshops, individuals learn essential skills such as budgeting, debt management, saving strategies and benefits advice. This service not only helps to alleviate immediate financial stress but also empowers people with the knowledge and confidence to build a more secure future.

BFCS also recognises the unique challenges faced by families with young children, which is why the Ten Tiny Toes baby bank was established. This service continues to provide crucial support to parents and caregivers by offering essential items such as nappies, baby clothing, and equipment. For families struggling financially, these items can be a significant expense, and Ten Tiny Toes ensures that every baby has access to the necessities for a healthy start in life.

Addressing the issue of addiction in the community, BFCS has recently introduced an addiction drop-in service. This new initiative offers a safe, non-judgmental space for individuals struggling with substance abuse to seek help and connect with resources that can support their recovery. With trained staff and volunteers on hand, the drop-in provides not only practical assistance but also emotional support, helping people navigate the challenges of addiction and move towards a healthier, more stable life.

Through these diverse services, BFCS is creating a comprehensive support network that tackles multiple aspects of poverty and hardship. Whether providing food, financial guidance, baby essentials, or addiction support, the organisation is committed to offering hope and practical help to those in need.
By addressing both immediate and long-term challenges, BFCS empowers individuals and families to overcome adversity and build a brighter, more secure future.

A word from our Chairperson

It is my great pleasure to present the Chairperson's Annual Report for the 2023-2024 period. This year has been both challenging and rewarding for Bangor Foodbank and Community Support (BFCS), as we have continued to serve our community with dedication, compassion, and resilience.

2023-2024 has seen a significant increase in demand for our services, with the ongoing cost-of-living crisis and rising energy prices having a profound impact on local households. Many families are facing unprecedented financial pressures, leading to a heightened reliance on foodbanks and community support initiatives. Despite these challenges, our organisation has remained steadfast in its mission to alleviate hunger and provide essential resources for those in need.

In addition to food distribution, we expanded our community support services, offering financial advice, benefits advice, mental health support, and signposting to other essential services. This holistic approach has been vital in addressing not just the immediate need for food, but also the underlying causes of poverty and hardship.
A key element of our success this year has been the strength of our partnerships. We have continued to work closely with local supermarkets, businesses, schools, and churches to secure regular food donations.

Additionally, our collaboration with Community Advice, local councils, service providers and health services has allowed us to provide more comprehensive support to those facing hardship.

We are particularly grateful to our corporate sponsors and local organisations who have contributed through grants and donations, ensuring that we have the necessary resources to sustain and grow our operations. This funding, enables us to invest in infrastructure, expand our services, and support more people.

Our volunteers remain the heart and soul of Bangor Foodbank and Community Support. Our volunteers have worked tirelessly to pack, distribute, and deliver food parcels, as well as offer a listening ear to those who need it most. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to every volunteer for their unwavering commitment and compassion.

I also want to acknowledge the hard work of our staff team, whose professionalism and dedication have ensured that our services continue to run smoothly in the face of growing demand.
This year, we invested in additional training for our team, particularly in areas such as safeguarding, mental health awareness, and financial advice, which have proven invaluable in supporting our clients.

Despite the increased expenditure on food supplies and operational costs, we are pleased to report a balanced budget for the year. Our prudent financial management has ensured that we remain in a strong position to continue delivering our services in the coming year.

While the rising demand for our services presents ongoing challenges, it also underscores the importance of our work. The cost-of-living crisis is unlikely to abate in the near future, and we anticipate that more families will turn to us for support. However, with challenge comes opportunity. In the coming year, we plan to expand our services by opening two new distribution centres and increasing our outreach to rural areas. This will allow us to reach even more people who are struggling.

We are also exploring new partnerships with local employers and training providers to offer employment and skills development opportunities to our clients, empowering them to break the cycle of poverty.

As we move into 2024-2025, our focus will remain on supporting our community through these difficult times. We will continue to advocate for those facing food insecurity and work with policymakers to address the root causes of poverty. We also aim to diversify our funding streams to ensure the long-term sustainability of our services.

Our strategic plan for the next year includes the following key objectives:
- Expanding our foodbank operations to meet increasing demand.
- Enhancing our community support services, particularly in mental health and financial counselling.
- Strengthening our partnerships with local businesses and service providers.
- Increasing our volunteer recruitment and training programs.

I am incredibly proud of what Bangor Foodbank and Community Support has achieved this year, and I am confident that, with the continued support of our community, volunteers, and partners, we will rise to meet the challenges ahead. Together, we are making a tangible difference in the lives of those who need it most.

In closing, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported us throughout the year. Whether through donating food, time, or money, your contributions have made a real impact. As we look forward to the year ahead, let us continue to stand together in the fight against hunger and hardship.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Faulkner
Chairperson

Achievements and performance

Over the past year, Bangor Foodbank and Community Support (BFCS) has made a remarkable impact in the community, addressing the growing need for emergency support and tackling the root causes of poverty and hardship. One of the most significant achievements has been the expansion of the foodbank's services. Over the past year, Bangor Foodbank and Community Support has provided crucial assistance to over 3,240 individuals, a 15% increase compared to the previous year. Our core service, the foodbank, distributed over 65 tonnes of food, equating to more than 154,760 meals. We are proud to have been able to meet this rising demand while maintaining the quality and dignity of the services we offer. This increase in distribution reflects the rising demand, driven by factors such as the cost-of-living crisis and the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to meeting basic needs, BFCS has significantly advanced its Financial Inclusion service. This program offers personalised financial guidance and support to help people manage their money more effectively. Over the past year, BFCS has supported over 3,240 individuals through one-on-one financial coaching sessions and workshops, helping them to create budgets, manage debt, and set savings goals. Many participants have reported an improved sense of financial security and reduced stress, showing the tangible impact of this service.

The Ten Tiny Toes baby bank has also seen significant growth, supporting over 106 families with essential baby supplies, including nappies, clothing, and equipment. This service is crucial for parents and caregivers facing financial hardship, ensuring that every child has access to the necessities for a healthy and happy start in life. Feedback from recipients has been overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing gratitude for the support during challenging times.

This year also marked the launch of a new Addiction Drop-In service, addressing a critical gap in support for individuals struggling with substance abuse. The drop-in provides a safe, welcoming space where people can seek help, access resources, and connect with trained volunteers and staff who offer guidance and emotional support. The response to this service has been encouraging, with many attendees taking steps towards recovery and rebuilding their lives.

BFCS's achievements are not only measured in numbers but also in the stories of transformation and hope. The organisation has forged strong partnerships with local agencies, businesses, and volunteers, enhancing its ability to respond effectively to the community's needs. By taking a holistic approach that addresses both immediate and long-term challenges, BFCS has empowered countless individuals and families to overcome adversity and build brighter futures.

Looking ahead, BFCS remains committed to expanding its reach and impact, continuing to serve as a beacon of hope and resilience for those in need. The past year has been a testament to the dedication and compassion of its team, volunteers, and supporters, who have made these achievements possible.

Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of Bangor Foodbank and Community Support (BFCS), playing an essential role in the delivery and success of all our services. Their dedication, compassion, and commitment make a profound difference in the lives of those we serve. From sorting and packing food parcels to offering a friendly and supportive ear, our volunteers are at the heart of everything we do.

At the foodbank, volunteers work tirelessly to ensure that families in crisis receive nutritious food parcels. They handle the collection, sorting, and distribution of donations, often going above and beyond to create a welcoming and dignified experience for those seeking help. Their friendly, non-judgmental presence makes a significant impact, offering not just food but also a sense of community and support.

In our Financial Inclusion program, volunteers provide one-on-one advice sessions, helping individuals navigate complex financial challenges. Their expertise and patience empower clients to take control of their finances and build more secure futures.

The Ten Tiny Toes baby bank relies on volunteers to collect, organise, and distribute essential baby items to families in need. Their hard work ensures that parents have access to the supplies they need to care for their children, alleviating some of the stress and anxiety that financial hardship can bring.

Our new Addiction Drop-In service also benefits immensely from the dedication of volunteers, who offer a compassionate, listening ear and support to those struggling with addiction.

The passion and generosity of our volunteers inspire us every day. Their work is crucial in providing not just practical assistance but also hope, dignity, and a sense of community for those who are struggling. We couldn’t do it without them!

Our Aim

The aim of BFCS is to provide compassionate and practical assistance to individuals and families facing financial hardship. Working with such organisations as Home Start, Women’s Aid, uHub, Orchardville and the Simon Community and by offering a range of services and programmes, including emergency food parcels, financial guidance, and essential baby items, BFCS strives to alleviate the immediate pressures of poverty while addressing its underlying causes. Our goal is not only to provide relief but to empower people to achieve lasting stability and well-being. BFCS believes in treating everyone with dignity and respect, creating a safe, welcoming environment for those who seek help. The organisation recognises that each person’s journey is unique, and we offer personalised support to help individuals regain control of their lives. From helping families put food on the table to guiding people through financial challenges or supporting new parents, BFCS is dedicated to making a meaningful impact in the community.

Through our compassionate efforts, BFCS aims to create a more caring and connected community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Bangor Foodhub and Community Support Ltd

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108533

Annual return

BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Bangor Foodbank & Community Support (the charity) for the year ended 29 February 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under company law and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- s t a t e w h e t h e r particular m a t t e r s h a v e c o m e to my attention.

Independent examiner's statement

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records; or

the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; or

That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have completed my examination and I have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Paula Armstrong FCA
Dated: 13 N o v e m b e r 2 0 2 4

Accounts

Charity Registration No. NIC108533

Company Registration No. NI676076 (Northern Ireland)

BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees	G Faulkner J Faulkner A Addidle S Beattie E Magrath
Secretary	G Faulkner
Charity number	NIC108533
Company number	NI676076
Bankers	AIB (NI) 85 Main Street Bangor BT20 4BA

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BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charitable purpose of the organisation is the prevention and relief of poverty. We receive donations of non-perishable food and other household items from the local community through support from churches, businesses, individuals and community groups. Individuals and families in need can access our services through external referral agencies, front line service providers including churches, schools, MLAs and Health and Social Care Trust Keyworkers.

The charity's objects are to tackle poverty borne problems by working together and looking to the community for solutions. Supported by a network of businesses, churches and individuals, the charity has provided a daily safety net for at-risk families, those over 65 years of age and other individuals in the North Down & Ards Peninsula area. We have a proud history of working closely with a wide range of community organisations and front line service providers to provide better outcomes for people.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

BFCS continues to provide emergency food to those in financial crisis within the Ards and North Down Council area.

BFCS have been in operation for ten years and has one full time member of staff, assisted by three part time staff members along with a team of 32 volunteers. It remains part of the national foodbank network seeded by the Trussell Trust. BFCS is one of more than 22 Independently run foodbanks/satellite distribution centres in Northern Ireland.

In the period from 1st March 2022 to 28th February 2023 BFCS collected 46,971 kg of food in donations and distributed 60,141 kg. This represented an increase in donations of 18% and a staggering increase of 132% in food distributed. This provided around 143,192 individual meals. Once again we have seen an increase in the number of local organisations/agencies partnering with us in the distribution of food vouchers.

We have also supplied household items such as cleaning materials, toiletries, nappies, and washing powder. We have seen a marked increase in the number of young families we are able to assist through the introduction of our new babybank, Ten Tiny toes. Through this new service we are able to provide a wide range of items such as; prams, cots, moses baskets, highchairs, walkers, bouncers, walkers and a range of toilteries.

In addition to the above food we delivered directly to those in need we supplied food items to The Simon Community, North Down YMCA and The Warehouse Newtownards, who all received support to assist them with projects they are delivering in the local community.

Working closely with The Warehouse Newtownards they collectively distributed over 1,100 Christmas Hampers. Families receiving hampers were nominated by our referral agencies and local church organisations connected to BFCS and The Warehouse. This was the ninth year we have been able to provide hampers thanks to the generosity of our supporters who donate food throughout the year. Also during the Christmas period BFCS was able to provide meat vouchers and toy vouchers to a number of families in need within the community.

Tesco Springhill, Sainsburys and ASDA Bangor continue to have a "Permanent Collection Point" (PCP) allowing their customers to donate food on a regular basis. Once again Tesco Springhill facilitated our annual three-day collection in November which provided great support to us in the run up to the Christmas season.

In December we saw a major increase in donations from customers to the “Permanent Collection Points" situated within Tesco, Sainsburys and Asda stores. This would not have been possible without the effort and co-operation of the store managers, staff and generosity of the general public.

We have identified that those in financial crisis are not only people who are currently unemployed but also working families. The increased trend of part time contracts, or zero-hour contracts, can mean that family incomes are much reduced or can cease without warning. Access to Universal Credit continues to cause hardship to families and individuals requiring help. In many cases people who are already finding it difficult to cope financially, are under more pressure in providing the very basic necessities for their families. A delay in benefit payments which could take weeks following a change of circumstances continued to cause stress to many families in need. This is more devastating to families with no savings, and remains a major factor in those needing to call on our foodbank in helping to feed their families. This year seen the completion of Phase 1 of our building work which comprises of a multi-function meeting space and refreshment area. This new facility has enabled us to provide valuable meeting space for several service providers such as; Women’s Aid, uHub, MenCap, Sure Start and Home Start.

To spread some much need Christmas cheer and with the help of the Catering and Hospitality department from the Bangor Campus of the South Eastern Regional College, we provided over 350 members of our local community with a 4 course festive feast complete with live entertainment. For a lot of the guests this was the only Christmas meal they would be enjoying.

Financial review

During the year the Charity generated incoming resources of £216,952.

Outgoing resources were £119,375 leaving net incoming resources of £97,577 for the year to 28 February 2023.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month’s expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity’s current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for future periods

Our aim in the coming year will be to continue to serve our local community and support people experiencing food poverty and financial crisis and we will endeavour to further embed financial inclusion and income maximisation support into our everyday operations to ensure that people who visit our foodbank are receiving all of the financial support they are entitled to. We will also be continuing our campaigning efforts and allocating additional time and resources to aid our mission to end poverty and hunger in our city through the engagement of local communities and policy makers

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and incorporated on 2nd February 2021. The company was established under Articles of Association which set out the objectives and powers of the charitable company and the company is governed by these Articles. In the event of the company being wound up, board members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. BFCS is in compliance with legal and other government obligations. The company was formally granted charitable status by the Northern Ireland Charities Commission on 22nd February 2022.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

G Faulkner
J Faulkner
A Addidle
S Beattie
E Magrath

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

Volunteers

BFCS operates with the support of in excess of 32 volunteers from the local community including a number of individuals that we have supported in the past. The volunteers offer support in the foodbank three sessions per week, and in the collection and transferring donations from Tesco, Sainsbury's, Asda and other local donors that provide food to BFCS.

BFCS would not been able to operate efficiently and effectively without the help and support from our incredible and dedicated team of volunteers who in the past year have contributed 2,796 hours of their time processing donations and packing and distributing food parcels. In addition the support afforded by donors, trustees and supporters is invaluable and has supported BFCS in achieving their aims and objectives. Their enthusiasm, generosity and commitment to tackling and eradicating hunger in our city drives our mission forward and we are inspired by their unwavering dedication, passion and kindness.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

G Faulkner
Chairperson

29 November 2023

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors of Bangor Foodbank & Community Support for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Bangor Foodbank & Community Support (the charity) for the year ended 28 February 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under company law and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent examiner's statement

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ; or
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have completed my examination and I have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Paula Armstrong FCA

Dated: 29 November 2023

BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	3	133,474	83,478	216,952	55,837	78,344	134,181
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities							
Charitable expenditure	4	90,982	28,393	119,375	54,686	16,743	71,429
Total charitable expenditure		90,982	28,393	119,375	54,686	16,743	71,429
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		42,492	55,085	97,577	1,151	61,601	62,752
Fund balances at 1 March 2022		47,010	61,413	108,423	45,859	(188)	45,671
Fund balances at 28 February 2023		89,502	116,498	206,000	47,010	61,413	108,423

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**7**		113,578		16,472
Current assets					
Debtors	**8**	2		159	
Cash at bank and in hand		100,878		94,190	
		100,880		94,349	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**10**	(8,458)		(2,398)	
Net current assets			92,422		91,951
Total assets less current liabilities			206,000		108,423
Income funds					
Restricted funds			116,498		61,413
Unrestricted funds			89,502		47,010
			206,000		108,423

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 28 February 2023.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 29 November 2023

G Faulkner
Trustee

Company Registration No. NI676076

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Bangor Foodbank & Community Support is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is .

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and “Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)” (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Resources expended

Income and expenses are included in the financial statements as they become receivable or due.

Expenses include VAT where applicable as the company cannot reclaim it.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% reducing balance
Computers	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 ‘Basic Financial Instruments’ and Section 12 ‘Other Financial Instruments Issues’ of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	2023	**2023**	**2023**	2022
	£	**£**	**£**	£
Donations and gifts	133,474	4,000	137,474	63,734
Grants	-	79,478	79,478	70,447
	133,474	83,478	216,952	134,181
For the year ended 28 February 2022	55,837	78,344		134,181

4 Charitable activities

	Charitable expenditure 2023 £	Charitable expenditure 2022 £
Staff costs	46,055	35,742
Depreciation and impairment	28,830	4,118
Motor expenses	1,872	1,628
Rent	21,600	16,200
Rates and water rates	388	247
Insurance	828	1,325
Telephone	240	240
Repairs and maintenance	7,534	5,407
Heat and light	1,460	1,350
Computer expenses	72	228
Advertising	440	1,946
Bank fees	419	272
Legal and professional fees	1,050	743
Vouchers	1,188	1,640
Food	167	343
General costs	606	-
Corporation tax charge for the period	6,626	-
	119,375	71,429
	119,375	71,429
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	90,982	54,686
Restricted funds	28,393	16,743
	119,375	71,429
For the year ended 28 February 2022		
Unrestricted funds	54,686	
Restricted funds	16,743	
	71,429	

5 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

6 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	3	2

Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	45,361	35,564
Other pension costs	694	178
	46,055	35,742

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 March 2022	11,876	8,714	20,590
Additions	124,587	1,350	125,937
At 28 February 2023	136,463	10,064	146,527
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 March 2022	2,375	1,743	4,118
Depreciation charged in the year	26,818	2,013	28,831
At 28 February 2023	29,193	3,756	32,949
Carrying amount			
At 28 February 2023	107,270	6,308	113,578
At 28 February 2022	9,501	6,971	16,472

8 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments and accrued income	2	159

9 Loans and overdrafts

	2023 £	2022 £
Other loans	5,000	-
Payable within one year	5,000	-

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Borrowings	5,000	-
Other taxation and social security	607	520
Other creditors	463	438
Accruals and deferred income	2,388	1,440
	8,458	2,398

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

	2023 £	2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Fund balances at 28 February 2023 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	113,578	-	113,578	16,472
Current assets/(liabilities)	92,422	-	92,422	91,951
	206,000	-	206,000	108,423

12 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the period.

Bangor Foodhub and Community Support Ltd

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108533

Annual report

BFCS BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

2022 - 2023

1st March - 28th February

Annual Report

An outreach project of

BANGOR ELIM CHURCH

NIC108533 NI676076

About us

Bangor Foodbank and Community Support (formerly Bangor NI Foodbank) is an outreach project of Bangor Elim Church is a charity based in Bangor, Northern Ireland. The aim of the charity is to serve the local community through Projects which help people physically, mentally, emotionally, financially, spiritually and relationally especially in areas of need and short term crisis.

Recognising the significant deprivation in the local area and with a desire to encourage and empower vulnerable people to overcome poverty and crisis, BFCS was established. The charity launched a range of community-based projects that offer a holistic approach to tackling poverty and its underlying root causes. BFCS takes a multi-faceted approach in addressing these complex issues to maximise the potential for lasting community transformation.

These multi- faceted projects are making a real difference to the lives of thousands of people in the North Down area. BFCS has been privileged to see dignity and hope for the future restored to thousands of people who are trapped in poverty cycles, with many going on to reach their full potential in life.

Motivated by compassion for the most vulnerable in society and recognising the dignity and worth of every individual - the charity welcomes all people regardless of background, beliefs, nationality or disability. The charity is privileged to work alongside many statutory agencies and community/voluntary organisations towards the shared goal of tackling local poverty. It not only receives referrals from these organisations but also signposts and refers clients to them for specialist support. The charity seeks to avoid duplication in service provision. Where gaps exist or current provision is unable to cope with demand, it looks for ways to launch projects that meet genuine needs in a sustainable and effective way.

A word from our Chairperson

This year's annual report celebrates the FoodBank's 10th anniversary serving North Down! As I reflect on the foodbank's many accomplishments, I am awed by the amount that has been achieved and the legacy of our organisation. For the past 10 years, the Foodbank has help led the area's charitable food network through our shared mission to feed those facing food insecurity in our community. The challenges of the last few years have demonstrated the strength and resilience of our organisation. This was illustrated by our ability to pivot to meet the exponential increase in demand caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent inflationary environment currently impacting our service users. The food and monetary donations provided through food drives, events and individual giving is humbling to say the least. Thanks to our donors, volunteers, staff and the community, we continue to feed people facing food insecurity every month in communities throughout North Down. Our service population includes working-poor families, fixed-income seniors, low-income families, the unhoused and children living in poverty. We continue to innovate by creating new programs and initiatives that meet the evolving needs of our community that complement the work of our food security programs to help end the cycle of poverty. Every day, I am honored and humbled to lead a critical and vital nonprofit organisation that has such deep roots in our community.

We are excited and ready for another busy year as we help those in need, engage more with the community and build new relationships.

Gary Faulkner

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Chairperson
Bangor Foodbank and Community Support

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GUARANTEE OUR ESSENTIALS

Our social security system should support anyone in need of help, but more and more people are finding it impossible to make ends meet because Universal Credit is falling short, and it's pushing people to food banks.

We need an Essentials Guarantee

The basic rate of Universal Credit should at least cover the cost of essentials like food, household bills and travel costs, but it is not currently set according to any objective assessment of what people need.

Right now, this is only £85 a week for a single adult. That means there's a significant shortfall between people's living costs and their income, which is forcing many to skip meals, switch off essential appliances such as fridges, and unable to pay essential bills.

That's why we're working with the Trussell Trust and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation to call for an Essentials Guarantee within Universal Credit, which means the basic rate at least covers life's essentials and that support can never be pulled below that level.

Our Aim

Our aim in the coming year will be to continue to serve our local community and support people experiencing food poverty and financial crisis and we will endeavor to further embed financial inclusion and income maximisation support into our everyday operations to ensure that people who visit our foodbank are receiving all of the financial support they are entitled to. We will also be continuing our campaigning efforts and allocating additional time and resources to aid our mission to end poverty and hunger in our city through the engagement of local communities and policy makers. Thank you to everyone who has made what we've done this year possible, and we hope we'll earn their continued support through another busy and exciting year!

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BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's articles of association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

The charitable purpose of the organisation is the prevention and relief of poverty. We receive donations of non-perishable food and other household items from the local community through support from churches, businesses, individuals and community groups. Individuals and families in need can access our services through external referral agencies, front line service providers including churches, schools, MLAs and Health and Social Care Trust Keyworkers.

The charity's objects are to tackle poverty borne problems by working together and looking to the community for solutions. Supported by a network of businesses, churches and individuals, the charity has provided a daily safety net for at-risk families, those over 65 years of age and other individuals in the North Down & Ards Peninsula area. We have a proud history of working closely with a wide range of community organisations and front line service providers to provide better outcomes for people.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

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Financial review

During the year the Charity generated incoming resources of £216,952.

Outgoing resources were £119,375 leaving net incoming resources of £97,577 for the year to 28 February 2023.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month’s expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity’s current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

The trustees has assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Plans for future periods

Our aim in the coming year will be to continue to serve our local community and support people experiencing food poverty and financial crisis and we will endeavour to further embed financial inclusion and income maximisation support into our everyday operations to ensure that people who visit our foodbank are receiving all of the financial support they are entitled to. We will also be continuing our campaigning efforts and allocating additional time and resources to aid our mission to end poverty and hunger in our city through the engagement of local communities and policy makers

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and incorporated on 2nd February 2021. The company was established under Articles of Association which set out the objectives and powers of the charitable company and the company is governed by these Articles. In the event of the company being wound up, board members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. BFCS is in compliance with legal and other government obligations. The company was formally granted charitable status by the Northern Ireland Charities Commission on 22nd February 2022.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

G Faulkner
J Faulkner
A Addidle
S Beattie
E Magrath

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

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The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

G Faulkner
Chairperson

29 November 2023

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors of Bangor Foodbank & Community Support for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Bangor Foodbank & Community Support (the charity) for the year ended 28 February 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 2006 Act).

Having satisfied myself that the financial statements of the charity are not required to be audited under company law and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent examiner's statement
I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those accounting records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ; or
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have completed my examination and I have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Paula Armstrong FCA

Dated: 29 November 2023

BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	**3**	133,474	83,478	216,952	55,837	78,344	134,181
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities							
Charitable expenditure	**4**	90,982	28,393	119,375	54,686	16,743	71,429
Total charitable expenditure		90,982	28,393	119,375	54,686	16,743	71,429
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		42,492	55,085	97,577	1,151	61,601	62,752
Fund balances at 1 March 2022		47,010	61,413	108,423	45,859	(188)	45,671
Fund balances at 28 February 2023		89,502	116,498	206,000	47,010	61,413	108,423

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

BANGOR FOODBANK & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	**7**		113,578		16,472
Current assets					
Debtors	**8**	2		159	
Cash at bank and in hand		100,878		94,190	
		100,880		94,349	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**10**	(8,458)		(2,398)	
Net current assets			92,422		91,951
Total assets less current liabilities			206,000		108,423
Income funds					
Restricted funds			116,498		61,413
Unrestricted funds			89,502		47,010
			206,000		108,423

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 28 February 2023.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 29 November 2023

G Faulkner
Trustee

Company Registration No. NI676076

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Bangor Foodbank & Community Support is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is .

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's [governing document], the Companies Act 2006 and “Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)” (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Resources expended

Income and expenses are included in the financial statements as they become receivable or due.

Expenses include VAT where applicable as the company cannot reclaim it.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% reducing balance
Computers	20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 ‘Basic Financial Instruments’ and Section 12 ‘Other Financial Instruments Issues’ of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

1 Accounting policies **(Continued)**

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.11 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	2023	**2023**	**2023**	2022
	£	**£**	**£**	£
Donations and gifts	133,474	4,000	137,474	63,734
Grants	-	79,478	79,478	70,447
	133,474	83,478	216,952	134,181
For the year ended 28 February 2022	55,837	78,344		134,181

4 Charitable activities

	Charitable expenditure 2023 £	Charitable expenditure 2022 £
Staff costs	46,055	35,742
Depreciation and impairment	28,830	4,118
Motor expenses	1,872	1,628
Rent	21,600	16,200
Rates and water rates	388	247
Insurance	828	1,325
Telephone	240	240
Repairs and maintenance	7,534	5,407
Heat and light	1,460	1,350
Computer expenses	72	228
Advertising	440	1,946
Bank fees	419	272
Legal and professional fees	1,050	743
Vouchers	1,188	1,640
Food	167	343
General costs	606	-
Corporation tax charge for the period	6,626	-
	119,375	71,429
	119,375	71,429
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	90,982	54,686
Restricted funds	28,393	16,743
	119,375	71,429
For the year ended 28 February 2022		
Unrestricted funds	54,686	
Restricted funds	16,743	
	71,429	

5 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

6 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
	3	2

Employment costs	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	45,361	35,564
Other pension costs	694	178
	46,055	35,742

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 March 2022	11,876	8,714	20,590
Additions	124,587	1,350	125,937
At 28 February 2023	136,463	10,064	146,527
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 March 2022	2,375	1,743	4,118
Depreciation charged in the year	26,818	2,013	28,831
At 28 February 2023	29,193	3,756	32,949
Carrying amount			
At 28 February 2023	107,270	6,308	113,578
At 28 February 2022	9,501	6,971	16,472

8 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments and accrued income	2	159

9 Loans and overdrafts

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other loans	5,000	-
Payable within one year	5,000	-

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Borrowings	5,000	-
Other taxation and social security	607	520
Other creditors	463	438
Accruals and deferred income	2,388	1,440
	8,458	2,398

11 Analysis of net assets between funds

			Total	Total
	2023	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 28 February 2023 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	113,578	-	113,578	16,472
Current assets/(liabilities)	92,422	-	92,422	91,951
	206,000	-	206,000	108,423

12 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the period.