

Renfrewshire Foodbank

Scotland · Charity number SC044200

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2013-08-13
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	18 Templar Crescent Erskine PA8 7FF
Website	www.renfrewshire.foodbank.org.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It makes grants, donations, loans, gifts or pensions to individuals','It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the prevention or relief of poverty','the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage'

What the charity does: Renfrewshire Foodbank offers support to anyone at a time of crisis in Renfrewshire. We offer 3 day balanced nutritious food parcels to individuals and families who are in need. Our service is deemed to be a short term service where we would look to support people through our referral networks to get back on their feet and be better able to self manage their own situation. We also have a Financial Inclusion team who can work with people to try and maximise their income and we also have a Fuel Poverty project to tackle fuel insecurities.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: 4.1 the prevention or relief of poverty 4.2 the relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

Geography

- **Main operating location:** Renfrewshire
- **Geographical spread:** Wider, but within one local authority area

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£226,672	£268,719	-	3
2023-12-31	£260,805	£201,792	-	3
2022-12-31	£267,484	£163,226	-	3
2021-12-31	£192,389	£155,271	-	3
2020-12-31	£387,507	£184,008	-	3

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Year ending
31 December 2024

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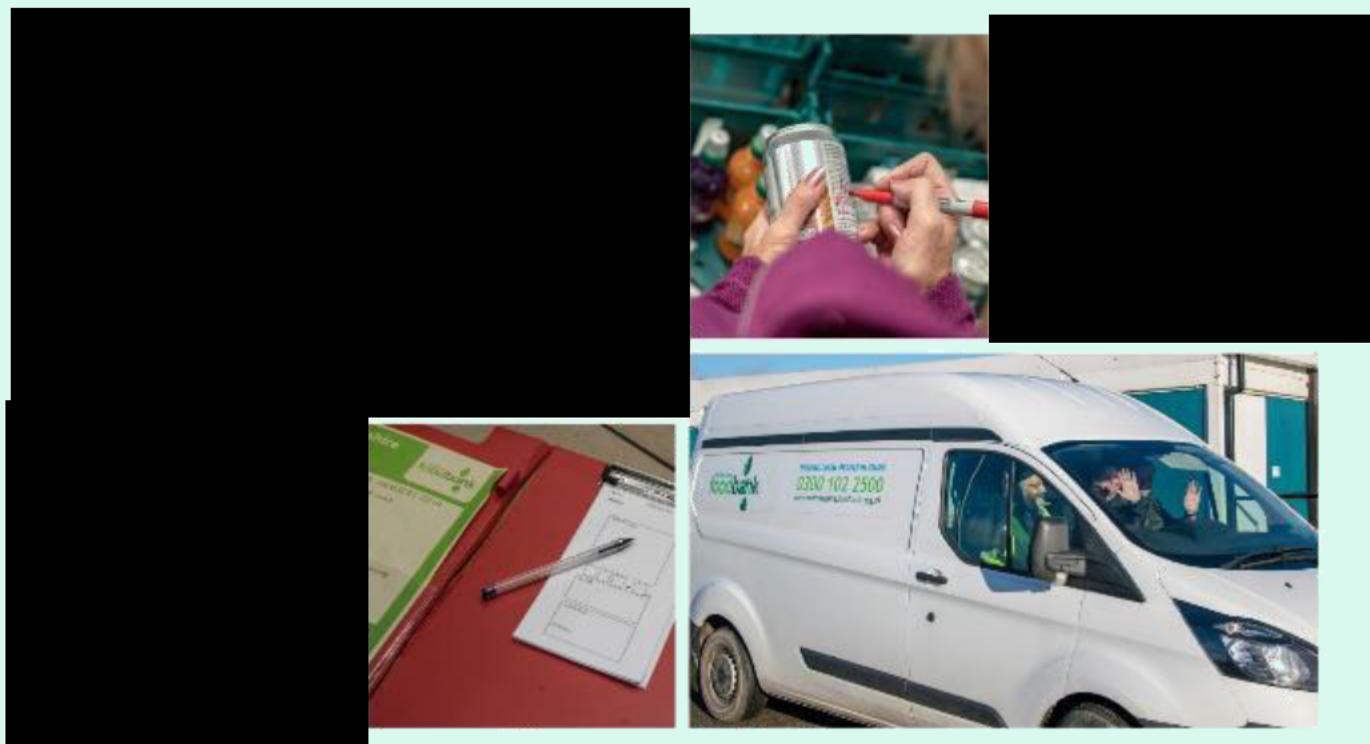
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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 December 2024. This is the eleventh report of the charity which was established as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 13 August 2013.

Reference and administrative information

Charity name: Renfrewshire Foodbank

Charity registration number: SC044200

Principal office: Block E, Westway, Porterfield Road, Renfrew, PA4 8DJ

Registered office: 18 Templar Crescent, Erskine, PA8 7FF

Bankers: Royal Bank of Scotland, 1 Moncrieff Street, Paisley, PA3 2AW

Website: www.renfrewshire.foodbank.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/renfrewshirefoodbank

Twitter: @Ren_Foodbank

Trustees

The following served as charity trustees during the year and up to the date of this report:



Treasurer
Chair
Secretary

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) governed by its constitution which was registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator on 13 August 2013.

Appointment of trustees

The charity's trustees are appointed or re-appointed by majority vote by existing charity trustees and in accordance with the terms contained in the charity's constitution.

Administrative Structure

The trustees are responsible for the overall direction of the charity and serve on a voluntary basis.

Objectives & Activities

The charity is established for charitable purposes only and is underpinned by Christian values and carried out with a Christian ethos. In particular, the objects are:

- The prevention or relief of poverty.
- The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

The main activity of the charity is to distribute donated food to those in need within the Renfrewshire area. Those in receipt of emergency food parcels are referred by other agencies.

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The Need

In 2024 we gave a 3-day nutritionally balanced supply of 5,426 food parcels (7,095 adults and 3,310 children) - a total of 10,405 people accessed emergency food from us in 2024.

Similar to the previous year, the biggest reason for people accessing emergency support was due to low income. This is coupled with the rising costs of essentials. This accounts for persons who receive benefits, yet they do not appear to be sufficient to cover food and other necessities. It also compensates for persons who are employed but do not have a constant source of income from week to week. Benefit delays and adjustments continue to generate a huge number of referrals, and people are still struggling with debt, which drives them to the Foodbank.

This highlights some of the key drivers of food insecurity: insufficient benefits, unstable employment, benefit delays and changes, and debt issues. These factors create a precarious situation for many people, forcing them to rely on food banks even when they are technically employed or receiving government support.

The number of people without access to public funding has increased, leaving them with no choice except to rely on emergency food supplies. This indicates a growing need among people who are excluded from public funding, which could include migrants, asylum seekers, or those with complex residency statuses. This group is particularly vulnerable because they lack a safety net, making emergency food supplies a crucial lifeline.

How we help

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With our Financial Inclusion Service in partnership with Renfrewshire Council coming to a natural end in 2024 we have been successful in securing further funding and have agreed a new partnership with Renfrewshire Citizens Advice which will commence in 2025. With this new partnership we will have a dedicated advisor present in all our distribution sites across Renfrewshire as well as access to a wide range of other support services.

We have continued to offer our Fuel Voucher service to people unable to heat their homes and keep their lights on. This has never been more needed with rising energy prices putting unexpected pressure on people and families with low income. The bulk of food in the food parcels continues to be tinned and packaged goods, but this year we have also been able to supplement this with fresh items such as eggs, bread, fruit and vegetables, thus increasing nutritional value. This has been very well received by our service users. In 2024 we handed out over 5,000 fresh food parcels. However, many foodbank customers have no access to cooking facilities and we also provide amended packs containing food that requires no or minimal heating. We continue to provide bus tickets to assist foodbank users get heavy parcels from the distribution centres. This is particularly helpful for families needing larger food parcels or people with disabilities. We gave out just under 800 bus tickets this year.

Connectivity continued to be a major concern for our service users, and being separated from the outside world can lead to feelings of loneliness and isolation, as well as an impact on their income. More and more businesses insist customers access their services online, and those who are unable to do so are at a disadvantage. Thanks to Trussell, we were able to provide foodbank customers a SIM card bundle, allowing them to access online services and stay more connected to those in their lives. In 2024, we distributed over 30 SIM cards.

During the Christmas period we issued 165 butcher vouchers to people accessing our service. These vouchers were exchanged for fresh butcher meat and were accessible for all who needed one.

In 2024 for the first time, we have regularly had to purchase food to supplement donated food stocks.

Staff

Our Staffing team is comprised of [REDACTED] (Senior Manager), [REDACTED] Assistant Manager) and [REDACTED] (Warehouse Coordinator).

Our Stakeholders

Once again thanks to the generous support of people, organisations and businesses in Renfrewshire the foodbank has received an astonishing 116 tonnes of food and essential supplies such as toiletries and pet food donated to help us support those in need. We have distributed 115 tonnes of food and essential items to the people of Renfrewshire who faced crisis. Our devoted team of over 100 volunteers volunteered over 6,500 hours in our Distribution Centres, Warehouse, and Office. Over 170 referral services across Renfrewshire provided crucial voucher recommendations to those in need. We are sincerely grateful to the residents of Renfrewshire and beyond for their time and generosity. It is this support that enables the foodbank to continue its work.

Warehouse

2024 saw the Foodbank relocate to a new warehouse facility in the Westway estate. These new premises have made a massive improvement to the efficiency of the Foodbank's operations over the year. Other companies within the Westway very generously assisted us with the relocation and

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continue to provide essential maintenance and services. We are particularly grateful to Doosan Babcock, Bullet Express and Knight Frank for their ongoing support.

Future strategy

Having completed the relocation to our new premises, the Board is in the process of reviewing the Foodbank's strategy for the coming years. As part of our new strategy, we are considering the establishment of a community hub in the heart of Paisley to serve as a welcoming space where a range of partner support services can engage directly with our community, building connections and offering assistance to those who need it most. By bringing together various services under one roof, we would aim to create a supportive environment that fosters community well-being and resilience.

The strategic review will also consider whether our current delivery model is still fit for purpose or whether a model more akin to shopping in a supermarket would be possible or appropriate. This approach could potentially help us give individuals greater choice and control over their food options, helping to better meet their personal and cultural preferences.

Through these possible changes, we hope to enhance our community's experience, strengthen partnerships with local support organisations, and continue our commitment to addressing food insecurity in a more responsive and inclusive way.

Case Studies

We provide a fresh pack for our clients, this includes bread, eggs, fruit and vegetables. Lucy (18), who was recently made homeless due to domestic violence, is living in temporary accommodation and came to the foodbank for the first time:



"I was made to feel so welcome at the foodbank and when I was there I forgot about my worries, the nice lady gave me a bag with fruit, vegetables, bread and eggs. She also looked and found me stock cubes and lentils and told me how to make soup. No one has ever been that nice to me. I can now go back to the flat and have my favourite, French toast."

During the Christmas period we also provided 244 butcher packs to foodbank users, which included a breakfast pack and 1lb of mince and stewing steak. This is always well received by our clients as it makes sure they have something special over the Christmas period. [REDACTED] who has been struggling with rent arrears, attended our Paisley Distribution during this period and said:

"I am so happy that I can have a full fry up on Christmas morning. I have not been able to have a treat since I fell behind with my rent. The foodbank have made my Christmas."



We provide an all-day bus ticket for people attending the foodbank who would otherwise face great difficulty taking their food parcel and extras home. [REDACTED] who were recently forced to give up their car due to financial issues, came to the foodbank to collect a food parcel for themselves and 3 children. As they were worried about getting the food home, we issued them a bus ticket each.



"I was so shocked when I saw the amount of stuff that the foodbank gave us, we definitely didn't expect as much as we got. They asked us if we needed any toiletries or pet food which we did but I said to them that we couldn't manage the 4 mile walk home, they gave us a bus ticket each"

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which was brilliant. It also meant that I could use the ticket to get to work later that day."

Financial Review

The charity reported a deficit of £42,047 (2023: £59,013 surplus) for the year. Taking account of this deficit, accumulated reserves stand at £446,815 (2023: £488,862) as at 31 December 2024. £393,598 (2023: £424,880) is attributed to the unrestricted funds and has been the result of continued public support for our work, along with the support we receive from Doosan Babcock and Knight Frank. Of this, £244,308 (2023: £236,319) has been set aside by the trustees in designated funds for future planned expenditure. This leaves £149,290 (2023: £188,561) in the general fund.

Donated food is not included in the receipts and payments account but if valued at £1.68 per kilo which is the figure used by some other UK foodbanks, it would amount to over £194,880 in value. At some points of the year, we found we held excess stocks of one or more particular food item. In these instances, where we don't expect to be able to distribute all the donated items within the sell-by date, we are able to respond to the call from other foodbanks or charities in order to share some of the excess food with them. During 2024, we supported the undernoted organisations by donating excess food to them:

- The Star Project (SC028133)
- The Haven Kilmacolm (SC034641)
- Refuweegee (SC046843)
- Bernardo's Threads (SC037605)
- EBI Unites
- Paisley Methodist Church (SC038413)

In addition to the financial donations received during the year (detailed in note 6), we are extremely grateful for the many individuals, churches, local businesses and other organisations who donated their time volunteering with us. The work we do would not be possible without the army of over 100 wonderful volunteers who have helped us during this year. Volunteers provide the charity with over 332 hours of work per week (equivalent to over 9 full time members of staff). The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into these financial statements, but based on paying the national living wage of £11.44 for 48 weeks of the year, the estimated cost to the charity would be in excess of £182k. We are extremely grateful that our committed volunteers provide this level of cost-saving to the charity and without them we could not continue to provide the service we currently do to meet the growing need in the area.

In-kind donations are not accounted for within the financial statements, but we are extremely thankful for them all.

In particular, we would also like to thank the undernoted organisations for their contribution to our work which has helped us meet the needs of those in crisis in Renfrewshire in a number of ways:

- **Altrad Babcock and Knight Frank** who support us by providing and maintaining warehousing and office facilities in Renfrew.
- **Canmoor** who support our operations in Renfrew with contributions to our utilities.
- **AK Vehicle Rental** who support us with short-term van hire when required.
- **Advice Works, RAMH and Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau** who have provided financial and benefit advice to those using our service.

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- **Tesco, Morrisons, Co-Operative and Sainsbury's** who have allowed us to undertake food collections within their stores.
- **Paisley Baptist Church, Johnstone St Paul's Church and Renfrew Baptist Church** who all allow us to use their premises for the distribution of food.
- **Thermofisher** who donate volunteering hours during our busy period.
- **Thesaurus Software Ltd** who provided us with their BrightPay payroll software.
- **Charity Digital Trust** who through their Charity Digital Exchange programme has provided us with savings of up to 96% on world-leading technology-based products.
- The growing number of local businesses and organisations who have agreed to provide a permanent collection point within their premises to assist the general public make donations of food or money at a time and place to suit them. We publish details of all permanent collection points throughout Renfrewshire on our website.

Reserves policy

The trustees' policy is to maintain unrestricted funds (i.e. funds not committed or invested in fixed assets) at a level that equates to between 6 months operating costs in order to ensure continuity of service given the uncertainty of its sources of income.

The charity's unrestricted reserves at 31 December 2024 amounted to **£393,598** (2023: £424,880) which was above the required level however was acceptable to the trustees. Some funds have been set aside in designated funds to cover future known costs as shown on page 16. The trustees are satisfied that the reserves in place provide certainty for current and future employees and service users of the charity. The trustees are working on a 5-year strategic plan which involves provision for future investment in property, additional staff and further partnership working which will require the availability of funds for one-off items of expenditure for which the current reserves will be utilised in future years. The current economic climate is such that the trustees are expecting a rising demand in the future, so may need to look at larger premises for both food storage / warehousing as well as food distribution for which additional funds will be required.

This report was approved by the trustees on 30 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by


Treasurer

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

I report on the accounts of Renfrewshire Foodbank (SC044200) for the year ending 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages nine to sixteen.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanation from the Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations

have not been met, or

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



30 September 2025

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS	Note				
Grants	5	33,000	50,277	83,277	95,930
Donations	6	120,137	903	121,040	155,495
Fundraising	4	4,354	-	4,354	2,354
Investment income		13,001		13,001	7,026
HMRC Employment Allowance		5,000	-	5,000	6,356
Other income		-	-	-	-
Total Receipts		175,492	51,180	226,672	267,161
PAYMENTS					
Charitable Activities	9	204,852	61,945	266,797	202,991
Fundraising		-	-	-	3,658
Purchase of Fixed Assets		815	-	815	1,088
Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-
Governance Costs	8	1,107	-	1,107	411
Grants & Donations	7	-	-	-	-
Total Payments		206,774	61,945	268,719	208,148
Surplus/(deficit) before transfers		(31,282)	(10,765)	(42,047)	59,013
Transfers		-	-	-	-
Surplus/(deficit) after transfers		(31,282)	(10,765)	(42,047)	59,013

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STATEMENT OF BALANCES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
BANK AND CASH IN HAND				
Opening balances	424,880	63,982	488,862	429,849
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	(31,282)	(10,765)	(42,047)	59,013
Closing balances	393,598	53,217	446,815	488,862
OTHER ASSETS				
COIF Charity Investment Fund	79,147	-	79,147	75,102
Plastic food storage crates	16,563	-	16,563	16,563
Computer & IT equipment	4,428	-	4,428	4,428
Warehouse shelving	613	-	613	613
Other warehouse equipment	1,364	-	1,364	828
Travel expenses due from Trussell	114	-	114	-
Refund due from BT	133	-	133	-
Total Other Assets	102,362	-	102,362	97,534
LIABILITIES				
Nest Pensions	370	-	370	-
Independent Examiner's Fee	300	-	300	300
Bank charges	51	-	51	168
Fuel	12	-	12	90
Advice Worker Salary	-	-	-	27,000
Utilities	-	-	-	45
HMRC PAYE	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	733	-	733	27,603

The notes on pages 10 - 15 form an integral part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 30 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by


Treasurer

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on a Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2. Transactions with trustees or connected persons

No charity trustee or person connected with a charity trustee received remuneration during the year. No charity trustee (2023: None) received expenses during the year. The Trustees may derive some indirect benefit from their role in the charity which may be of assistance in their professional duties with other charities. This is common to many trustees serving in a wide range of charities, and it is not possible to quantify this benefit in financial terms.

3. Taxation

The charity is not liable to income tax or capital gains tax on its charitable activities. The charity is also not registered for VAT, and any expenditure includes any VAT charged.

4. Fundraising income

We continued to make use of charity collection tins during the supermarket collections for those who prefer to give money instead of food, and we have a small number of collection tins in local businesses. Fundraising income (all of which was unrestricted) accounted for £4,354 (2023: £2,354). A large proportion of this fundraising income was from a collection held at the St Mirren football match and a special event held by Sing Out Singers.

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Sing Out Singers fundraising event	2,000	-	2,000	-
Collection tins elsewhere	2,255	-	2,255	1,610
Collection tins at supermarket collections	99	-	99	744
Total Fundraising Income	4,354	-	4,354	2,354

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5. Grants received

Grants totalling **£83,277** (2023: £95,930) were gratefully received from the undernoted trusts or organisations during the year:

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Trussell Trust	-	45,277	45,277	42,680
Robertson Trust	27,500	-	27,500	25,000
Hugh Fraser Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-
Peter Brough Bequest Fund	2,000	-	2,000	2,000
Arnold Clark	2,000	-	2,000	-
Providing for People in Paisley	1,000	-	1,000	-
Peter Coats Charitable Trust	500	-	500	-
Renfrewshire Council	-	-	-	16,000
The Corra Foundation	-	-	-	5,250
Martin Charitable Trust	-	-	-	2,000
DC Leggat Charitable Trust	-	-	-	1,500
The Inchyre Trust	-	-	-	1,000
Andrew Paton Charitable Trust	-	-	-	500
Total Grants received	33,000	50,277	83,277	95,930

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6. Donations received

Donations accounted for 53% (2023: 60%) of our overall income. We are extremely grateful to the many individuals who donated a total of **£66,213** (2023: £73,853) in financial donations to the charity during the year which along with the **£2,306** (2023: £2,190) of Gift Aid tax rebate received during the year constituted vital income for the charity. Businesses and organisations also provided **£52,521** (2023: £79,452) of voluntary income to the charity which we are extremely grateful for.

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
<u>Gift Aid Gifts:</u>				
- from individuals (regular)	14,749	-	14,749	15,997
- from individuals	8,629	500	9,129	8,918
Total Gift Aid Gifts	23,378	500	23,878	24,915
<u>General Gifts:</u>				
- from businesses/organisations	44,848	-	44,848	75,813
- from businesses/organisations (regular)	7,673	-	7,673	3,639
- from individuals	12,963	300	13,263	19,194
- from individuals (regular)	29,072	-	29,072	29,744
Total General Gifts	94,556	300	94,856	128,390
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	2,203	103	2,306	2,190
Total Donations received	120,137	903	121,040	155,495

7. Grants & donations made

Gifts to external organisations and individuals are considered by the trustees on the basis of need and are only made to those organisations and activities which are compatible with the charitable objectives of the charity. No gifts were made to political parties. No gifts were made to organisations during the year (2023: none). In the furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity, no gifts (2023: none) were made to individuals with a total value of £nil (2023: £nil).

8. Governance costs

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Independent Examiner's Fee	300	-	300	300
Trustee meetings	121	-	121	111
Legal costs	686	-	686	-
Total Governance Costs	1,107	-	1,107	411

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9. Charitable activities payments

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Staff Costs				
Salaries	88,549	53,184	141,733	114,277
Employer's National Insurance	7,518	-	7,518	7,016
Staff Pensions (employer's contribution)	1,733	-	1,733	1,737
Total staff costs	97,800	53,184	150,984	123,030
Transport Costs				
Van - lease	12,641	-	12,641	4,018
Van - insurance	8,216	-	8,216	3,306
Fuel / travel costs	5,378	-	5,378	3,288
Van - maintenance & repairs	459	-	459	70
Van - short term rental	15	-	15	-
Total transport costs	26,709	-	26,709	10,682
Other operations & overheads				
Food for food parcels	44,283	3,561	47,844	24,567
Property project (Westway)	9,655	5,000	14,655	21,334
Rent	7,920	-	7,920	6,025
Warehouse equipment & resources	3,570	-	3,570	1,334
Cleaning costs	3,210	-	3,210	-
Office equipment & consumables	2,152	-	2,152	958
Bank & finance charges	1,698	-	1,698	1,582
Catering	1,660	-	1,660	1,025
Telephone	1,383	-	1,383	25
Printing & Publicity	1,010	-	1,010	1,130
Training / Conference costs	900	-	900	-
Charity Insurance	670	-	670	914
Postages	575	-	575	488
Other charitable activities costs	215	200	415	4,352
Flowers & Cards	390	-	390	56
Membership subscriptions	279	-	279	-
Waste collection services	231	-	231	-
Heat & Light	221	-	221	146
Health & Safety / First Aid	179	-	179	249
Water Rates	107	-	107	-
Safeguarding / PVG	35	-	35	94
Gas / Electricity for clients	-	-	-	5,000
Total other operations & overheads	80,343	8,761	89,104	69,279
Total Charitable Activities	204,852	61,945	266,797	202,991

10. Restricted funds

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. The charity holds a number of restricted funds as outlined below:

	31 Dec 23	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	31 Dec 24
	£	£	£	£	£
Carers Support	2,500	-	(200)	-	2,300
Client Food Fund	2,658	903	(3,561)	-	-
RC Fuel Insecurity Project	4,275	-	-	-	4,275
TT Financial Inclusion (Year 2)	21,784	-	(21,784)	-	-
TT Financial Inclusion (Year 3)	31,400	-	(31,400)	-	-
TT Financial Inclusion (Years 4-5)	-	45,277	-	-	45,277
TT Winter Fund	1,365	-	-	-	1,365
Warehouse refurbishment	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	63,982	51,180	(61,945)	-	53,217

Nature and purpose of restricted funds

- The **Carers Support Fund** contains a donation received specifically to help carers of the foodbank's service users.
- The **Client Food Fund** represents donations received from individuals and organisations where the intention of the donor is that the funds should be used to purchase food for the food parcels which are then distributed to those in need.
- The **RC Fuel Insecurity Project** fund reflects the funding received to provide energy vouchers for clients who need support with their gas and electricity bills.
- The **Trussell Trust Financial Inclusion** fund is to support the ongoing employment costs for an income adviser to support clients in addressing the root cause of their requirement to utilise the foodbank.
- The **Trussell Trust Winter Fund** contains a grant received to fund additional resources to assist service users during the winter. The grant was used to provide soup/warm packs for clients.
- The **Warehouse refurbishment** fund reflects income relating to the fitting and refurbishment of the new warehouse at Block E, Westway, Renfrew.

11. Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

	31 Dec 23	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	31 Dec 24
	£	£	£	£	£
Salary Reserve Fund	96,289	-	(90,802)	95,000	100,487
Client Transport Fund	8,413	-	(2,732)	-	5,681
Development Fund	100,000	-	-	-	100,000
Fresh Food	11,617	-	(18,477)	25,000	18,140
Van Fund	20,000	-	-	-	20,000
General Fund	188,561	175,492	(94,763)	(120,000)	149,290
Total Unrestricted Funds	424,880	175,492	(206,774)	-	393,598

Nature and purpose of unrestricted funds

- The trustees set aside funds in the Designated **Salary Reserve Fund** which are to be used to fund the Project Manager post once the restricted funding for this purpose ends, as well as other salary costs for the staff team. This fund could also encompass any redundancy or other payments required in the future in order to ensure that the charity can fulfil its legal obligations.
- The **Client Transport Fund** is to provide transport for service users through the supply of bus tickets home after attendance at the foodbank.
- The **Development Fund** was established in 2017 to provide for the future costs of the planned activities outlined in the trustees' annual report which may include the rental or purchase of property in the future.
- The **Fresh Food** fund reflects funds set aside by the trustees to pay for fresh food for clients as an addition to the standard food-parcels provided, as a result of the success of the restricted funds received for this purpose.
- A designated **Van Fund** exists in order to set aside the amount of funds which would reasonably be required to fund the lease for a new van which is considered a vital piece of equipment allowing us to carry out our charitable activities, once our current lease comes to an end. This fund also provides some provision for the van insurance which has recently seen some steep cost increases.
- The **General Fund** encompasses all other income and expenditure for the charity which does not relate to restricted or designated funds.