

**Bread Over Bombs (Glasgow) SCIO**

**Scottish Charity No - SCO48295**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended 30th April 2024**



**Bread Over Bombs (Glasgow) SCIO  
Trustees Annual Report  
For the Year Ended  
30<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

## **Trustees' Annual Report For the Period Ended 30 April 2024**

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their sixth annual report, together with the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2024.

### **Charity Contact Information**

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### **Charity Trustees**

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## **Objectives and Activities**

Disturbed by the increase in the use of foodbanks in this country, and inspired by the example of US musician [REDACTED] and his charity organisation Bread Over Bombs, we decided to see what we could do to lend assistance to fight food poverty in our own area, the West of Scotland. Following some research it seems the most effective aid we can give foodbanks is through cash donations, so we aim to raise funds for this purpose through a variety of means. In our first six years as a registered charity in addition to soliciting donations from individuals and commercial organisations, we have organised music and comedy events, held raffles, sold donated music albums and badges, organised cash collections at various music venues in the city, taken part in the Kiltwalk and held cash collections at rock concerts, all to raise funds for our cause.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

Our organisation is set up as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) with a single-tier management structure, registered in its current legal form on 12 April 2018. The charity was previously an unincorporated association but changed its legal form to a SCIO. The assets of the unincorporated association were transferred to the SCIO on the 12 April 2018.

We are governed by our Constitution which states our main aim is the relief of food poverty through raising funds by a variety of means in order to make donations on a regular basis to local foodbanks, food pantries and similar organisations. We aim to pass on all the funds we raise as quickly as possible, donating to foodbanks in the West of Scotland which preferably are themselves registered charities.

A voluntary Board of Trustees meets regularly to discuss and decide on ways of raising funds and to determine which foodbanks will receive these funds. When possible we meet face to face in a central location, but also video conferencing where more convenient, for our regular Board meetings. The current Board consists of five members, all trustees of the charity, who came together in 2018 to launch the organisation and establish it as a charity. Each brings a different skill-set to the meetings, and together we have many years of experience in business matters and the music industry. Membership of the Board is by invitation from the existing members, and any future recruitment will be by this method.

## **Achievements and Performance**

As with most charitable organisations the current economic climate makes fundraising challenging, but in this our sixth year of operation as a registered charity we have sought to build on our achievements of previous years, and continue to raise our profile with the public in order to generate donations which we can then pass on to foodbanks. One of the main ways we have done this is by investing time and some funds in increasing our presence on social media and developing our own website. During this year we have continued to enjoy the skills and financial support of one of our supporters which has enabled us to update our website and move it to a new host and domain, saving us the expense of these.

We are always seeking new ways to raise funds and to tap into the willingness of individuals and businesses in the city to help those less fortunate. One useful method has been to use board members' contacts in the music business to obtain permission to collect mainly cash donations from those attending popular rock concerts in Glasgow. This year we have also started taking contactless bank card donations as we noted some people no longer carry cash. This approach gained us almost two-thirds of our income for the year. The other major source of donations has been through corporate sponsors which, though lower than in previous years, accounted for a quarter of this year's income. We are particularly pleased that a prominent Glasgow business has chosen to make their charitable donations through Bread Over Bombs (Glasgow), showing confidence in our ability to get the money to the places that need it most.

Unfortunately again this year we were not able to participate in the annual Kiltwalk, which was a useful source of income in previous years. Overall, donation income was less than in previous years, (£9,700, compared with £15,674 last year). Nevertheless, with our usual rigorous control of the costs of running the charity where we aim to pass on as near as possible to 100% of donations, we were able to make 43 individual payments to all 13 of our local foodbanks.

Whenever possible we like to visit the foodbanks to hand over our donation cheques in order to make a connection with them and to understand their problems and challenges. Although we switched to making online bank transfers during the Covid-19 situation, we hope to resume these personal visits as soon as possible. Whilst our donations to each individual foodbank have been relatively modest, it is clear that our efforts have been appreciated by the foodbanks we have helped:

*Thank you so much, again, for your very generous donation to the Foodbank. We really are very grateful for this contribution. I would, also, like to send our deep appreciation to the volunteers who collect the funds at the concerts. I know this can be hard work and, at times, not very pleasant in the Scottish weather!*  
Rutherglen & Cambuslang Food Bank

*As always thank you so much for your continued support, it is very much appreciated and never taken for granted. Our thanks to you, the venue and all the supporters for helping us make a difference in the community.*  
East Kilbride Foodbank

*Once again thank you for your most generous donation and for thinking about us. We will put this money to very good use in helping those most in need.*  
God Bless  
Coatbridge Food Bank

*Thank you so much for the kind donation to Crookston Community Group. The difference this will make to the people we support is huge and on behalf of everyone at CCG we want to tell you how grateful we are. Thank you again.*  
Crookston Community Group

*Thank you so much for thinking of the Glasgow North East Foodbank we are so grateful.*

*This money will go a long way to buying food for people in need  
Glasgow North East Foodbank*

*Thanks once again Stewart - you guys do a remarkable job!*

*Thank you for being "unsung heroes" - though there has been much singing at gigs and concerts - and playing more than your part to help us carry on effectively meeting needs throughout East Ren and beyond.*

*East Renfrewshire Foodbank Team*

*A belated but nonetheless sincere thanks to you and your supporters for your generous donation. It really is appreciated and helps keep us afloat financially.  
Best wishes from staff at Queens Park Govanhill Foodbank.*

In general we aim to maintain a simple and streamlined financial structure whereby we distribute the monies we raise as quickly as is practicable, maintaining only sufficient reserves which may be required to fund the initial costs of mounting a fund-raising event. At 30<sup>th</sup> April we held funds of £503 in our bank account, representing the balance at the start of the year plus the small surplus we are showing for this year, which has already been earmarked for distribution to foodbanks early in the new financial year.

### **Donated Facilities and Services**

In addition to the many individuals who have responded so generously to our fundraising efforts this year, we have benefited enormously from a number of local businesses who have provided sponsorship and made donations. In particular we gratefully acknowledge assistance from Frontline Construction, Love Music record store, Blitzkreig, CC's Bar in Paisley and CALA Associates Ltd.

This year the collections at local concert venues has boosted our fundraising considerably, and our gratitude goes to the venue staff and security and to the management and band members who made it possible. Thank you to Barrowlands, St Lukes, Platform, Regular Music, DF Concerts, Hold Fast Entertainments, Rock Steady Security, Midge Ure, Waterboys, Gun, Lust For Life, Happy Mondays and Echo and the Bunnymen.

We also acknowledge with thanks the many small contributions from individuals at gig collections, and our regular contributor [REDACTED] Without their help we could not continue.

We must also express our thanks to [REDACTED] for his help and support with our website, and of course [REDACTED] of Bread Over Bombs based in Los Angeles, USA. Not only has [REDACTED] provided the inspiration and example for our own organisation, but supported it from the outset. We would not exist without his example, and his support and friendship mean everything to us.

## **Future Plans**

Our intention has always been to build on past successes, grow our organisation and raise its profile, in order to bring the plight of foodbanks to public attention and thus raise more donations to pass on where they are needed. Recent world events and increases in fuel prices and the cost of living are placing the clients of our foodbanks under greater strain than ever before, and we want to play our part in helping them. Our relatively small size and freedom from onerous overheads means that we are able to pass on virtually all of the money we raise.

We have had to devise new means of raising funds, including forging links with large concert promoters to allow us to take cash donations at their events. This has proved a useful way of raising small donations from a large number of people in a short time, and we will continue to do so.

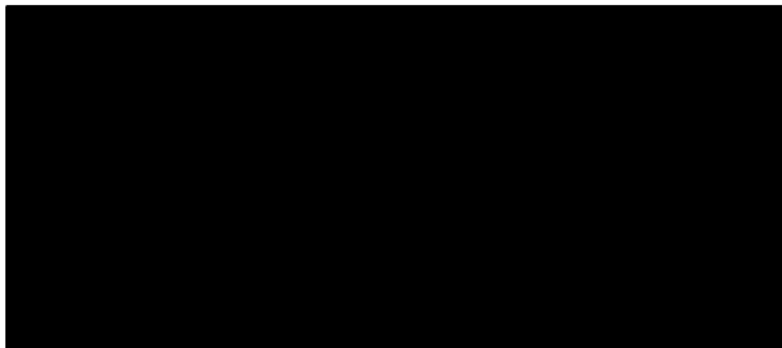
We are delighted that through our efforts we are slowly becoming known for our work in the area, and that those giving us their donations, both large and small, trust us to ensure that their money reaches the foodbank locations which need it the most.

It has always been our aim to increase our profile and become a known and trusted means of channelling charity funds to where they are most needed and where they will be most effective in alleviating food poverty, within our foodbank community, in the West of Scotland. We will continue to do this through maintaining a digital presence on social media and other platforms, and by all other means available to us.

Unfortunately it seems that the need for foodbanks is greater than ever now, and our aim is to continue to help fight local food poverty and assist those who struggle to feed themselves and their families.

## Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Chairperson

Date 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2024



**Bread Over Bombs (Glasgow) SCIO****Statement of Receipts and Payments  
For the Year Ended 30th April 2024**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Year ended 30/04/2024</b>	<b>Period ended 30/04/2023</b>
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations	9,700	-	9,700	15,674
Receipts from fundraising activities	-	-	-	-
Gross trading receipts	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<u>9,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,700</u>	<u>15,674</u>
<b>Payments</b>				
Expenses for fundraising activities	-	-	-	-
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-	-	-	-
Grants and donations	9,625	-	9,625	15,700
Governance costs	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>	<u>9,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,625</u>	<u>15,700</u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>	<u>75</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>(26)</u>


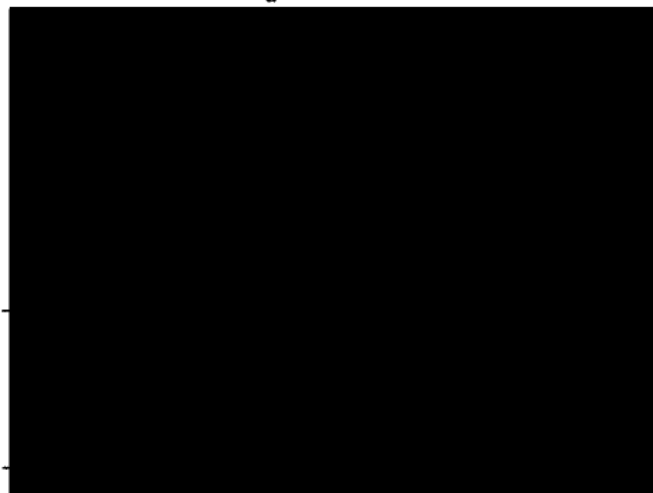
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**Bread Over Bombs (Glasgow) SCIO****Statement of Balances  
As at 30 April 2024**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
Opening cash at bank and in hand	428	-	428	454
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	75	-	75	(26)
Closing cash at bank and in hand	<u>503</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>503</u>	<u>428</u>
<b>Bank and Cash Balances</b>				
Bank current account	366	-	366	388
PayPal Account balance	137	-	137	22
Cash in hand	-	-	-	18
	<u>503</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>503</u>	<u>428</u>

These funds are held in the form of a balance in our bank account and PayPal Account and a small amount of cash held for paying minor expenses. Most of this balance will be distributed in the form of donations to registered foodbanks in the following financial year.

**Signed on behalf of the Trustees****Signature****Name****Date of  
approval**

27-Jun-24

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## Bread Over Bombs (Glasgow) SCIO

### Notes to the accounts

For the Year Ended 30th April 2024

#### 1 Basis of accounting

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

#### 2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the organisation.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

#### 3 Trustee and related party transactions

No expenses or other remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the financial period.

#### 4 Comparative Figures

The comparative figures cover the period 1st May 2022 to 30th April 2023.

5 Donations	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Donations from individuals	7,200	-	7,200	8,574
Donations from corporate donors	2,500	-	2,500	7,100
	<u>9,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,700</u>	<u>15,674</u>

#### 6 Cost of charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Donations to foodbanks	9,625	-	9,625	15,700
	<u>9,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,625</u>	<u>15,700</u>

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bread Over Bombs SC048295**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th April 2024 which are set out on pages xx to xx.

**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 and the Charities

Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the 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 Accounts 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 explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently 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 Accounts Regulations
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts 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.

**Name:** 

**Relevant Professional qualification:** Global Chartered Management Accountant (CIMA)

**Address:** CALA Associates Ltd, Suite2/3, 48 West George Street, Glasgow, G2 1BP

**Date:** 13th November 2024