

Pollokshields Community Food Point

Cessation Report and Financial Statements

For the period Ended 30 September 2025



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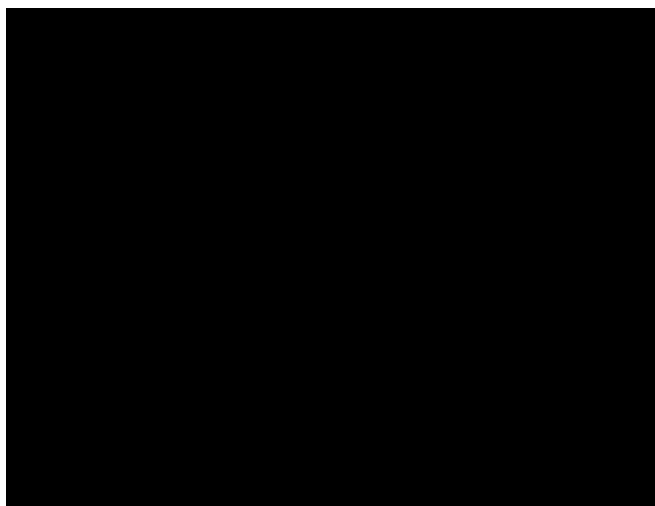
Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name Pollokshields Community Food Point

Charity Number SC050835

Principal Address

Trustees



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Trustees' Annual Report

The trustees present their Report and Accounts for the period ended 30 September 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Our purposes and activities

In our constitution, Pollokshields Community Food Point is defined as a community group made up of individuals working together by operating to mutual aid principles to provide food, essentials and other neighbourly support in the community, and in so doing improving wellbeing, building community connections, inclusion and equality in access to essential resources.

Our charitable purpose is to advance community wellbeing and development by:

- Identifying and acquiring resources to provide food, essential items and other support to people that are currently struggling to access or afford sufficient amounts of these resources
- Reducing hunger, food inequality and insecurity and improving access to good nutrition in our community
- Supporting local people to identify and articulate their needs in relation to food and essential goods and act to address those needs wherever possible by co-design and co-production of services, provision or systems and individualising provision where possible
- Maximising community benefit, impact and reducing duplication by creating strong and productive working relationships with partner and peer organisations in G41 and Greater Glasgow, which may include temporarily or permanently adding capacity to or working in partnership with existing organisations
- Working closely with local individuals/groups for example, G41 (Pollokshields) Mutual Aid and Glasgow Mutual Aid, to identify and promote mutual aid (volunteering) opportunities so providing opportunities for community contribution, participation, skills development and active citizenship in an empowering and non-authoritative manner
- Promoting and encouraging respect and care for our environment and community
- Providing and promoting community and neighbourly connection activities such as: community hot food events; delivery of food parcels to elderly or disabled people; cultural festival food packs for the vulnerable; signposting to services and resources (for example specialist substance use, benefit maximisation or gender-based violence organisations): for the benefit of residents
- Facilitating a channel of communication and a network of community support between those requesting support and those with the capacity and resources to respond to those requests
- Acting and impacting as locally as possible, recognising the strength and sustainability of local community connections, networks, trust, knowledge and reciprocity
- In support of the foregoing aims, to encourage and prioritise reinvestment (including from business) into the G41 community, south side of Glasgow and Greater Glasgow, and the redistribution of Food Point resources through expenditure to support community wealth and asset building.

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Our Origins

The pandemic impacted dramatically in G41. High numbers of requests for free food and support were received during first lockdown. These requests were being met by local organisations and mutual aid, which were delivering free food multiple times per day. The Food Point opened its doors for the first time on the 11th of April 2020 with the sponsorship of the collaborative community response meetings Pollokshields Sustains and a key partnership between Pollokshields/G41 Mutual Aid and Southside Housing Association. The expectation was this would be an emergency response and the situation would improve quickly. Within two months each day between 50-70 households were accessing food support and the Food Point operated daily until November 2020 when the service reduced to 3 days per week due to funding concerns and the need to manage the volume of people needing support safely.

Since then, the need for food support has continued and so the Food Point has continued to deliver this support using a community asset building model and mutual aid principles. It was agreed that the Food Point constitute as a SCIO and it was established as such in February 2021. The financial management of the Food Point was transferred from Southside Housing Association in June 2021.

The Food Point has operated for 4 years as an independent charity and has been successful with trustees establishing key processes, playing a positive partner and peer role in the community, with a stable, skilled and enthusiastic mutual aid volunteer group and achieving income through creative income generation that is unusual for a young SCIO. The model moved and adapted in 2024-5 to focus on weekly subsidised and mutual bulk buying of food for 'food club' boxes of fresh and long life food for £5 (value c £12) whilst continuing with emergency food at no cost as required. The service has grown and developed significantly to be about 'much more about people than food'. The depth and range of the work of the Food Point continues to develop. Our enterprise activities have benefited the community: volunteers have developed skills; children in our community received nutritious culturally appropriate catering; and visitors to the Food Point had more stock through reinvesting the funds back in for charitable programme delivery. We grew our understanding of the underlying issues around food instability in G41, working as a part of our community (rather than imposing onto the community) and seeking solutions on an individual and community basis. Because of the time and community that we are living in, climate justice and anti-discriminatory practices are at the front of our thinking.

What makes us different?

We are a grassroots organisation which has been built by and within our community. Our youngest volunteers are in their teens and oldest in their 8th decade of life. Between us we speak 9 languages. We do not work to an 'inclusion model' as we aim to make the people who visit for support part of the core architecture of the Food Point. We work to recognise people's assets, build connections and accept that everyone requires different kinds of support at different times of their lives. Many of our volunteers note that volunteering meets some of their needs (mental health, connecting, skill building). Visitors are encouraged to volunteer or contribute when and in whatever way possible. One third of our volunteers have or do use the Food Point. Rather than means assessing or requiring bank statements from visitors we work on a self-referral in G41 basis with partner referral outwith G41.

Our fair access and anti-discriminatory policies and principles support us in the complex task of delivering food support in a diverse community where food instability is significant. There is no religious or political affiliation at the Food Point and we aim to work collaboratively with partners and peer organisations in our area.

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Who do we provide support to and how do we involve people in delivery?

G41 and Pollokshields is a diverse and vibrant community. Our demographic visitor surveying shows who visits The Food Point:

- 67% are black or/and ethnic minority
- 70% identify as women or non-binary
- 71% live in households of 3 or over

Our model means that the people we support are at the centre of everything that we do, and we build dialogue and relationships with regular visitors. Our board is made of people in our community including those who have needed to access the food and people from ethnicities other than British or Scottish White. The food we provide is culturally appropriate and the range of languages spoken and gender balance 'on shift' an important part of how we work. Our volunteer ages are generally much younger than most charities although we still have a range of ages. We aim to ensure our trustees include Food Point visitors so that lived experience is heard in discussions.

We use working groups for activities and invite both visitors and volunteers to participate (cooking, local food ecosystem projects as examples). We also have good social media presence and receive feedback through this. We work to design the Food Point from the visitor's perspective (psychologically informed environments).

We build relationships, esteem and skills as a tool of change. Our DNA is connecting, respect, dignity and valuing people. In addition to a 'walk-in' food point, we deliver to disabled, housebound and/or self-isolating households, provide ad hoc hot food and collaborate in cultural community events.

We aim to continue increasing our young and historically under-represented volunteers in our community and building their skills to make a tangible difference in meeting personal aims, building confidence, social and economic power, social capital and broadening horizons of individuals and our community. We are building collective knowledge of the complexity of food insecurity, poverty and disempowerment, with a particular focus on mental health, gender and race.

Achievements and Performance

Food sourcing and parcels

Close to 3,000 food parcels or food club boxes have been provided in the last 16 months through delivery or collection-most for families. Surplus food, locally grown, community donated and purchased food is used for food parcels. Fareshare Go is used for supermarket surplus pick-ups. Food parcels through the year personalised to culture and preference. Items that are hard to afford: milk, fruit and vegetables are provided. Food delivery has reduced now to only those living alone and unable to leave their home and is undertaken by volunteers once a week. As well as food the connections, peer social support during deliveries is highlighted as very important to those who rarely leave home and are isolated. Visitors were encouraged to move towards joining in with low-cost food club food boxes weekly and planning this rather than emergency food.

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Achievements and Performance

Volunteers

Around 20-22 regular volunteers are involved in delivering the Food Point's service. Tasks are varied and the pool of skills and energy from volunteers keeps the Food Point operational. An additional c.10 occasional volunteers step in to cover rota gaps, specialist areas of work (from policy development, article writing to social media), cooking programmes and other events/activities. The level two food hygiene training offered for those involved in cooking/catering. All volunteers agree to abide by the principles and approaches of the Food Point. References can be provided for volunteers including for university, colleges and jobs. We worked hard to support volunteer placements for young people and job experience work for people returning to the jobs market- providing 4 placements over the year.

Social enterprise, trauma informed approaches and climate emergency work

A range of **social enterprise activities** for income generation were undertaken in 2024-25 including provision of catering to children's holiday activity programmes and community organisation events. Our **food club** model was also launched with support from the area partnership.

Work on **developing a psychologically informed environment** continues. This trauma informed approach has enabled us to reconsider our support structures for volunteers and workers, improve our induction discussions, review and improve our lay out and physical environment and interactions/social environment for volunteers and visitors. This included simple changes like displaying our values visually so visitors know what to expect, having some gentle music on in the background, ensuring visitors are greeted well, improving the accessibility of our language and undertaking better pre and post shift 'huddles' with volunteers to reflect on how shifts went. We have also upgraded our induction and work on values with volunteers. We have simplified the work we do and the use of the space. Additional work on **employability** was also undertaken during the year for young people with the support of the DWF.

The work of the Food Point is not always easy and the trustees are conscious of this and have robust discussion and reviews after incidents or complaints taking opportunities to reflect and learn. This includes updating risk assessments when required.

We continue to consider the climate emergency as part of our work and work to use as much surplus and donated food as possible, and to purchase from local ethical suppliers. We have minimal vehicle emissions, aim to reduce packaging and through good management minimise waste.

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What difference has The Food Point made in terms of outcomes and impact?

The Food Point has reduced the impact of poverty through its food parcel and paid food club work. Each week during the final period of operation around fifty households received food support. Beyond this and the other activities already listed, work has been underway to support people to take steps forward in addressing and working to improve their quality of life. People who present with food instability issues more than once usually have more complex needs. With the trust and relationships built up, support has been provided in other ways to individuals and tailored to their needs. To give a flavour of this here are some examples:

- Support around homelessness and housing applications
- Completing welfare grant fund applications
- Form filling and translation
- Sourcing essential items such as sheets, pots and pans and baby clothing
- Referring as a partner for energy top ups
- Support and guidance around job applications and interview training
- Providing working groups or collaborative research activities where skills can be developed (research, consultation, communication, evaluation)
- Providing references for work and college courses
- Supporting people to access mental health services and identify their social worker
- Interpersonal support and neighbourly listening to reduce stress and anxiety
- Supporting young people to access meaningful volunteer placements for the Duke of Edinburgh or college credits
- Support people to access local resources and facilities such as green space at The Bowling Green and the library
- Giving the people who use The Food Point a voice in national policy discussions and this year in the Covid Enquiry.

It has always been our aim to continue to push the 'more than food' work being done and focus on long term development and change for people with ongoing need, for our community to address the poverty and instability that is so limiting. Our visitors and community have much to offer given the opportunity for development. Funding applications for this kind of work have however been largely unsuccessful over the last financial year with potential new funders much more interested in funding events or specific project work rather than the more holistic solutions focussed support that people would benefit from. Robertson Trust (3 year funding) concluded in October 2024. Because of this, Trustees decided to work towards the closure of The Food Point with services ceasing in May/June. It is not possible without reliable and regular core funding to provide a service that requires skill, infrastructure and resourcing to maintain a reasonable and consistent level of quality and safety (for example insurance costs, service coordinator, training for volunteers).



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Achievements and Performance

Governing Document

Pollokshields Community Food Point was established as a charity on 12th March 2021 and is registered with the Office of the Scottish Regulator Charity No SC050835. The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and is governed by its constitution. It has a two tier structure and as such the membership of the organisation appoint trustees and have decision making powers.

Key Management Remuneration

The key management personnel in the 2024-25 period were the board of trustees. No remuneration was received for this role as all board members give their time freely.

Trustee Recruitment and Appointment

Our trustees are committed and make up a talented and diverse group of people. They are listed on page 3. The trustees' diversity and range of knowledge and skills is of benefit to the Food Point.

The Food Point offered mentoring to new board members to enable those without previous experience of boards and the trustee role. Trustee meetings are open with only private sessions held for sensitive matters. We meet formally a minimum of four times per year.

Only one person is currently employed by the Food Point. Oscar Wainwright led the day-to-day service and oversaw the Food Point's community projects and other operations until June 2025. He reported into trustees regularly. This single role has enabled us to deliver both our core work and develop projects and enterprise- and this year to input to national work on food inequality including contributing to the Covid Enquiry and various other research projects and sharing best practice with national networks. This role also meant we were in a position to research and consult with visitors about the recent 'food club' model, which was implemented in the Autumn of 2024.



Independent Examiner's Report

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| Report to the trustees/members of | Pollokshields Community Food Point |
| Registered charity number | SC050835 |
| Accounts of the charity for the period | 1 April 2024 to 30 September 2025 |
| Set out on pages | 12 - 16 |

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) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 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 Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. 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 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, and
- 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.

03/11/2025

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Receipts and Payments Account

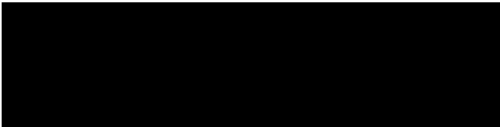
| | | <i>Unrestricted Funds</i> | <i>Restricted Funds</i> | <i>Total Funds</i> | <i>2024 Total</i> |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| | <i>Notes</i> | <i>£</i> | <i>£</i> | <i>£</i> | <i>£</i> |
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Donations | 3 | 37,943 | - | 37,943 | 14,414 |
| Grants | 4 | - | 6,304 | 6,304 | 23,957 |
| Charitable Activities | 5 | 18,677 | - | 18,677 | 17,370 |
| | | <u>56,620</u> | <u>6,304</u> | <u>62,924</u> | <u>55,741</u> |
| Payments | | | | | |
| Charitable Activities Costs | 6 | 54,155 | 12,828 | 66,983 | 68,084 |
| Support Costs | 7 | 3,286 | - | 3,286 | 1,892 |
| | | <u>57,441</u> | <u>12,828</u> | <u>70,269</u> | <u>69,976</u> |
| Net Receipts/-Payments | | (821) | (6,524) | (7,345) | (14,235) |
| <i>Funds Brought Forward</i> | | 821 | 6,524 | 7,345 | 21,580 |
| Funds Carried Forward | 9 | £0 | £0 | £0 | £7,345 |

The notes on pages 14 to 16 form an integral part of these accounts.

Statement of Balances

| | | <i>Unrestricted Funds</i> | <i>Restricted Funds</i> | <i>Total Funds</i> | <i>2024 Total</i> |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cash and Bank Balances | <i>Notes</i> | <i>£</i> | <i>£</i> | <i>£</i> | <i>£</i> |
| Opening Cash and Bank Balances | | 821 | 6,524 | 7,345 | 21,580 |
| Surplus/-Deficit for the period | | (821) | (6,524) | (7,345) | (14,235) |
| Closing Cash and Bank Balances | | - | - | - | 7,345 |

Signed on behalf of the trustees:



Date:

03/11/2025

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Notes to the Accounts

1. General Information

Pollokshields Community Food Point ("the charity") is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution. It was registered as a charity in Scotland (registered number SC050835) on 12 March 2021. Its registered address is 231 Nithsdale Road, Pollokshields, G41 5HA.

2. Basis of Preparation

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

| 3. Donations | <i>Unrestricted Funds £</i> | <i>Restricted Funds £</i> | <i>Total Funds £</i> | <i>2024 Total £</i> |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Donations | 37,943 | - | 37,943 | 14,414 |

| 4. Grants | <i>Unrestricted Funds £</i> | <i>Restricted Funds £</i> | <i>Total Funds £</i> | <i>2024 Total £</i> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GCC - Area Partnership | - | 4,664 | 4,664 | 3,000 |
| The DWF Foundation | - | 1,640 | 1,640 | - |
| Neighbourhood Sustain Pollokshields | - | - | - | 507 |
| Robertson Trust | - | - | - | 19,800 |
| Soil Association | - | - | - | 650 |
| | - | 6,304 | 6,304 | 23,957 |

| 5. Income from Charitable Activities | <i>Unrestricted Funds £</i> | <i>Restricted Funds £</i> | <i>Total Funds £</i> | <i>2024 Total £</i> |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Holiday Programme | 18,677 | - | 18,677 | 17,370 |

Notes to the Accounts

| 6. Charitable Activities Costs | <i>Unrestricted Funds £</i> | <i>Restricted Funds £</i> | <i>Total Funds £</i> | <i>2024 Total £</i> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Enterprise | 8,708 | - | 8,708 | 4,635 |
| Donation | 584 | - | 584 | - |
| Payroll costs | - | - | - | 513 |
| Salaries | 23,860 | 1,350 | 25,210 | 21,395 |
| Stock | 21,003 | 11,478 | 32,481 | 40,377 |
| Training | - | - | - | 1,164 |
| | <u>54,155</u> | <u>12,828</u> | <u>66,983</u> | <u>68,084</u> |
| 7. Support Costs | <i>Unrestricted Funds £</i> | <i>Restricted Funds £</i> | <i>Total Funds £</i> | <i>2024 Total £</i> |
| Accountancy - IE Fee | 780 | - | 780 | 780 |
| Admin Costs | 2,506 | - | 2,506 | 1,112 |
| | <u>3,286</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>3,286</u> | <u>1,892</u> |

8. Related Party Transactions

There were no trustees remuneration paid or donations made by trustees for the period 30 September 2025 nor the prior year.

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| 9. Funds Analysis | <i>Opening Balance 1 Apr 24</i> | <i>Receipts</i> | <i>Payments</i> | <i>Transfers</i> | <i>Closing Balance 30 Sep 25</i> |
|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--|
| Unrestricted | | | | | |
| General | 821 | 56,620 | (57,441) | - | - |
| Restricted | | | | | |
| DWF Foundation | - | 1,640 | (1,640) | - | - |
| National Lottery - Community Fund | 6,524 | - | (6,524) | - | - |
| GCC - Area Partnership | - | 4,664 | (4,664) | - | - |
| | <u>6,524</u> | <u>6,304</u> | <u>(12,828)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Grand Total | <u>7,345</u> | <u>62,924</u> | <u>(70,269)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

Notes to the Accounts

9. Funds Analysis (continued)

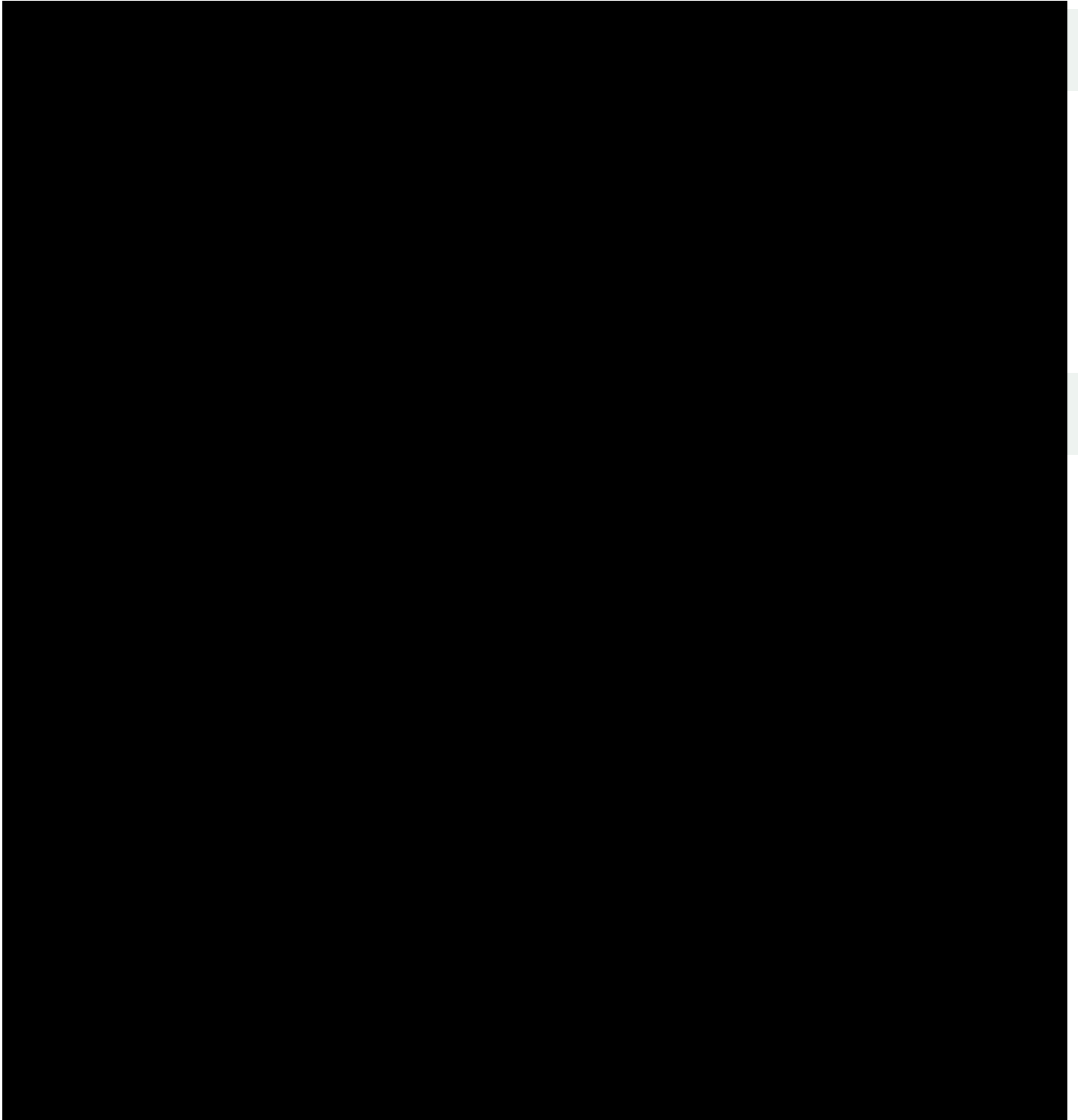
Purposes of Funds

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| General | The unrestricted, 'free reserves' of the charity. |
| DWF Foundation | For grocery vouchers and direct food provision |
| National Lottery - Community Fund | A series of community social cooking, eating and sharing events with educational/informational element around food/cooking. |
| GCC - Area Partnership | For grocery vouchers and direct food provision |

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