



Rutherglen &  
Cambuslang  
**Foodbank**  
Together with Trussell

## **Rutherglen and Cambuslang Foodbank (SCIO)**

### **Report and Financial Statement**

**Year to 31st March 2026**

Scottish Charity Number SC051084

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**Year to 31st March 2026**

## **Reference and Administration**

Charity name Rutherglen and Cambuslang Foodbank (SCIO)

Charity registration number SC051084

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### **Trustees**

Heather Buchan	Convenor
Catherine Duncan	Secretary
John AM Smeaton	Treasurer
Ann Bowers	
Kay Firth	
Barbara McCrindle	
Rhona Robertson	
Ian Robertson	
Isabelle Tennent	

### **Manager**

Veronica Gunn (from 09/12/2024 to 31/12/25)  
Anita Brown (from 16/03/26)

### **Independent Examiner**

Mrs Nadia Fulton C.A.

### **Bankers**

Bank of Scotland

### **Solicitors**

Carr Berman Crichton

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**Year to 31st March 2026**

## **Structure and Organisation**

### **Background**

Rutherglen and Cambuslang Food Bank was formed in November 2013. The charity converted to SCIO status on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

The objects of the charity are:

To relieve the poverty and the suffering and distress of persons in the communities of Rutherglen and Cambuslang by providing free food and in such other ways as the trustees from time to time think fit.

### **Governing Document**

Rutherglen and Cambuslang Food Bank became a Scottish Registered Charity on 17th January 2014 following OSCR's approval of an appropriate constitution reflecting this.

The charity adopted a new constitution when they converted to a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

### **Organisational Structure**

The Charity is administered by a Management Committee which meets a minimum of once per annum (normally monthly).

### **Trustee Recruitment and Appointment**

Trustees are appointed by application.

In addition to applications from individuals the Management Committee may, on behalf of the membership, invite named individuals to be members of the Charity.

### **Main Activities**

- Distributing food weekly to the poor and needy from our three distribution centres.
- Signposting our customers to appropriate specialists for help.
- Offering "on the day" referrals to Citizens Advice with dedicated CAB advisors at the centres.
- Offering support with fuel costs.
- Collecting food from donors/supermarkets.
- Sorting/storing collected food.
- Delivering food from warehouse to three Distribution Centres.
- Supporting volunteers and customers into full time employment.
- Managing teams of volunteers to successfully achieve these aims.

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**Year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

## **Achievements & Performance**

- Operated three distribution centres covering Rutherglen and Cambuslang areas throughout the year.
- Obtained sufficient food to accommodate the needs of those attending the distribution centres.
- Managed food and financial donations gifted this year.
- Managed a practical transport system to collect food and stock the distribution centres.
- Operated a busy warehouse to receive, sort and distribute food. This is a continuous process where stock levels require constant monitoring.
- Recruited and organised sufficient volunteers to meet the many demands of running the Foodbank.
- Obtained the necessary financial resources to meet the costs of the operation, through grants, donations and regular giving.
- Negotiated a five-year lease extension to our premises in Rutherglen Exchange and consolidated the Rutherglen operation into a single site.
- Moved the Cambuslang Centre to Cambuslang Parish Church. This is a temporary move while the Romanian Pentecostal Church of God is undergoing extensive refurbishment.
- Continued a Service Level Agreement with Citizens Advice to provide our customers with specialist advice in real time, funded by a Trussell Financial Inclusion grant.
- Welcomed an increased number of agencies referring customers to the Foodbank and signposted our customers to other agencies for specialist support.
- Helped people in crisis in other ways e.g., by providing toiletries, household cleaning items, fuel top-ups, SIM cards and warm items (e.g., duvets, blankets, flasks, fleeces, etc), soup packs and £30 & £40 supermarket vouchers.
- Maintained networks with supermarkets, churches, schools and local businesses, resulting in successful Easter, Harvest and Christmas collections and regular Food Drives with Morrisons (3) and Tesco (4).
- Benefited from the Rutherglen 900 “Bags of Kindness” initiative, part of the Royal Burgh of Rutherglen 900 years celebration, with food donations received from churches and local groups in the community.
- Continued partnership with the Fuel Bank Foundation to support our customers who have pre-paid meters with fuel top-ups.
- Offered our customers free SIM cards to promote digital inclusion and connectivity, thanks to a continuing relationship with Tesco Mobile
- Received corporate support from companies such as Howdens (formerly Laurie Ross), Barclays Bank, Network Rail, DPD, IBM, Mitie, and the Evana Group at Food Drives & Big Sorts, and from the Amazon Local Good community team with the pick-up and delivery of food to stock the local centres.
- Continued support from local company Bayne’s the Bakers to offer end of day produce at the centres.
- Maintained rigour around all aspects of Health & Safety, Safeguarding and GDPR, and continued to review and update all Foodbank Policies and Procedures.
- Promoted the work of the Foodbank through regular features in the local press and local media.
- Ran a Christmas Campaign to increase awareness of the Foodbank in the run up to the festive period, including creating information posters and a feature on Camglen Radio throughout December.
- Took part in the Rutherglen Exchange Christmas Event to increase the profile of the Foodbank where we launched our “Gift a Meal” initiative.
- Made full use of social media to highlight the work of the Foodbank. Our Facebook page, Instagram and website are kept up to date with information and news that is useful to the community.
- Recognised the change in the demographic attending the Foodbank and offered food parcels tailored to customers requesting Halal food.
- Continued a partnership agreement the SSPCA to secure a regular supply of pet food



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## Achievements & Performance (Cont'd)

The Foodbank has been operating in Rutherglen and Cambuslang for over 13 years and there continues to be sustained demand for the service it provides. Thanks to generous support from the community, we were able to open our distribution centres four times per week, (excluding public holidays) and this year we provided emergency food for a total of 6,316 people, 4,473 adults and 1,843 children. This has marginally increased when compared to last year, and demand remains 3 times more than in the first full year (2014/15) when 2,190 people came to the Foodbank. Compared to 2019 (pre-Covid) the Foodbank has seen a 40% increase in emergency food provision compared to a (-8%) average change across Foodbanks in Scotland and a 45% change across food banks in the Trussell community.

The Foodbank has no guaranteed income and remains grateful for the continued support it receives from donors in the community, including churches, supermarkets, schools and local businesses, allowing us to help everyone who attends our centres. This year we managed 43,028kg food in and distributed 41,902kg food back to the community. This is a reduction of 9% for stock received when compared to the previous year and the third year we have seen a reduction in donated food, however there has always been sufficient to meet demand. This year we purchased 40% of the food distributed, compared to 32% in the previous year. Stock out reported at the same level as 2024/25. The Foodbank has increased its engagement in the community with actions such as additional Food Drives, a Christmas Campaign and a "Gift a Meal" initiative to encourage donations.

We have helped people in other ways. Working with the Fuel Bank Foundation we facilitated fuel card top-ups throughout the year for people who have pre-paid meters. Thanks to the generosity of Tesco Mobile, we were able to offer SIM cards to clients and their families to promote digital inclusivity. We have continued to provide warm items in the winter months from our own funds, e.g. duvets, blankets, fleeces, thermal vests, flasks as well as hats, scarves, socks and gloves. We were also able to offer £30 Farmfoods cards on an occasional basis, supporting our customers to purchase fresh food and dairy produce. In December we were able to increase the value of the card to £40. In the summer months we offered "back to school" stationery packs for children and the Scottish Book Trust provided us with a selection of children's and adults' books. During the winter months we purchased fresh vegetables and pulses so that we could offer soup packs. Baynes the Bakers have continued to donate their end of day produce to the Foodbank. We have continued to offer food parcels tailored to customers who request Halal food, recognising the change in the demographic attending the Foodbank.

Since August 2023, a Citizens Advice advisor has attended every Foodbank session allowing us to refer clients in real time for specialist support on issues such as benefits, debt, housing and utilities. The project was funded by a grant from Trussell and came to an end this year. Citizens Advice estimate that during the project they managed more than 500 issues for the Foodbank's customers resulting in £97,200 of financial gains.

Aside from delivering the charity's aims the Foodbank has had a number of accommodation issues to manage this year. In July we successfully negotiated a five-year lease extension to our premises in Rutherglen Exchange and took the opportunity to consolidate our Rutherglen operation into a single site. In addition to this, we managed a change of venue for our Cambuslang centre. From December 2025 the Cambuslang centre has been in Cambuslang Parish Church. This is a temporary move while the Romanian Church of God is undergoing extensive refurbishment. We are very grateful to Cambuslang Parish Church for their support which has allowed us to maintain business as usual for the people in Cambuslang who need our help. We also appointed a new Foodbank Manager in March 2026.

And finally, a word for the dedication of the Trustees, the volunteers and the Foodbank Manager, all of whom work tirelessly to improve the service and support we offer everyone who accesses our service, and without whom we would be unable to carry out all these activities.

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## **Achievements & Performance (Cont'd)**

### **Our goals for 2026/27 include:**

- Developing our relationship with local people and businesses to gain support through cash donations, food donations, transport and volunteer support.
- Working with local Agencies to strengthen referral pathways
- Continuing to look at other ways we can use our funds to support people in need in our community e.g., provision of supermarket vouchers, SIM cards, emergency fuel top-ups and warm items.
- Working with groups within the local community to develop beneficial partnerships e.g.,
  - promoting the work of the Foodbank as part of the Royal Burgh of Rutherglen 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary community events
  - maintaining and strengthening links with local supermarkets, shops and businesses.
  - maintaining and strengthening links with local schools.
  - maintaining a programme of training for our volunteers.
  - developing links with local business groups using their volunteering days to support the Foodbank.
- Engaging locally in Trussell strategic priorities.
- Continuing to adhere to good governance procedures through regular review of Foodbank policies, maintaining financial rigour and managing a dynamic Forward Action Plan.
- Doing whatever we can to alleviate the pressure of poverty within our community.



# Rutherglen and Cambuslang Foodbank (SCIO)

**Year to 31st March 2026**

## **Finance**

We intend having funds in hand to cover a minimum of 6 months estimated running costs. We are ahead of this target.

In financial terms, we incurred a deficit of £16,446 compared with a deficit in the previous year of £10,086. While at first glance this may look concerning, analysis of our performance shows that some items of expenditure were deliberate because of funds available and can be eliminated in the future, if necessary.

Income from all sources was £66,990 against £72,294 the previous year. The current year includes a restricted grant of £14,463 (2024/5 = £14,056). While there has been a small drop in income from last year, the level achieved is encouraging taking in to account the current economic circumstances in the country. Overall, our level of income is not currently a concern.

Expenditure was similar to last year though comparison with the previous year can be misleading as our actions are governed by funding available at any given time.

We are fortunate that several elements of our costs can be increased or stopped at will depending on prevailing circumstances.

With grateful thanks to the citizens of Rutherglen and Cambuslang, we leave 2025/6 in a strong financial position.

### **Donated Facilities and Services**

Use of distribution centre at Whitlawburn given to Food Bank by South Lanarkshire Council at no cost.

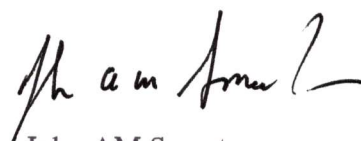
Occasional solicitor services from Carr Berman Crighton given at no cost.



Heather Buchan  
Convenor

Date

2/4/2026



John AM Smeaton  
Treasurer

Date

2/4/2026

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## Statement of Financial Activity

For the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025/26 £	Restricted funds 2025/26 £	Total funds 2025/26 £	Unrestricted funds 2024/25 £	Restricted funds 2024/25 £	Total funds 2024/25 £
<b>Income:</b>							
Donations incl. Gift Aid		44,002	0	44,002	51,990	0	51,990
Tesco enhancement		1,486	0	1,486	1,297	0	1,297
Food drive donations		1,511	0	1,511	1,172	0	1,172
Grants	2	3,169	14,463	17,632	2,108	14,056	16,164
Interest		2,359		2,359	1,671		1,671
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>52,527</b>	<b>14,463</b>	<b>66,990</b>	<b>58,238</b>	<b>14,056</b>	<b>72,294</b>
<b>Expenditure (Charitable Activities)</b>							
Food purchases	3	20,929	0	20,929	16,854	0	16,854
Food vouchers		7,300	0	7,300	11,495	0	11,495
Non Food Purchases		4,820	0	4,820	4,755	0	4,755
Citizens Advice scheme	2	(81)	14,463	14,382	5	14,056	14,061
Distribution Centres		3,187	0	3,187	3,759	0	3,759
Warehousing		15,366	0	15,366	15,224	0	15,224
Tabards			0	0	353	0	353
Food Drive costs			0	0	0	0	0
Insurance		353	0	353	353	0	353
Post, Printing & Stationery		340	0	340	280	0	280
Telephone		686	0	686	41	0	41
Bank charges		17	0	17	0	0	0
Sundry		867	0	867	2,084	0	2,084
Salaries & Oncost		14,973	0	14,973	12,941	0	12,941
<b>Total Charitable</b>		<b>68,757</b>	<b>14,463</b>	<b>83,220</b>	<b>68,144</b>	<b>14,056</b>	<b>82,200</b>
<b>Cost of generating funds</b>		<b>216</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>Governance Costs</b>	4	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Surplus / (deficit)</b>		<b>(16,446)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(16,446)</b>	<b>(10,086)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(10,086)</b>
Opening Bank Balance		76,404	0	76,404	86,490	0	86,490
<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>		<b>59,958</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>59,958</b>	<b>76,404</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76,404</b>



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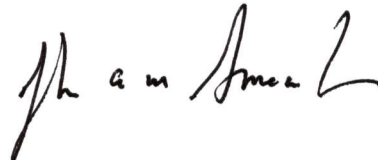
### Summary of Balances

	General Funds 2025/26	Restricted Funds 2025/26	Total Funds 2025/26	General Funds 2024/25	Restricted Funds 2024/25	Total Funds 2024/25
Opening Balance 1st April	76,404	0	76,404	76,404	0	76,404
Income in year	52,527	14,463	66,990	67,227	0	67,227
Expenditure in year	68,973	14,463	83,436	100,273	0	100,273
Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surplus (deficit)	(16,446)	0	(16,446)	(33,046)	0	(33,046)
Balance in bank 31st March	59,958	0	59,958	43,358	0	43,358

There are no investments



Heather Buchan  
Convenor



John AM Smeaton  
Treasurer

# Rutherglen and Cambuslang Food Bank (SCIO)

## Notes to Accounts

For the period 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

### 1. Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the expense heading to which it relates.

### 2. Grants

Grant received from The Trussell Trust to provide services from local Citizens Advice Bureau

### 3. Food purchases

Food purchases vary according to free donations given and local supermarket food drives.

### 4. Governance costs

Independent Examiner's fee Nil, (2024/5=nil)

### 5. Funds movement

	Balance 01/04/2025	Income	Expenditure	Balance 31/03/2026
<b>Unrestricted</b>				
General Fund	76,404	52,527	68,973	59,958
<b>Restricted</b>				
Trussell Trust	0	14,463	14,463	0
<b>All Funds</b>	<b>76,404</b>	<b>66,990</b>	<b>83,436</b>	<b>59,958</b>

### 6. Purpose of Funds

General Fund

For day to day expenses of running the charity.

Trussell Trust

to provide services from local Citizens Advice Bureau

### 7. No member of the Management Committee received remuneration or expenses.

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Rutherglen and Cambuslang Foodbank SCIO**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026 which are set out on pages 1 to 10.

### **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.

Signed:



Name: Nadia Fulton

Relevant Professional qualification/professional body: Chartered Accountant (ICAS)

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Date: 18 April 2026