

Islay Foodbank

Scotland · Charity number SC051098

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2021-07-05
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	Taigh na Torraig Bruichladdich isle of Islay PA49 7UN
Website	https://www.islayfoodbank.com/

Activities

Activities: '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: Prevention of poverty and relief of those in need. We deliver food boxes to those who request them on Islay and Jura.

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

Objectives: 4 The organisation's purposes are: 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:** Argyll And Bute
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£9,487	£6,709	-	0
2024-12-31	£15,487	£12,445	-	0
2023-12-31	£11,465	£4,832	-	0
2022-12-31	£2,666	£1,334	-	0

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Principal Office: Baptist Manse, Jamieson Street, Bowmore, Isle of Islay PA43 7HL

Trustees, on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report:

Bronwen Currie (Chair)	Appointment 5 July 2021
Scott Currie (Treasurer)	Appointment 20 May 2024
Mary Bavin (Secretary)	Appointment 22 March 2023
Andrew Burnham	Appointment 5 July 2021
Paul Cairns	Appointment 20 May 2024
Rose Keogh	Appointment 5 July 2021
Peter Roberts	Re-Appointment 22 March 2023

Bankers: Royal Bank of Scotland

Structure, governance and management

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In contrast to many other foodbanks, we do not have premises that clients can attend to collect goods, but we operate a store from the Islay Development Initiative Hub in Bowmore, from which volunteers collect what is required and then deliver to the client. This system maintains confidentiality in a very small community.

Supplies come from generous members of the community, and also from the Dunlossit and Islay Community Trust, with whom we are in partnership and who have given us valuable support. A basket is maintained in the Co-op store central to the island, in which customers can place donations in kind. This encourages community engagement with the Foodbank. The Foodbank also has a good level of funds from which we can purchase extra items, again thanks to the generosity of the community.

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disbursement. Numerical data about numbers of clients, children and the elderly, is also recorded.

Achievements and Performance

Demand in 2025 was slightly down on the previous year. Around 210 provisions of support were given to individuals, including 86 children (2024 figures were 224;90). Some of these individuals have required regular support, sometimes owing to difficulties with budgeting and with benefits, but generally owing to inflation and particularly the rising cost of fuel. A significant proportion of our clientele are families, many of whom are in work. We believe this reflects the cost of raising a family on an island, including the necessity of running at least one car. Where users are clearly struggling on a regular basis we try to offer further advice and support in the form of contact with Bute Advice Centre who can give access to the Argyll & Bute Flexible Food & Fuel Fund, which is funded by Argyll & Bute Council. Thanks to generous funding we are also in a position to help with repairs to or replacement of white goods, if clients have no means of cooking.

In 2025 we were approached by Small Isles Primary School in Jura, where the pupils were keen to have Jura included within our remit. We met with the headteacher Andrew Welch and agreed to amend our website to indicate that Jura residents can contact us for help. Between Andrew, and Angela Greenhill who is a community support worker based in Jura, we have worked out a system whereby boxes can be picked up by either Angela or Andrew (who as headteacher also of Keills PS is in Islay every week) and delivered to Jura clients. In addition, having received a grant from Argyll & Bute Council to support Jura, we are supporting the establishment of a small emergency box of supplies to be kept in Craighouse and maintained by Angela and Andrew.

A representative of Islay Foodbank regularly attends meetings of the Argyll & Bute Food Forum, maintaining links with other foodbanks in Argyll.

We ensure that a range of publicity materials, including posters and cards, are distributed around the island in GP surgeries, churches, shops and other public places. We have an attractive website (www.islayfoodbank.com) through which clients can contact the Foodbank directly, and an advert is posted regularly on the Facebook Islay Community Noticeboard.

Financial Review

Financial donations continue to be received from members of the Islay Community, with one individual now giving a regular monthly amount, and in addition Argyll & Bute Council gives an annual grant. Overall income was down compared to 2024 as that year had seen an exceptional grant for island food banks, and thus we reduced our donations to other food banks. The day-to-day operational costs increased by some 10% but some administrative savings on telephone costs and a generous distillery donation meant that we still made a surplus.

Trustees monitor the Foodbank funds on a monthly basis. At the end of 2025 these funds stood at £17,639

Plans for Future

Given the increase in demand for our support over the last year, it is clear that the need for our services is not going away. We will continue to seek to support those in Islay and Jura who struggle to feed themselves and their families.

The main challenge to the Foodbank in the foreseeable future is the loss of the IDI Hub at Killarrow, as the site there is scheduled for re-development and housing. We are exploring alternatives and are optimistic that we will be able to place a secure, weatherproof storage unit on a central and accessible site in the Bowmore area when we need to.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: TYPED

Bronwen Currie (Chair of Trustees)

Date:1/6/26.....

**Independent Examiner's Report
To the Trustees of Islay Foodbank**

SCIO Number: SC 051098

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out below.

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. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10 (1) (a) to (c) 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 the examiner's report

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 includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations 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 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect 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
- To prepare accounts with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations.

have not been met.

There are no other matters to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: TYPED

Date: 2/6/2026

Douglas W Adams
2bCraiglochart Park
Edinburgh EH14 1ER

Islay Foodbank Accounts

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	Notes	2025	2024
Receipts		£	£
One-off donations	1	4,487	6,284
Grants received		5,000	9,203
Total Receipts		9,487	15,487
Payments			
Payments relating directly to Charitable			
Activities	3	5,106	4,662
Grants and donations	3	1,000	7,000
Administration	4	603	683
Governance	5	0	100
Total Payments		6,709	12,446
Surplus/ (Deficit)		2,778	3,042
Statement of Balances			
Cash & Bank Balance at start of year (1st January)		14,861	11,820
Surplus/(deficit)		2,778	3,041
Cash & Bank Balance at end of year (31st December)		17,639	14,861

Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2025

1 **Nature of Funds** All funds are unrestricted. Income of £4,900 in 2024 was recorded as being a grant, but was in fact a donation so this has been retrospectively corrected to enable proper year on year comparison.

3 **Trustees' remuneration and expenses** In 2025, two trustees were reimbursed for purchases made on behalf of the charity to a total of £94. No other remunerations were made to trustees.

3 **Payments** Payments were made as follows:

Food purchased to supplement Store:	£3,602
Non-food support	£1,240
Volunteer travel expenses	<u>£264</u>
Total	£5,106

3 **Donations** A total of £1000 was given to one like-minded Foodbank this year.

4 **Administration** Advertising and website £297
Admin and general costs £316
Total £603

5 **Governance** There was no fee for account examination this year.

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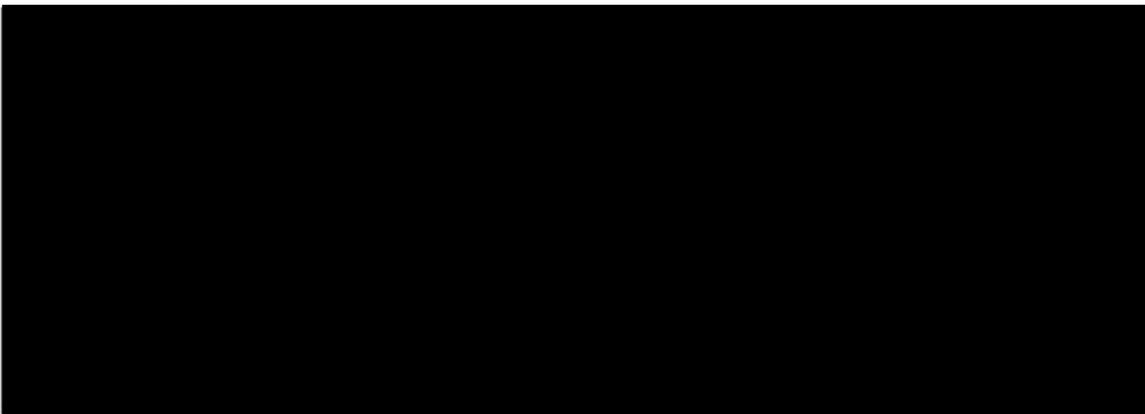
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Achievements and Performance

In 2024, at least 224 provisions of support were given to individuals, including 90 children and 11 elderly people. This represented a considerable increase on the numbers assisted in 2023 (179;72;6). Some of these individuals have required regular support, sometimes owing to difficulties with budgeting and with benefits, but generally owing to inflation and particularly the rising cost of fuel. We have seen a significant increase in the number of families needing support, in spite of the fact that a number of our clients are in work. Further advice and support has been provided to several, and some have also received Flexible Food Fund vouchers from Bute Advice Centre, which is funded by Argyll & Bute Council. Thanks to generous funding we are also in a position to help with repairs to, or replacement of, white goods, if clients have no means of cooking.

A representative of Islay Foodbank regularly attends meetings of the Argyll & Bute Food Forum, maintaining links with other foodbanks in Argyll. We also liaise with the Dòchas support worker, who supports carers in Islay and Jura, to provide support when required. This extends to any need identified by this support worker within the Jura community.

We ensure that a range of publicity materials, including posters and cards, are distributed around the island in GP surgeries, churches, shops and other public places. We have an attractive website (www.islayfoodbank.com) through which clients can contact the Foodbank directly, and an advert is posted regularly on the Facebook Islay Community Noticeboard.

Financial Review

Financial donations continue to be received from members of the Islay Community, and in addition, in 2024 the Foodbank benefited from generous funding through the Scottish Government's support for island foodbanks, distributed via Argyll & Bute Council. Care is taken to hold only such funds as we reasonably need, and therefore a total of £7000 was donated to five local charities doing equivalent work.

Trustees monitor the Foodbank funds on a monthly basis. At the end of 2024 these funds stood at £14,861

Plans for Future

Given the increase in demand for our support over the last year, it is clear that the need for our services is not going away. We will continue to seek to support those in Islay who struggle to feed themselves and their families

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: [Redacted]

[Redacted] (Chair of Trustees)

Date: 12 Nov 2025

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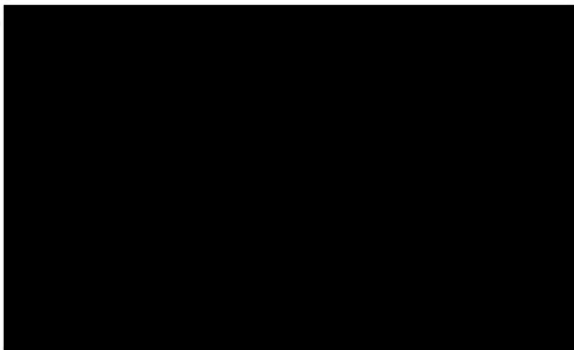
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Date: 17/5/2025



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	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Receipts			
One-off donations		1384	577
Donations for food before it went out of date		0	0
Grants received		14103	10,888
Total Receipts		15,487	11,465
Payments			
Payments relating directly to Charitable			
Activities	3	4662	4,245
Grants and donations	4	7000	0
Administration	5	683	587
Governance	6	100	0
Total Payments		12,445	4,832
Surplus/ (Deficit)		3,042	6,633
Statement of Balances			
Cash & Bank Balance at start of year (1st January)		11,820	5187
Surplus/(deficit)		3,042	6633
Cash & Bank Balance at end of year (31st December)		£14,860	£11,820
Current Account at start of year		14,861	11820
Cash in Hand		0	0
Cash & Bank Balance at end of year		£14,860	£11,820

Notes to the Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2024

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