



Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation No: SC051098

Annual Report and Accounts January to December 2024

Principal Office

Bankers: Royal Bank of Scotland

Structure, governance and management

Islay Foodbank was established in 2019 as “Islay and Jura Community Store Cupboard” and changed its name to Islay Foodbank on becoming registered as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) in July 2021. The SCIO is governed by its Governing Document which was drawn up in May 2021.

Islay Foodbank is managed by its Board of Trustees. There is no formal end date to appointment of trustees, though at the close of each AGM a third of the trustees are required to step down. They are eligible for re-appointment at the next Board meeting.

The Board of Trustees meet monthly to monitor activities, supplies, finance and any issues that require discussion. All meetings are minuted, and a publicly-advertised AGM is held annually.

Objectives and activities

The charitable purposes of the organization are the prevention or relief of poverty and the relief of those in need.

Islay Foodbank exists to serve the whole population of Islay. People struggling financially, for whatever reason, can contact the Foodbank by phone, text, email or Facebook Messenger, and will be provided with food and other essentials such as cleaning and hygiene supplies, according to their requirements. No referral from other agencies is required, though referral from friends or neighbours can be accepted, with the willingness of the client involved. In principle, the Foodbank’s guidelines, which are made clear to clients, state that a maximum of 3 disbursements of aid will be offered in any 3-month period, after which time we will encourage the client to seek further support for advice on benefits and budgeting. We also point clients towards agencies such as the Bute Advice Centre which can offer help with food and fuel poverty. In practice we will not see any client go hungry, and under the financial pressures increasingly experienced since 2022 we have found ourselves responding to the same clients more frequently.

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 Community 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.

Minimal client data is recorded with the client’s permission (address and date of disbursements only) according to GDPR guidelines, and is deleted 6 months after their last

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

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

**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 2024, 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.

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

1	Nature of Funds	All funds are unrestricted	
2	Trustees' remuneration and expenses	In 2024, four trustees were reimbursed for purchases made on behalf of the charity to a total of £286. No other remunerations were made to trustees.	
3	Payments	Payments were made as follows:	
		Food purchased to supplement Store:	£3,063
		Co-op cards	£420
		Christmas Co-op cards	£800
		Direct payment to clients	£50
		Coal orders for clients	£133
		Volunteer travel expenses	<u>£196</u>
		Total	£4,662
4	Donations	A total of £7000 was given to five like-minded charities and Foodbanks this year: Helensburgh & Lomond Foodbank, Helensburgh Helping Others, Kintyre Foodbank, KITchen Drop-in Project, Tarbert Soup Group,	
5	Administration	Advertising and website	£316
		Admin and general costs	<u>£367</u>
		Total	£683
6	Governance	There was a £100 fee for account examination this year.	