

STROUD DISTRICT FOODBANK ANNUAL REVIEW (APRIL 2019-MARCH 2020)



CHAIR'S REPORT

April 2019 to March 2020 has been a year of change.

We were sad to see Sue Beattie step down from her role as Manager. Sue brought about huge improvements during her tenure, from the day to day running of the Foodbank and making significant changes to the operations in the warehouse. She set up training for the volunteers and oversaw the opening of the Farmhill Drop In. She left us with a well-run foodbank and on behalf of the trustees I would publicly like to thank her for all her hard work.

Nikki Clarke, who had already been part of the team for a year, has become Project Manager, overseeing Sarah Podolski who continues as a strong member of the team keeping the administration on track and Amanda Strover who joined in July 2019 in a new role as Development Co-ordinator, reaching out into the community, liaising with referrers and supporting the Drop In Centres.

In the New Year our 6th Drop In Centre was opened as part of the GL11 Community Hub. In February a new initiative, an after-school homework club at the Wotton Baptist church, called The Baked Bean Club was set up for children who need support with their homework.

We are grateful for the support of many local teachers and have been given 10 laptops from IT Schools Africa. This has temporarily been closed due to Covid 19.

The office response to Covid 19 was swift and efficient. Halfway through March they took the decision to close all drop-in's on the Friday and on Monday opened as a delivery-only service. Our referrers responded well as did our volunteers. From day one, bags of food were packed at the warehouse, to be delivered in many cases within an hour of the request for food. It was an extremely busy period, but staff and volunteers remained calm. The trustees are immensely proud of the way our staff and volunteers rose to the need of feeding people in extreme crisis.

Finally I would like to thank the public who have generously increased their giving of food and money, and to Tesco, Morrisons and Waitrose who have delivered tonnes of food to the warehouse. Without all of this we would not have been able to feed everyone.

The future is uncertain but thanks to so many people we are in a strong position for the year ahead.

Annabel Mills

Chair of Trustees

TREASURER'S REPORT

This year was our eighth year of operation, and our second as Stroud District Foodbank CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation).

In the year to 31 March 2020, we again ended with a significant surplus, with our income up 35% at £108,415 set against expenditure up 17% at £70,224.

The majority (55%) of the income as usual came from donations from individuals, churches and corporates, which were up over 33% on last year. Giving was particularly strong in the second half of the financial year, with 70% of it coming between October and March – our traditionally strong Harvest and Christmas period extended unusually into the Spring, as people began to respond with extreme generosity to the effects of the emerging Covid crisis.

Despite budgeting constraints, Stroud District Council sustained their support from previous years in granting us another £18,000 (17% of our income), and we received another 17% from trusts, the majority of this coming in grants channelled by Trussell Trust. Other significant financial contributions came from supermarkets (6%) and fundraising activities (4%).

We are enormously grateful to all of our financial donors for their

generous support which continues to sustain us in increasingly challenging times

In terms of our expenditure, the majority (65%) was again spent on staffing costs, with a further 17% on premises. There was one significant capital expenditure - the purchase of a replacement van (7%) - and in line with our charitable objectives we also gave a grant to a partner organisation to help individuals and families experiencing winter fuel poverty.

The fact that we are able to achieve so much with relatively modest expenditure is down to the huge number of hours put in right across our organisation by our large and highly-dedicated team of volunteers. The way they responded to the instant restructuring required in the middle of March, when the Covid situation turned our operations model upside-down virtually overnight while demand for food tripled, was remarkable, and a huge tribute both to them and our staff team who went more than the extra mile to co-ordinate it all and keep getting the right food to the right people at the right time.

A huge thank you to you all.

Graham Gill

Treasurer

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Summary

INTRODUCTION

The following report outlines:

- the main statistics for the year April 2019 to March 2020 across all our work in the Stroud District.
- Updates on new initiatives including our 'Longest Table' Harvest meal and Baked Bean Club
- Updates on staffing, trustees and volunteers

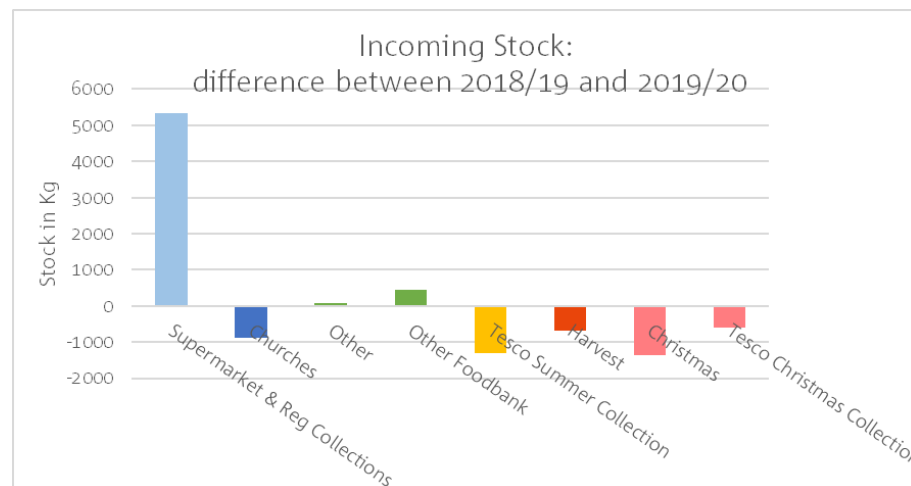
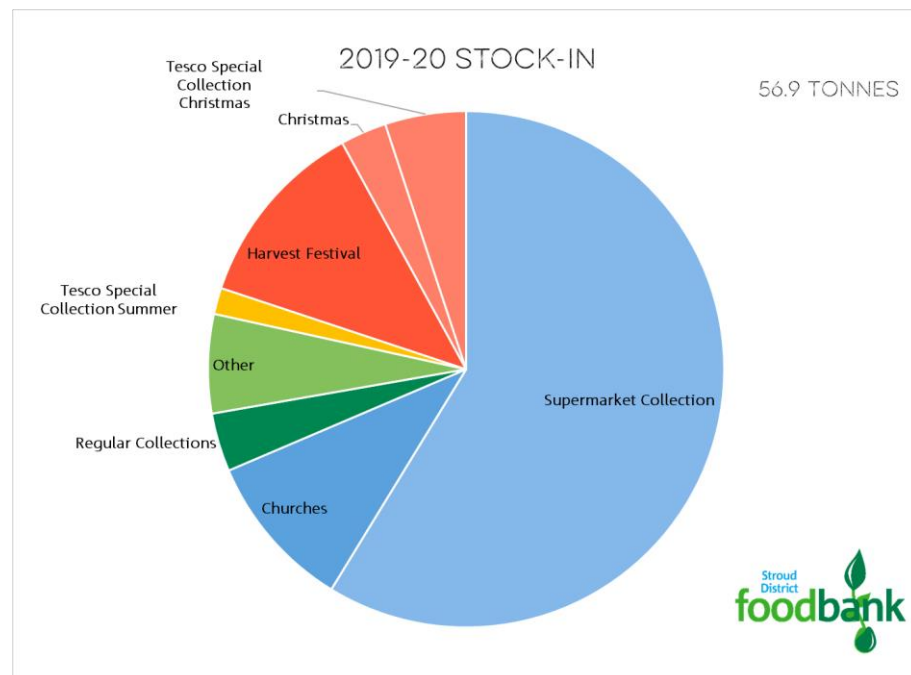
The year 2019/20 started with preparations for some staff changes. In July 2019, Sue Beattie stepped down as Operations Manager, Nikki Clarke took over as Project Manager and Amanda Strover joined as Development Co-Ordinator. We spent the summer preparing for the busy Autumn and Winter season.

We launched a district-wide community meal fundraiser in October alongside The Long Table involving over 30 groups and 500 people.

In the New Year we opened a new drop-in centre in Cam at the GL11 Community Hub and also an after-school club in Wotton. These were both running successfully until we hit the Covid-19 crisis which saw us close all centres and move to a delivery only

service during the Lockdown. Need for emergency food during the lockdown was unprecedented and we were thankful to have a fully-stocked warehouse to serve our local community.

We would like to envisage the day in the future where foodbanks are not needed in our community. We are currently at the 'not yet' stage but are hopeful that collectively we can work towards it whilst delivering the best service we can.



1. FOOD COLLECTIONS

The Stroud District Foodbank has a well-established network of food collection points and a generous donating public. It is supported by a range of food outlets from major supermarkets and smaller branch stores down to village shops. Regular collections are also made in churches, council offices, shops, a pub (The Royal Albert) and a gym (The Pulse). Other organisations, such as office teams, groups or individuals also give on an ad-hoc basis.

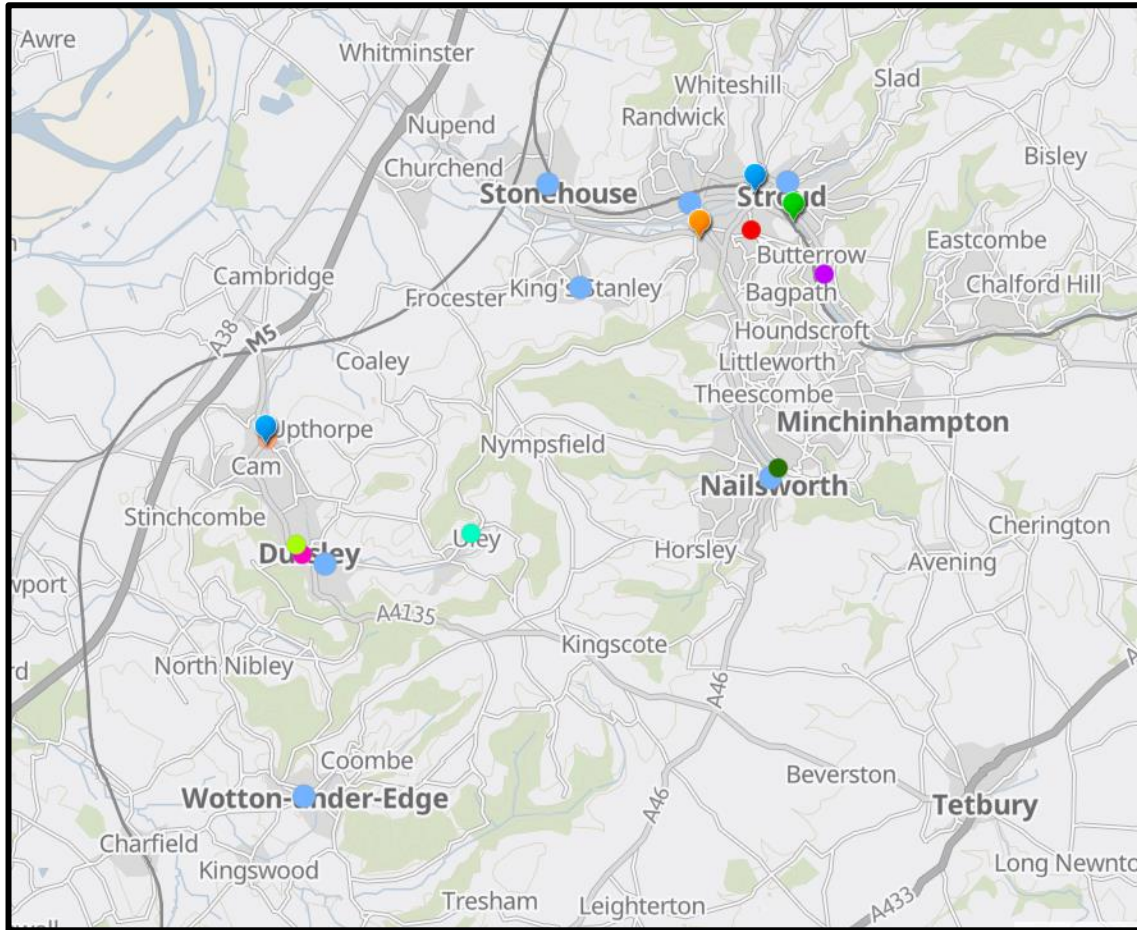
Donations through supermarkets and regular collection points increased by over 5 tonnes compared to last year. However, giving through churches and at seasonal collections was down on the previous year. We often communicate our needs to churches and at times ask them to pause collections during busy times; it's harder to regulate supermarket giving.

Total stock in was 56.9 tonnes compared to 54.6 tonnes in 2018/19.

Seasonal collections account for around 20% of all food and household items collected. The largest collection occurs at **Harvest**. In 2019, 67 churches, 44 schools and 8 other groups donated Harvest festival collections, totalling over 6.5 tonnes of stock.

Christmas collections represent around 10% of stock in. This helps towards preparing Christmas hampers. A Reverse Advent Calendar in 2019 focussed on non-Christmas items such as toiletries which were collected after Christmas.

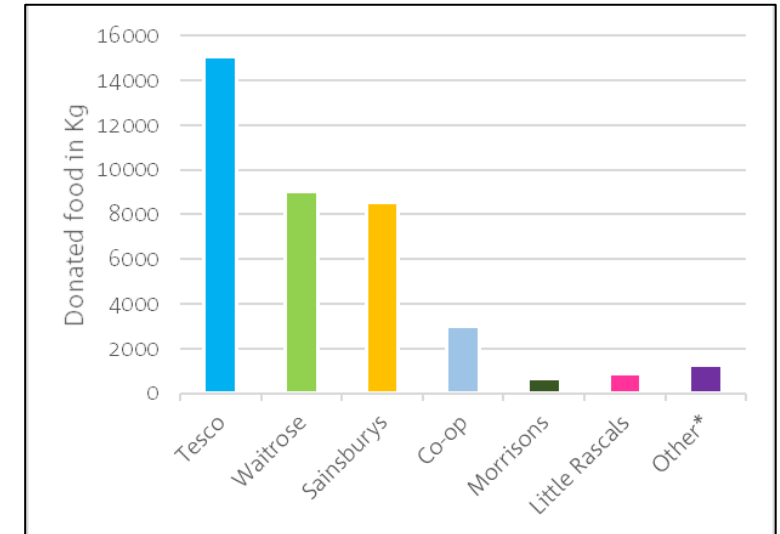
Processing this stock takes a very dedicated army of volunteers who drive, weigh in, sort and store the stock on a weekly basis. In addition we frequently have groups in to volunteer on an ad-hoc basis and are very pleased to be able to accommodate as many as we can.

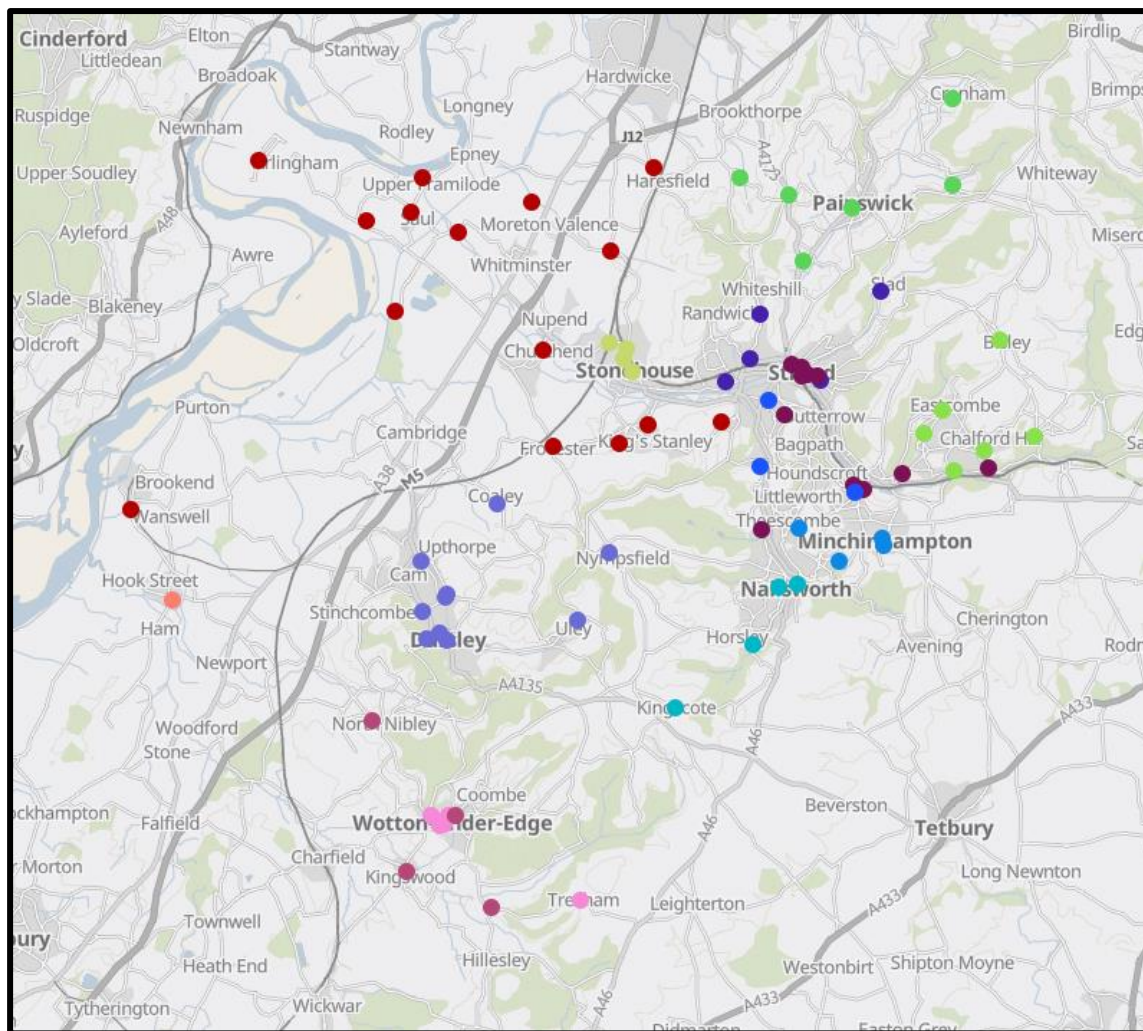


Supermarket and regular collection points (not including churches) in the Stroud District

Food donations via supermarkets and other regular collections (not including churches)

- Sainsbury
- Tesco
- Waitrose
- Co-op
- Morrisons
- Emmaus
- Prince Albert
- Cam Parish Council Offices
- Little Rascals
- The Pulse
- Uley Stores





- Stroudwater Team
- Stroud Churches
- Stroud Team Ministry
- Woodchester, Brimscombe & Rodborough
- Minchinhampton Churches
- Nailsworth Churches
- Beacon Benefice
- Bisley Benefice
- Stonehouse Churches
- Wotton Churches Together
- Dursley Churches Together
- Tyndale Benefice
- Berkeley Churches

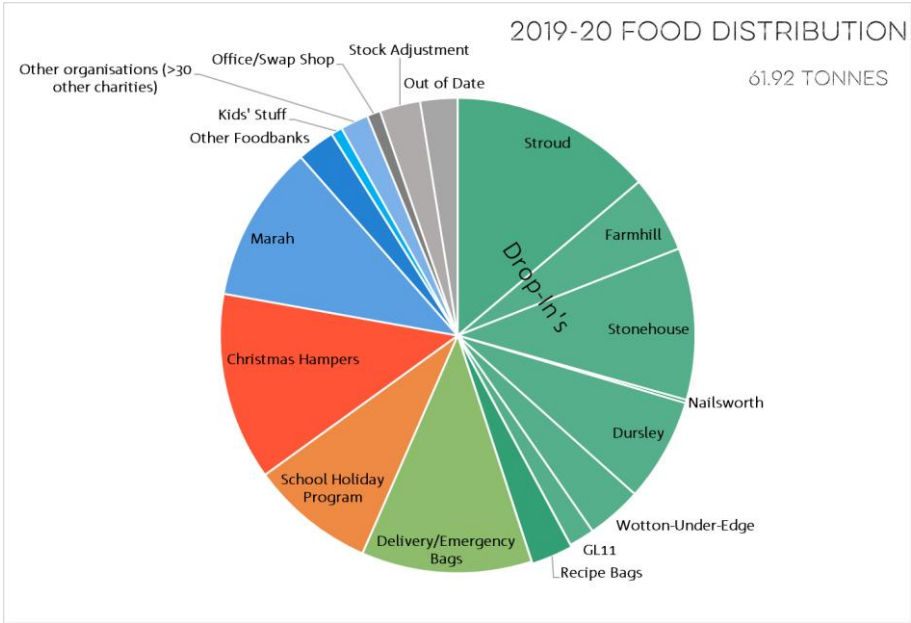
Church communities in the Stroud District support the Foodbank with regular food collections, Harvest collections, financial gifts and volunteers.

2. FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Stroud District Foodbank distributes food in three main ways:

- through an emergency voucher system (crisis food), redeemed through our drop-in centres and through a delivery/collection service (56% stock),
- through holiday food programmes, including Christmas hampers, Easter and Summer holiday food (preventative measures),
- and by supporting other agencies with food (16% of all stock).

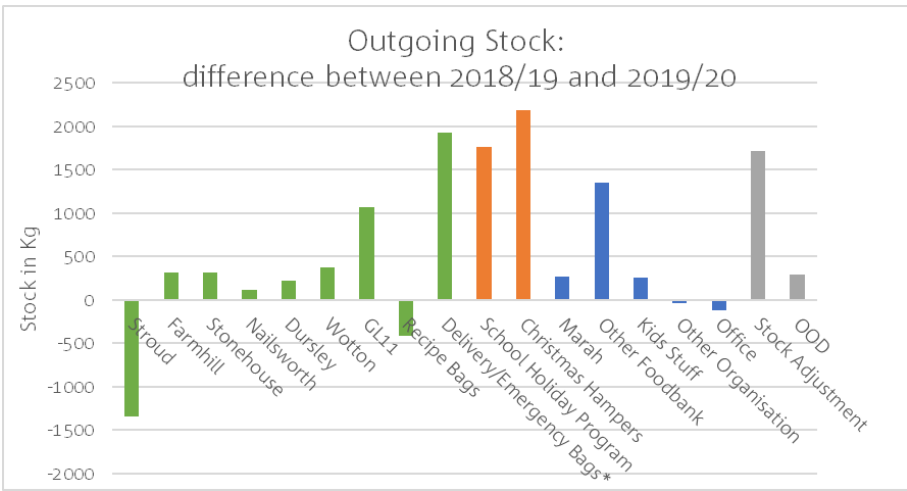
In 2019-20 nearly 62 tonnes of stock was given out compared to 51 tonnes of stock in 2018/19.



Stock increases to our drop-in centres correspond to an increase in people fed (see graphs on subsequent pages), with the exception of Stroud that fed fewer people than last year.

Stock increase to delivery bags reflects the change to delivery method in mid-March in response to the Covid-19 crisis: many of these were pre-packed and redeemed in April. Despite similar numbers of people fed at Christmas and during the holidays, the hampers were larger and more generous, leading to increased stock out (over 20% of all stock).

Over 30 other organisations received food from the Foodbank in 2019-20. The largest share goes to Marah who receive 16 food parcels per week for their clients (around 800/year). Others to benefit include The Long Table, Beresford Refuge, Kids' Stuff, Ark House and Seasons House.



3. FOODBANK VOUCHERS

Through our emergency voucher system, Stroud District Foodbank provided 3909 three-day emergency food parcels to local people in crisis during 2019-20.

In 2019-20, we saw an increase in people fed through our drop-ins in particular, whereas 2018-19 saw an increase in holiday food provision but only a marginal increase in demand for emergency food through vouchers.

The number of vouchers redeemed was similar to the previous year (1671 vs 1667 in 2018/19), however the demographic included fewer single people and couples and an increase in families (both single parent and two parent households). Single people represent 46.5% of all vouchers reclaimed, with families at 37% (evenly split between single and two-parent).

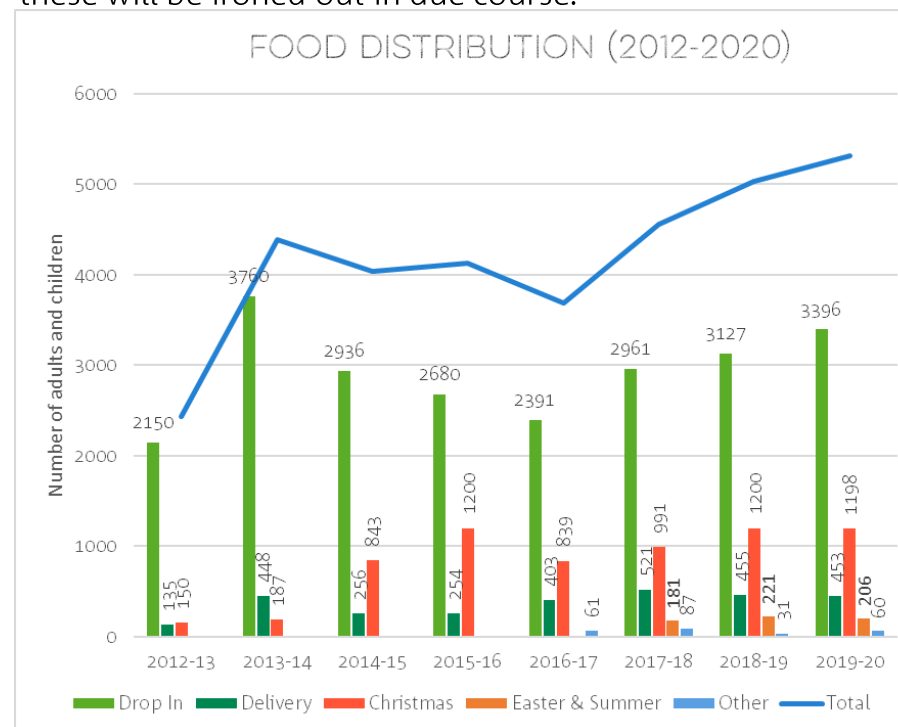
This resulted in 20% more children (0-16 years old) being fed through emergency food than the previous year. Adults aged over 65 also increased by 63%. Some of this may be due to an increase in Red Cross vouchers from Gloucester Hospital, issued to patients being released (see 'Other' category in graph).

In 2019-20, the main causes of crisis from voucher data were:

- Low Income: 41% of all vouchers (up from 33% in 2018/19)
- Benefit Changes or Delays: 27% (down from 37% in 2018/19)
- Debt 8 % (no change)
- Sickness 8% (slight increase on 2018/19)

Unfortunately the low income bracket doesn't tell us what this income is comprised of, so we can't tell how much was purely benefits or a mixture of benefits and low-paying work related pay.

In February the Government announced the delay of the full roll-out of Universal Credit to at least 2024. The 5-week wait for payment plus issues around applying has caused budget strains on households and we hope these will be ironed out in due course.



Graph showing the numbers of people fed through the Stroud District Foodbank via emergency food vouchers and holiday food parcels. Blue line shows total.

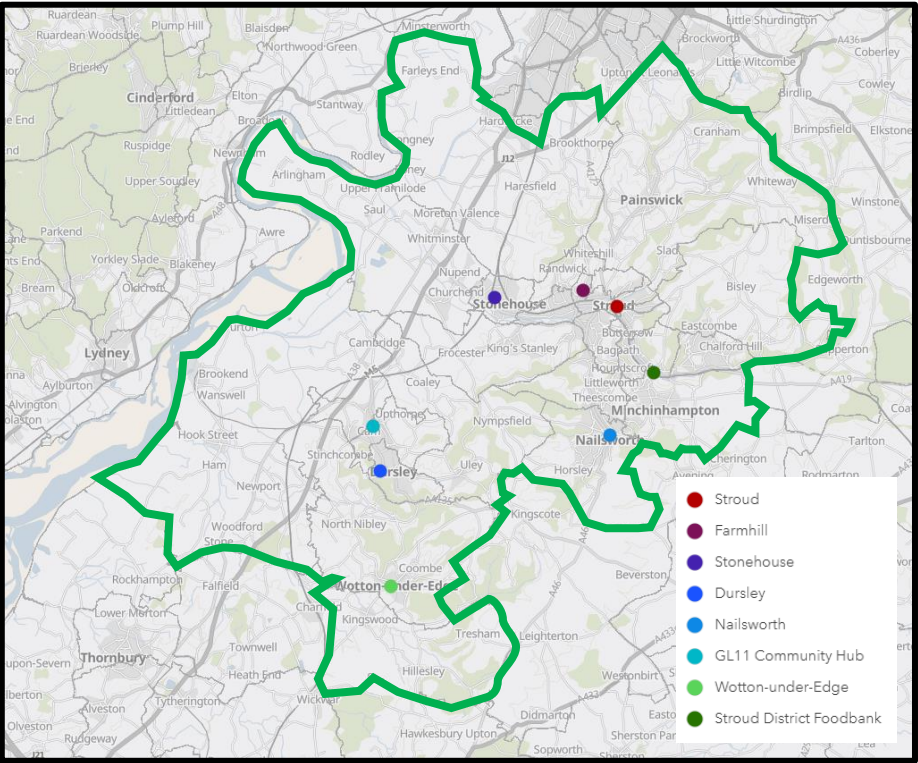
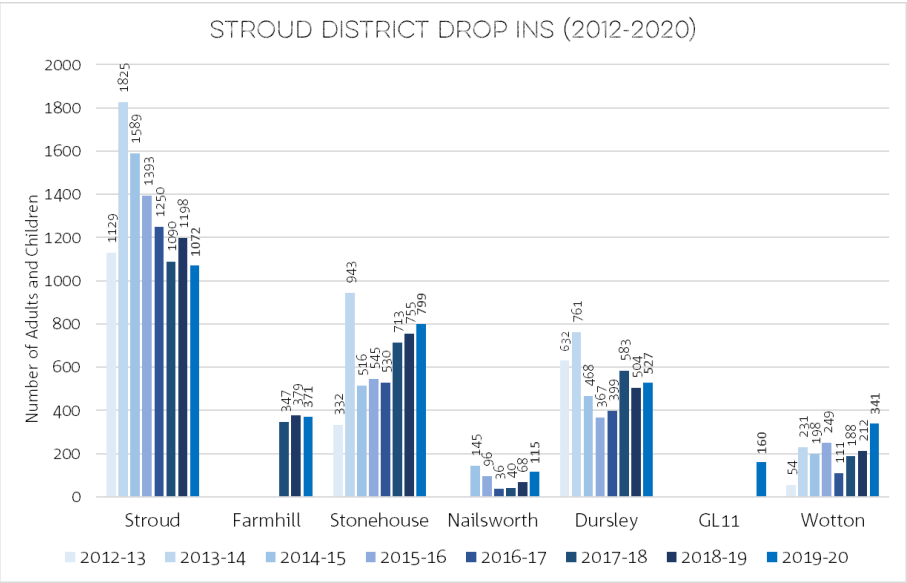
4. DROP-IN CENTRES

As previously mentioned, all of our drop-ins, with the exception of Stroud and Farmhill, saw increases in the numbers of people fed through emergency vouchers compared to the previous year.

In January 2020 we opened a new drop-in at GL11 Community Hub. In three months they fed 160 people. Many clients were new to the Foodbank and the footfall at the Dursley drop-in did not appear to be impacted.

In mid-March we closed all our drop-in centres in response to the Covid-19 crisis to safeguard clients and volunteers and moved to a delivery only model. Volunteers continued to work within their geographical teams and formed delivery teams to serve their local areas, being supported from the warehouse.

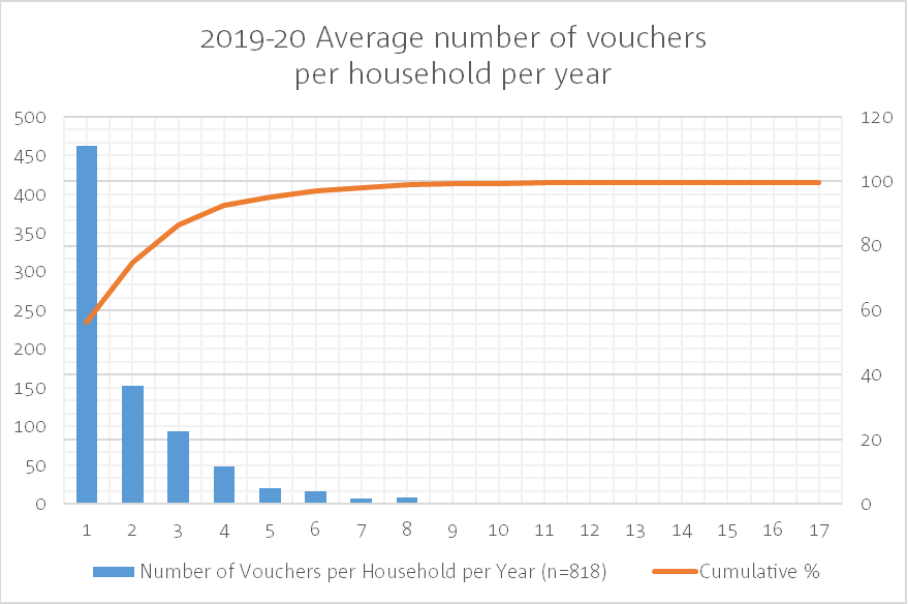
Map showing the location of our drop-in centres and office/warehouse. Note: Nailsworth is a delivery hub. GL11 opened as a drop-in in January 2020.



5. FOODBANK USAGE

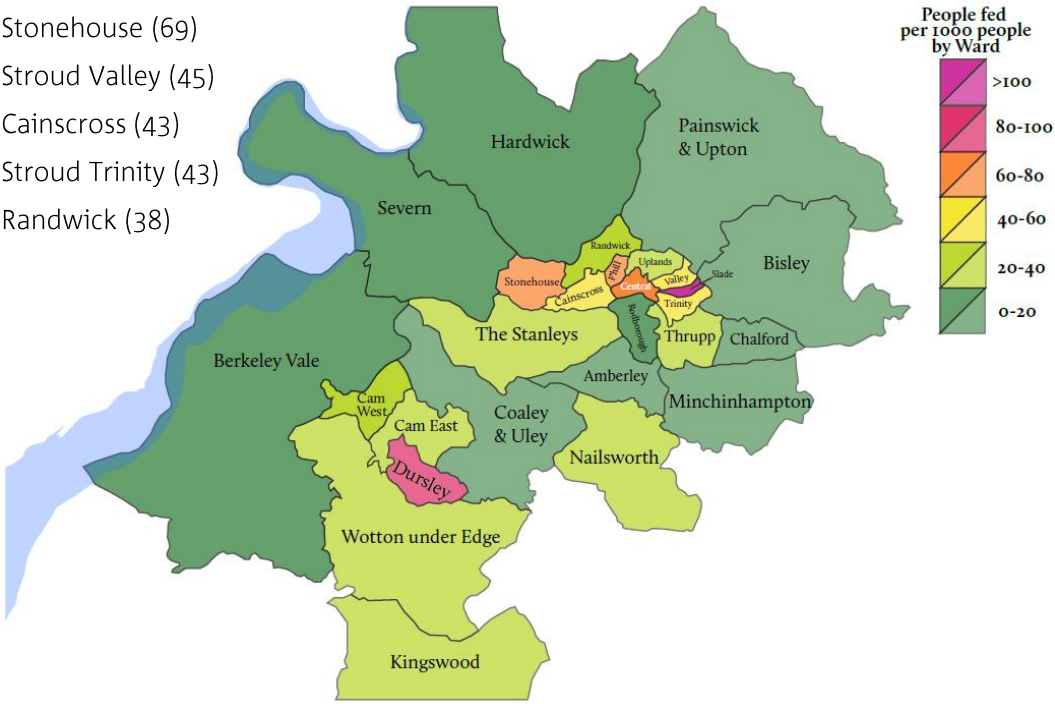
Despite the obvious challenges for many people, foodbank usage is generally reserved for crisis situations. 818 individual households were referred for emergency food, a slight increase on the previous year (n=746). The average number of vouchers per household was 1.98/year.

87% of all households had up to three vouchers with over 50% of households visiting the Foodbank just once in a 12 month period. Proving that the provision is rarely abused, less than 3% (21 households) visited a foodbank in the Stroud District more than 6 times.



Top 10 Wards (people fed/1000 population)

- Stroud Slade (135)
- Dursley (80)
- Stroud Central (77)
- Farmhill/Paganhill (77)
- Stonehouse (69)
- Stroud Valley (45)
- Cainscross (43)
- Stroud Trinity (43)
- Randwick (38)



Map of the Stroud District showing number of people fed through emergency food parcels per 1000 population by Ward.
(Does not account for duplicates)

6. REFERRAL AGENCIES

87 agencies referred clients to the Foodbank in 2019-20, including charities (31), statutory agencies (24), churches (22), schools (17), and doctors' surgeries (9). Charities gave out 65% of all vouchers and statutory agencies 23%.

The agencies who made the most referrals were

- P3 (21 %)
- Citizens Advice (11 %)
- CGL (6.6 %)
- Stroud District Council-Housing Advice (4.5 %)
- All Pulling Together (4 %)
- May Lane Surgery (3.2%)
- Stroud Children's Safeguarding Teams (3.1%)
- Red Cross (3%)
- GL11 (2.8%)

Self-referrals were just over 2%, compared to 3.5% last year.

The opening of the new Foodbank drop-in led to an increase in referrals from GL11 from 4 vouchers in 2018-19 to 47 vouchers (within our top 10 referral agencies).

A fresh campaign to all doctors' surgeries in the area either to refresh the referral process or to sign up new surgeries was undertaken. Outreach to potential referrers addressing the needs of the older population was initiated.



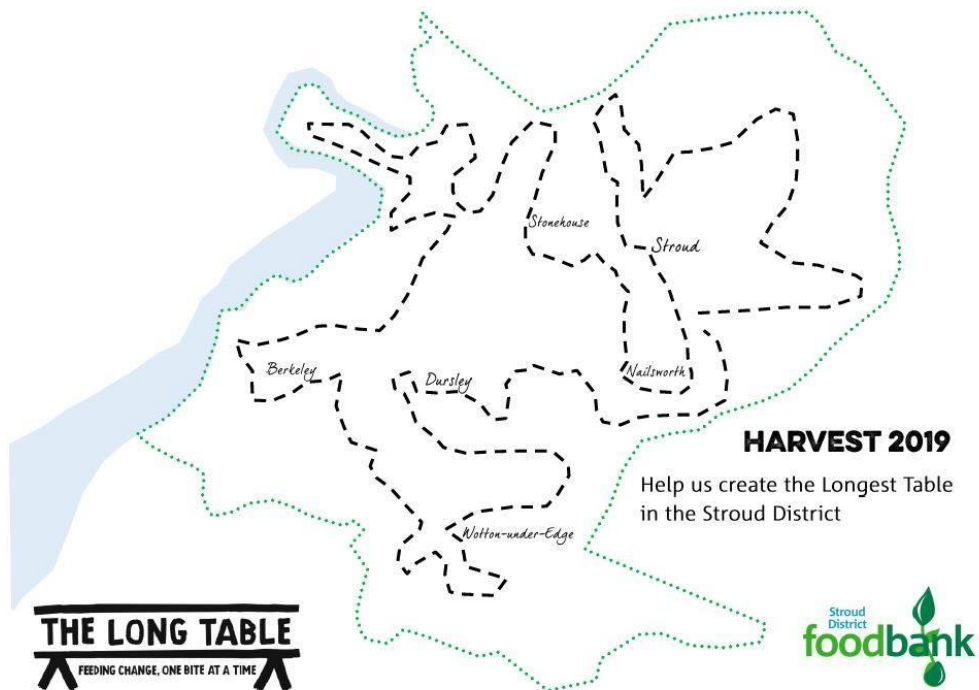
Pauline Chidlaw (Dursley drop-in manager), Sophia Acland (Trustee), Cathy Idles (GL11) & Becky (GL11 volunteer) at the opening of the GL11 foodbank drop-in.

7. THE LONGEST TABLE

Harvest is traditionally a time that the Foodbank receives a lot of support from churches, schools and other organisations, primarily through food collections. In 2019 we partnered with the Long Table and invited people to host a community meal, using surplus seasonal food, to raise awareness and funds for the Foodbank and the Long Table.

The vision behind this was of a long table reaching over our district bringing people together. We recognise that food poverty doesn't always just mean not having money to buy food, but also not having someone to eat with.

Over 30 groups and more than 500 people took part in meals during October and raised around £5000.



8. THE BAKED BEAN CLUB

Volunteers at Wotton Foodbank pooled resources and in January 2020 opened the doors of Wotton Baptist Church on Thursday evenings to school aged children looking for help with their school work.

Volunteer tutors were available in addition to a healthy snack. IT equipment including laptops donated by IT Schools Africa and a printer are available for children to use during the session. By March, they were seeing up to 14 students on a regular basis.

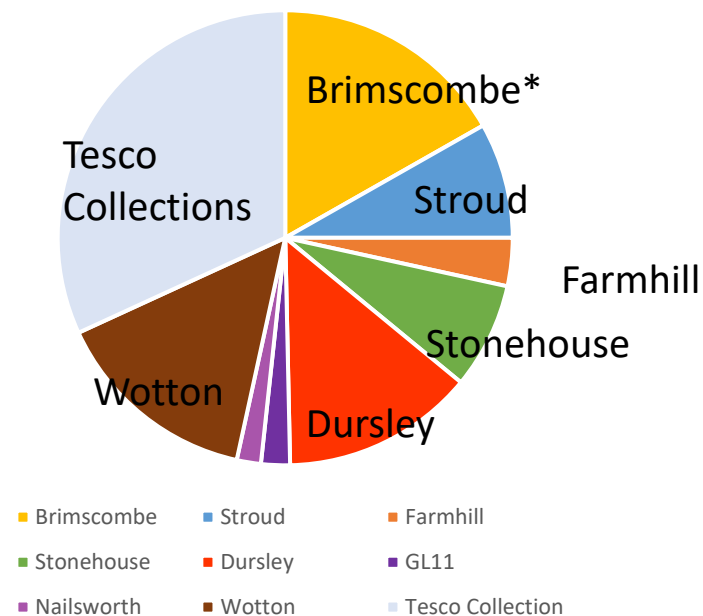


9. VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers form the backbone of all the work at the Stroud District Foodbank. They give over 10,000 hours a year across all of the Foodbank operations and do so with joy and fortitude. Nearly 300 volunteers help in various capacities (see below for volunteer locations).

Volunteers are also a great source of feedback and have contributed to surveys and a Network for Change event run in conjunction with the Trussell Trust – planning for and envisioning the future of foodbanks.

**All Stroud District Foodbank Volunteers
by primary location n=292**



10. YOUNG VOLUNTEERS

Young people have offered their time in a variety of ways for the Foodbank this past year. We've had sixth formers running food collections or fundraising, and five young people completed their bronze Duke of Edinburgh by volunteering with us. In July 2019 we were approached by a team of 16-17 year olds as part of the NCS (National Citizen Service). They completed two weeks of volunteering and fundraising for Foodbank, raising a fantastic £950.

We also run outreach events through schools and clubs, giving talks and letting people know about our work.



NCS young people after two weeks of fundraising and volunteering



Sam, Charlotte and Libby doing their after-school shift at the Foodbank warehouse

10. STAFF & TRUSTEES

In July 2019 Sue Beattie stepped down at Operations Manager after 3 ½ years, Nikki Clarke took on the role of Project Manager after two years on team as Assistant Manager. Amanda Strover joined the Foodbank in a newly created role – Development Co-ordinator - to oversee the work of continuing and developing our relationship with partners and agencies across the district and the distribution of food. Sarah Podolski continues to keep the office running in her role as Administrator.

There were changes within the board of Trustees. Simon Helme stepped down as trustee, having been part of the Stroud District Foodbank from the outset. His wisdom and good humour will be sorely missed.

The Trustee board as of March 2020 comprises:

Annabel Mills (Chair)
Graham Gill (Treasurer)
Jeremy Nottingham
Sophia Acland
Nicky Tyler
Pippa Medcalf
Phil Coysh



Jeremy Nottingham, Simon Helme, Sophia Acland, Annabel Mills, Nicky Tyler, Pippa Medcalf, Phil Coysh & Graham Gill

SUMMARY

To conclude, 2019-20 saw an increase in people fed and a significant increase in the volume of food distributed. This was particularly acute at the end of the financial year with the Covid-19 crisis. We were well placed to respond to the crisis with food stocks, a positive relationship with a wide range of referrers and able volunteers.

For as long as there is need, Stroud District Foodbank will be here to serve those in our community who are struggling, supported generously by our community and in partnership with the many incredible organisations we have in Stroud.

COMMITMENTS FOR 2020-21

- We recognise that the Stroud District Foodbank is now well-established in the community as a place to receive help and a place to contribute. We aim to continue to run an excellent service.
- When safe, we will open our centres. Covid-19 has raised questions about accessibility to the Foodbank for some clients and we will start to address some of these issues.
- We want our volunteers to have a positive place to work, feeling equipped to do their roles with full support.
- We will strive to partner across all agencies, charities and organisations to help the people of the Stroud District avoid poverty.
- We will work closely with the Trussell Trust in envisaging a time where people are not reliant on foodbanks to help make ends meet.
- We will continue to work closely with our friends at Grace Network, Furniture Bank, Kids' Stuff and The Long Table to address the injustice caused by poverty in the Stroud District.



WHO ARE WE?

We are a local independent charity run from a central warehouse/office in Brimscombe, Stroud.

We are part of the Trussell Trust network of foodbanks.

We are supported by seven trustees, three part-time staff and around 150 volunteers.

We work with over 80 local agencies to help our clients with their long-term needs.

All our food is donated by individuals through local schools, churches, supermarkets and companies.

We also partner with several social enterprises that we share our warehouse space with, notably Furniture Bank, Kids' Stuff and The Long Table, to end poverty in the Stroud District.

WHAT WE DO?

We help local people who face financial instability and crisis by providing food, toiletries and support via a referral system.

Set up in 2011, we now run 6 drop-in centres in Stroud, Stonehouse, Dursley, Cam and Wotton. We also provide a delivery service to Nailsworth, Sharpness and Berkeley.

We also run a school holiday food scheme to help bridge the gap over the Easter and Summer holidays.

At Christmas we prepare over 400 hampers for households identified by our main referrers, which feed almost 1000 people in our district.

We also provide volunteering opportunities for local groups, give talks and run age-appropriate activities for schools.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

If you know a person or family is struggling, please encourage them to seek help. CAB, P3 or the Stroud District Council are a great starting place.

The Trussell Trust runs campaigns to help petition for a fairer benefits system. Find out more at www.trusselltrust.org

You can also support us by donating food, money or time. All of these make a difference. Visit our website to find out more. www.strouddistrict.foodbank.org.uk or follow us on social media for regular updates.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Stroud District Foodbank CIO

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2020, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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.



J D Frost ACA
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23 September 2020

Stroud District Foodbank CIO

Registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales no. 1176306

Report of the Trustees for the Year from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the charity are:

The relief of financial hardship amongst people in Stroud District and the surrounding area or in other parts of the United Kingdom in such ways as the trustees from time-to-time think fit, in particular, but not exclusively by:

- a) providing emergency food, essential toiletries, and household items to individuals and families in need and/or for distribution by charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty*
- b) such other means, including (but not limited to) the provision of support or signposting to relevant information and other advisory services.*

Stroud District Foodbank exists to provide emergency food to people in crisis.

Its objectives are delivered by collecting food donations made in many different places including supermarkets, churches, workplaces and schools and through special seasonal collections at harvest and Christmas. These donations are sorted and stored at the Foodbank's warehouse in Brimscombe. From here emergency food parcels are supplied to referred clients at volunteer-run drop-in distribution centres in Dursley, Cam, Stonehouse, Wotton-under-Edge and Stroud (town centre & Farmhill) with mobile distribution in Nailsworth and the Berkeley area. Clients are referred by one of about 90 agencies, mostly care professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers and police who identify people in food crisis and issue them with a foodbank voucher. Food bags are also delivered to clients at Christmas and to cover school holidays. At the end of this year as the COVID-19 pandemic struck, the drop-in centres were closed, and the Foodbank rapidly reconfigured its operations to be able to deliver food direct to clients. In the last two weeks of March, the number of clients supplied was three times that at the same period in 2019.

Stroud District Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's network of foodbanks across the United Kingdom, and works in collaboration with a number of agencies locally both in the distribution of emergency food and in signposting clients to other specialist advice that they need.

In carrying out these activities, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Principal address

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Trustees

Annabel Mills – Chair
Nicola Tyler
Jeremy Nottingham
Graham Gill – Treasurer
Philip Coysh
Sophia Acland

Pippa Medcalf
Simon Helme- resigned 11 November 2019

Independent examiner

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial statements attached show a very healthy situation at 31 March 2020. Over the year with income of £108,415 against expenditure of £70,224, there was a surplus of £38,191, and (unrestricted) cash reserves at the end of the year amounted to £118,101.

The charity has a reserves policy that states that because of the potential volatility of income streams, it is appropriate for the charity to maintain as a reserve unrestricted cash funds amounting to a minimum of 5 months' budgeted expenditure, which was comfortably met at the end of the year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and its governing document is its constitution, which was registered with the Charity Commission on 15 December 2017.

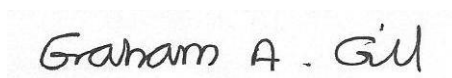
Appointment of trustees

Every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the existing charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as trustees, the existing trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure that appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 4 September 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graham A. Gill". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

Dr Graham Gill (Treasurer)



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Stroud District Foodbank CIC		170308		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01/04/2019	To	31/03/2020	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	60,185	-	-	60,185	45,077
Trusts	5,488	12,482	-	17,970	8,176
Local Authorities	18,025	-	-	18,025	18,000
Fundraising	4,528	-	-	4,528	4,384
Interest	511	-	-	511	283
Other income	692	-	-	692	917
Supermarkets	6,504	-	-	6,504	3,258
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A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	95,933	12,482	-	108,415	80,095
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
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Fundraising	-	-	-	-	1,382
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Transport	768	-	-	768	684
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Insurance	1,111	-	-	1,111	1,111
Franchise fee	360	-	-	360	360
IT	236	-	-	236	-
Grants & donations	2,002	-	-	2,002	15
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	Total cash funds	118,101	-	-	118,101	79,910

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	Gift Aid	6,217	-	-	6,217	2,471
	Debtors	-	-	-	-	319
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	16,514	-	-	16,514	21,095

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-

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	Other equipment	Unrestricted	1,058	335	446
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	Total		15,505	7,614	4,118

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	Pension contributions	Unrestricted	23/04/2020	310	154
				-	-
				-	-
	Total			1,611	1,045

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature
Graham A. GILL

Print Name

ANNABEL J. H. MILLS
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Date of approval

4 10/2020
4 Sep 2020

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Stroud District Foodbank CIO

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2020, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with 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 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

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.



J D Frost ACA
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23 September 2020

Stroud District Foodbank CIO

Registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales no. 1176306

Report of the Trustees for the Year from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives of the charity are:

The relief of financial hardship amongst people in Stroud District and the surrounding area or in other parts of the United Kingdom in such ways as the trustees from time-to-time think fit, in particular, but not exclusively by:

- a) providing emergency food, essential toiletries, and household items to individuals and families in need and/or for distribution by charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty*
- b) such other means, including (but not limited to) the provision of support or signposting to relevant information and other advisory services.*

Stroud District Foodbank exists to provide emergency food to people in crisis.

Its objectives are delivered by collecting food donations made in many different places including supermarkets, churches, workplaces and schools and through special seasonal collections at harvest and Christmas. These donations are sorted and stored at the Foodbank's warehouse in Brimscombe. From here emergency food parcels are supplied to referred clients at volunteer-run drop-in distribution centres in Dursley, Cam, Stonehouse, Wotton-under-Edge and Stroud (town centre & Farmhill) with mobile distribution in Nailsworth and the Berkeley area. Clients are referred by one of about 90 agencies, mostly care professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers and police who identify people in food crisis and issue them with a foodbank voucher. Food bags are also delivered to clients at Christmas and to cover school holidays. At the end of this year as the COVID-19 pandemic struck, the drop-in centres were closed, and the Foodbank rapidly reconfigured its operations to be able to deliver food direct to clients. In the last two weeks of March, the number of clients supplied was three times that at the same period in 2019.

Stroud District Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust's network of foodbanks across the United Kingdom, and works in collaboration with a number of agencies locally both in the distribution of emergency food and in signposting clients to other specialist advice that they need.

In carrying out these activities, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Principal address

Unit 2a, Brimscombe Port Business Park
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Stroud
GL5 2QQ

Trustees

Annabel Mills – Chair
Nicola Tyler
Jeremy Nottingham
Graham Gill – Treasurer
Philip Coysh
Sophia Acland

Pippa Medcalf
Simon Helme- resigned 11 November 2019

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial statements attached show a very healthy situation at 31 March 2020. Over the year with income of £108,415 against expenditure of £70,224, there was a surplus of £38,191, and (unrestricted) cash reserves at the end of the year amounted to £118,101.

The charity has a reserves policy that states that because of the potential volatility of income streams, it is appropriate for the charity to maintain as a reserve unrestricted cash funds amounting to a minimum of 5 months' budgeted expenditure, which was comfortably met at the end of the year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and its governing document is its constitution, which was registered with the Charity Commission on 15 December 2017.

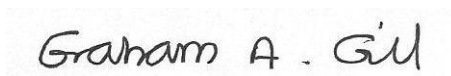
Appointment of trustees

Every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the existing charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as trustees, the existing trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure that appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 4 September 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graham A. Gill". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

Dr Graham Gill (Treasurer)



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Stroud District Foodbank CIC		170306		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01/04/2019	To	31/03/2020	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
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Local Authorities	18,025	-	-	18,025	18,000
Fundraising	4,528	-	-	4,528	4,384
Interest	511	-	-	511	283
Other income	692	-	-	692	917
Supermarkets	6,504	-	-	6,504	3,258
	-	-	-	-	-
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