



Selby & District Foodbank Annual Trustees Report

(Presented by Nigel Currey – Deputy Project Manager and Trustee)

Year ending 31st March 2020

Aim: To provide food parcels for people in short-term food crisis. To end hunger and poverty in our community.

Our mission: By working and liaising with other Voluntary Services and Agencies to provide practical help with dignity whilst challenging injustice.

We provided 2291 emergency food parcels to local people from April 2019 to March 2020. These parcels provided food for 3278 adults and 2296 children making 5574 people receiving food for a minimum of three days or at least 50166 individual meals

As a comparison, 1873 emergency food parcels given to local people in the year 2018/19 by Selby & District Foodbank.

The local food bank's figures feed into a larger national picture with a record increase in food bank use during the last across the UK reported by the Trussell Trust.

Selby & District Foodbank is backing calls from the Trussell Trust to ensure the benefits system is able to protect people from poverty.

The figures from the Foodbank are an increase of 1323 in the number of people receiving food than for 2018/19, which was itself an increase of 1842 on 2017/18.

This local increase is due to people struggling with continued issues with benefit payments; issues with Universal Credit such as the five-week wait although this did improve throughout the year; insecure work such as zero hours contract or low paid work on a part-time basis.

Selby & District Foodbank has shared the concerns of other food banks in the Trussell Trust's network about Universal Credit – not the only benefit payment with which people have struggled when they come to Foodbank, but issues faced by local people moving onto the new system are significant. Food bank has needed to give emergency food and support to people who are waiting at least five-weeks for a first Universal Credit payment, not able to access support or receiving payments that do not cover the cost of essentials.

There must be ways of addressing this issue - our benefits system is supposed to protect us all from driven into poverty. Universal Credit should be part of the solution but currently the five-week wait is leaving many without enough money to cover the basics.

We anticipate a time when food banks will no longer be needed, but until then we will continue to provide vital support at times of crisis. We are dedicated to ensuring that people in our community without enough money for food are able to access emergency support. Our vital work in the community has again only been possible because of the incredible generosity shown by local people in donating food, time and funds.

Overview

The last three years have been busy and successful year for the Foodbank in terms of operation. Maintaining food stocks from local Supermarkets and York, Wetherby and Harrogate Foodbanks which are over-stocked has been good as has been the generosity of public donations both in food and monetary. Numbers of Clients attending the Foodbank has greatly increased again, reflecting the difficulties faced by some people on daily, weekly, monthly and on-going basis depending on their circumstances.

Use of Foodbank reduced to some extent towards the end of the year; the additional day's opening has proved to be successful, reducing congestion at 30 New Lane. It has been particularly busy throughout the year, both in terms of Clients and donations of food and goods.

Trustees:-

Helen Ripley (Chair)
David Busfield (Treasurer)
Jeremy Ferguson-Smith
Vyv Griffiths
Nigel Currey

Project Manager – Mark Barnett

Management Team:-

Helen Middleton
Ian and Anne Lewis
Michael Lane
Mark Woods
Sue Golton



30 New Lane – “HQ”

From early 2020, Management Team was augmented by the addition of Mark Woods, dealing with Food Warehousing and Sue Golton joined in March to assist with Administration. Mark had given notice that, due to ill health, he had made the decision to step back from a major role in the day-to-day running of Foodbank but would wish to remain as the “face” of Foodbank. From January, the task began of transferring further responsibilities to Management Team.

On March 13th, a Volunteers Evening was held to acquaint everyone with the changes, allowing Mark to take a much less active role. Very sadly, that was the last time most at Foodbank saw of Mark as he was admitted to hospital the following week and sadly died of Covid 19 on April 1st. He would have rightly been proud of the achievement of Selby & District Foodbank during the year 2019/20 and since his role as Manager from May 2016. The many contacts we have had about his commitment to Foodbank from those whom he helped and befriended are a further tribute to the valuable work he did during almost four years at the helm.

Foodbank would not operate without the dedication of Management Team and another 40+ active volunteers. They are the heart of the Foodbank and carry out a fantastic role whether packing, Client greeting, collecting food from Supermarket boxes and other donors, and moving stock between warehouse and no. 30 and many other roles. Some volunteers find that their “day job” skills are a valuable asset in a Foodbank role.

Some Foodbanks have expanded into other related activities. At Selby, we tend to have concentrated on our core role and rely on our close contacts with other Voluntary bodies and Agencies to support in other ways. Our Client Greeters listen to Clients and signpost Clients very effectively to the right Agency should this be necessary.

We value volunteer training and this has taken place during the year, together with regular meetings which volunteers can attend to gain information or express views and these are passed on to the Management Team.

The increase in clients during the year is of concern, not just because of the economic hardship that represents, but also because when



Anyone for baked beans?

Foodbank moved into no, 30 New Lane 30 – 50 people a month were being referred to us, and, as you will see from the statistics that is now averaging over 190 a month. We do have great concerns that we do not have the space to deal with some Clients with whom we need to spend more time. That is a priority for next year!

The Trustees are very good at supporting the Project Manager in his role and the remaining Management Team. Nigel Currey is a Trustee and assists in Project Management.

Our small but very efficient Management Team continues to make decisions in the best interests of the Clients of the Foodbank, with the Project Manager reporting to the Trustees on a regular basis and attending their meetings. There is good communication amongst all our volunteers with regular email updates and through our Facebook page.

Our opening days are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00am to 1.00pm plus the continued opening of the Salvation Army each Tuesday 12.00 – 2.00pm. This fits in well with our partner Agencies.

We continue to have excellent support too in one-off donations of food from Schools, individuals, local companies and our Churches. We provide enough food for five days or longer. We purchase bread as necessary and keep it in our freezers. The major supermarkets have Food Boxes in their store for the public to donate.

Due to the increased demand over the year, we have continued to receive top ups from York, Wetherby and Harrogate Foodbanks. We also have continued to top up stocks through purchases from Supermarkets. Not only have achieved another year where we



have had more people volunteering than we can realistically use, and have never run short of food stocks, we continue to remain financially sound. This has been due to the generosity of a number of people giving one-off or monthly donations, or

Can collection with Tesco Staff, Selby Park 2019

donations from other local groups and a “cash back” arrangement with Tesco. This comes via The Trussell Trust and is calculated on the weight of food bought and donated to Foodbank in their Selby store, as part of a National scheme.

We also received a £3600 grant in 2019 from Selby Town Council. Several local businesses have set up their own initiatives in liaison with us to assist homeless and people on low incomes. We also now have Selby & District Foodbank collection tins in some businesses as well as our food collection boxes.

Our Partner Agencies

Vouchers are held by 30+ local Agencies, including Citizens' Advice, IDAS, Access Selby, Compass, Horizons, Horton Housing, Foundation Housing, Children's Centres, some Schools, The Probation Service, Victim Support, GP Practices, Community Nursing, Community Health and various “Social Services” Offices. We also continue to work in partnership with Mission Trinity, Sherburn in Elmet, to enable people there to more readily access food when needed.

The Voucher System

The Trussell Trust is encouraging Foodbanks to move onto an e-voucher system and having begun some training on this it is intended to roll this out in the coming year, starting with Agencies who are most frequent referrers. It will greatly reduce our input of

data, allow Agencies greater information on their clients and cut down on the potential misuse of the system by a small minority of clients.

Liaison with Other foodbanks

The Project Manager attends meetings during the year with other Foodbank Managers and area Trussell Trust Meetings. One of the great advantages of belonging to the Trussell family of Foodbanks is the ability to share good practice, a first-rate data system, and ongoing support from their staff, principally the Area Manager.

Food issued against vouchers

All those individual tins, jars and packets so generously donated allowed us to distribute the amazing weight of **40+ tonnes** during the year to our Clients and other sources. That is an increase of around 10 tonnes on the previous year. Some of that increase was due to our increased promotion of food parcels to families during School holidays, through liaison with Schools in the District.

Finance

Funding is always an issue for any voluntary organisation and we are no different. Thankfully, during the year, we have benefited from the generosity of regular givers and some substantial one-off donations. Standing Orders make a significant difference to our income and of course the income (mentioned above) from Tesco and the grant from Selby Town Council makes a big difference.

You will see from our Treasurer's Balance Statement on Page 7, that our funds are healthy. We need a contingency in the event, for example, of any relocation due to future expiry of lease, increased costs, employment of any necessary staff should that ever arise etc.

Summary:

Whilst businesses and shops aim to stay open in an ever-changing financial world, our aim at the Foodbank is still – **TO CLOSE!!** – No Clients, no need for food collections and no need for monetary donations. This is not the case now and is unlikely to be the case in the near future. Each Client has a story and our Volunteers listen with an empathetic ear. We have had a lot of good feedback from many of our Clients about how friendly and understanding our Volunteers are towards them. That is our continuing greatest achievement.

The next pages provide the Treasurer's Report and annual statistics for the year 2019 – 2020.

Summary of voucher statistics

All Statistics are recorded on a database though The Trussell Trust and are used by them to produce National statistics. Whereas we work to cover the Selby District Council geographical area, from time to time people come to us through Agencies, having travelled from other parts where Foodbanks have not yet been established or are not particularly well advertised.

SELBY FOODBANK

Balance Statement 01.04.2019-31.03.2020

<u>OPENING BALANCE</u>	01.04.2019	11968.12	
<u>INCOME</u>			
Donations - general		11681.63	
Fund Raising		0.00	
Reserved Donations inc. ACTS 435		2031.36	
Standing Orders		2610.00	
Grants		7000.00	
Trussell Trust		9801.52	
Refunds		101.00	
		<u>33225.51</u>	45193.63
<u>COMMITTED EXPENDITURE</u>			
Trussell Trust Fee		360.00	
Printing		80.07	
Supermarket Supplies		9699.80	
Mobile Top-up		60.99	
Store Rental		2700.00	
Water & Sewerage		88.36	
Electricity		445.40	
Insurance		219.41	
Landline/Broadband		507.82	
Stationery		162.08	
ACTS 435 expenses		1940.00	
Voucher schemes		0.00	
Miscellaneous		5570.85	
<u>TOTAL COMMITTED EXPENDITURE £</u>		<u>21834.78</u>	
<u>TOTAL £</u>		23358.85	
<u>CLOSING BANK BALANCE £</u>		23358.85	

Statement prepared by: David Busfield (Treasurer)

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date: 01-04-2020

Vouchers by ward

Ward	Vouchers fulfilled	Adults	Children	Total
Total	2291	3278	2296	5574
Previous year 2018/19	1872	2644	1607	4251
Appleton R'buck & Ch. Fenton	10	19 (52.78%)	17 (47.22%)	36
Barlby Village	43	80 (43.72%)	103 (56.28%)	183
Brayton	33	50 (66.67%)	25 (33.33%)	75
Byram & Brotherton	38	56 (62.22%)	34 (37.78%)	90
Camblesforth & Carlton	65	109 (60.22%)	72 (39.78%)	181
Cawood & Wistow	29	50 (54.95%)	41 (45.05%)	91
Central	1	1 (100%)	0	1
Derwent	57	89 (53.29%)	78 (46.71%)	167
Eggborough	122	171 (52.94%)	152 (47.06%)	323
Escrick	1	1 (100%)	0	1
Hambleton/Monk Fryston	25	26 (55.31%)	21 (44.69%)	47
Outside District	2	3 (100%)	0	3
NFA/unknown	191	249 (63.03%)	146 (36.97%)	395
Riccall	10	12 (66.67%)	6 (33.33%)	18
Selby East	727	992 (67.3%)	482 (32.7%)	1474
Selby West	595	891 (57.34%)	663 (42.66%)	1554
Sherburn in Elmet	135	191 (51.34%)	181 (48.66%)	372
South Milford	47	66 (41.25%)	94 (58.75%)	160
Tadcaster	60	82 (53.25%)	72 (46.75%)	154
Thorpe Willoughby	77	106 (49.53%)	108 (50.47%)	214
Whitley	22	33 (94.29%)	2 (5.71%)	35

Crisis Types

Crisis	Vouchers fulfilled	People Affected		
		Adults	Children	Total
Totals	2291	3278	2296	5574
Benefit Changes	218	320 (64.13%)	179 (35.87%)	499
Benefit Delays	315	430 (68.25%)	200 (31.75%)	630
Child Holiday Meals	194	304 (38.19%)	492 (61.81%)	796
Debt	166	232 (54.72%)	192 (45.28%)	424
Delayed Wages	14	19 (55.88%)	15 (44.12%)	34
Domestic Violence	44	58 (47.54%)	64 (52.46%)	122
Homeless	149	166 (83.84%)	32 (16.16%)	198
Low Income	1067	1561 (61.1%)	994 (38.9%)	2555
No recourse to public funds	12	16 (80%)	4 (20%)	20
Other	30	44 (59.46%)	30 (40.54%)	74
Refused STBA	13	15 (57.69%)	11 (42.31%)	26
Sickness	69	113 (57.65%)	83 (42.35%)	196

Family size

Size of Family	No. Vouchers fulfilled
Total	2291
Couple	251 (10.96%)
Family	456 (19.9%)
Other	122 (5.33%)
Single	890 (38.85%)
Single Parent	572 (24.97%)

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There were no other assets or liabilities as at either 31st March 2019 or 31st March 2020

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Statement prepared by: David Busfield (Treasurer)

David Busfield

date: 27/01/2021

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Selby Foodbank

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Selby Foodbank for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

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28 January 2021