



Sid Valley Food Bank

Annual report for the 14th months
ending the 31st of March 2022

1. SVFB Chair report

Following a lot of hard work from Michael Mortensen the Sid Valley Food Bank was approved as a Charity in February 2021. This approval acknowledged the efforts of the Food Bank and increased our opportunity to raise funds by being able to claim Gift Aid on donations. This has also brought additional responsibilities. We are dedicated to operating in a safe manner and to Safeguard our clients and volunteers. All of our volunteers have attended a Safeguarding training event in the last year, our thanks go to Tracey Tipton for running this event.

I would like to thank the residents of the Sid Valley for their support, in the donation of food and money, without which the Food Bank would not be able to function successfully. The Food Bank is in a good position financially to meet the challenges of the coming year.

Finally, my thanks go to all the people, Trustees, session leaders, shoppers, packers and drivers, who give their time freely and enable the Food Bank to operate. Special thanks go to Chris Chapman whose tireless efforts as organiser have enabled the Food Bank to be successful.

Renee Forth (Chair)

2. SVFB Treasurer's AGM report

The finance report for the year ending the 31st of March 2022 is for the 14 months since the Sid Valley Food Bank became a Charity and is a requirement of the Charity Commission.

Although the donations fell by 63% from the previous year SVFB had a net gain of £11,630.28 over the period. The previous year was an exceptional one as the donations rose dramatically, 3 times that for the year ending the 31st of March 2020, due to the generosity of the people in Sidmouth during the pandemic.

Since becoming a Charity, the Food Bank has registered for Gift Aid whereby the income tax on donations can be reclaimed with the donor's permission, £455.25 was reclaimed in the 14 months to the 31st of March 2022. A possible target for the following year would be to contact the regular donors and see if they are willing to gift aid their donations.

With excess of £50,000 in the bank account the Food Bank is well positioned to meet the challenges that lay ahead with rising inflation and energy prices.

Ron Peppin (Treasurer)

3. Operational report

The Food Bank has worked on improving referral and recording systems and is now able to produce more detailed data about its operations, client numbers etc. This means we have been able to contribute on a national scale to data collection about food poverty.

We have also focussed on networking to improve cooperation between similar charitable organisations and also to work more closely with local agencies. We are now part of the East Devon Food Hub. The hub allows us to exchange information as well as excess stock

between us as needed. From February 2022, clients collecting food on Tuesdays have had the opportunity to get face to face advice without an appointment from Honiton Advice Service, based in the Youth Centre next door.

In 2021 Sidmouth LIDLs recognised Sid Valley Food Bank as the sole organisation receiving donations from their public food collection bin and we joined their Feed it Back scheme organised via Neighbourly. In August 2021 we joined the East Devon Fareshare scheme, receiving weekly deliveries of fresh and dry produce that has been donated by supermarkets and other food producers.

As a result of very generous cash and food donations and the above initiatives, we have been able to greatly improve the balance and quality of foods we provide to our clients. They receive eggs, cheese, bread, milk, four or five different vegetables and three different fruits every week and butter every two weeks, in addition to the canned and dry goods.

Committed volunteers are key to the continuing provision of services. We currently have 60 volunteers in the following roles: Referral administrators, stock management team, session leaders, packers, delivery drivers, donation and Fareshare collectors, IT and website support, treasurer, recruitment lead, Food Bank Coordinator and volunteer rota organisers. The Food Bank Coordinator is now qualified in Food Hygiene. Key personnel are DBS checked and recruitment and training of volunteers has been reviewed for continuing improvement. Volunteers receive a welcome pack with a range of key reading about health and safety, child protection and confidentiality, amongst other matters. An annual training and social event have been established and confidentiality agreements are renewed every year.

On the whole, compared to 2020 when the pandemic caused a huge surge in demand for food, 2021 was a quiet year. Local jobs were available in the tourism industry and some of our longer-term clients got back into work. Client numbers decreased considerably in the spring and early summer and we reduced our sessions to once a week temporarily, reverting to two sessions again when numbers began to increase. We had a very busy Christmas providing food hampers and presents to 73 households, consisting of 115 children and 94 adults.

We continue to support a mixture of households with or without children and on occasions, homeless adults. Reasons for referral are mainly due to difficulties managing on low income/reduced benefits/loss of jobs/poor mental or physical health/ other sudden changes of circumstances.

Chris Chapman (Operations)

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Accounts for the 14 months ending 31 March 2022

Income			
Donations	27,353.04		
Grants	0.00		
Gift Aid	455.25		27,808.29
Expenditure			
Food	11,636.04		
Accommodation	585.09		
Comms	617.19		
Miscellaneous	442.49		
Insurance	1,768.69		
Bags	292.53		
Gifts	835.98		16,178.01
Excess of Income over Expenditure			£11,630.28
Assets			
Cash at Bank	52,825.82		
Petty Cash	-		£52,825.82

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Reconciliation Statement as at 31 March 2022

Assets brought forward at 1 February 2021

Cash at Bank	41,195.54
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Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year	11,630.28
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Assets carried forward at 31 March 2022

Cash at Bank	<u>£52,825.82</u>
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Note to the Accounts for the period ending 31 March 2022

Note 1 The Accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Note 2 The Sid Valley Food Bank became a registered charity in February 2021 and was not required to submit a financial report for the period 1 February 2021 to 31 March 2021. This report is for the 14 months from 1 February 2021 to 31 March 2022.

Note 3 The Charity did not receive any grants in the 14 months of this report.

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Sid Valley Food Bank CIO

Year ended 31 March 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Sid Valley Food Bank CIO ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

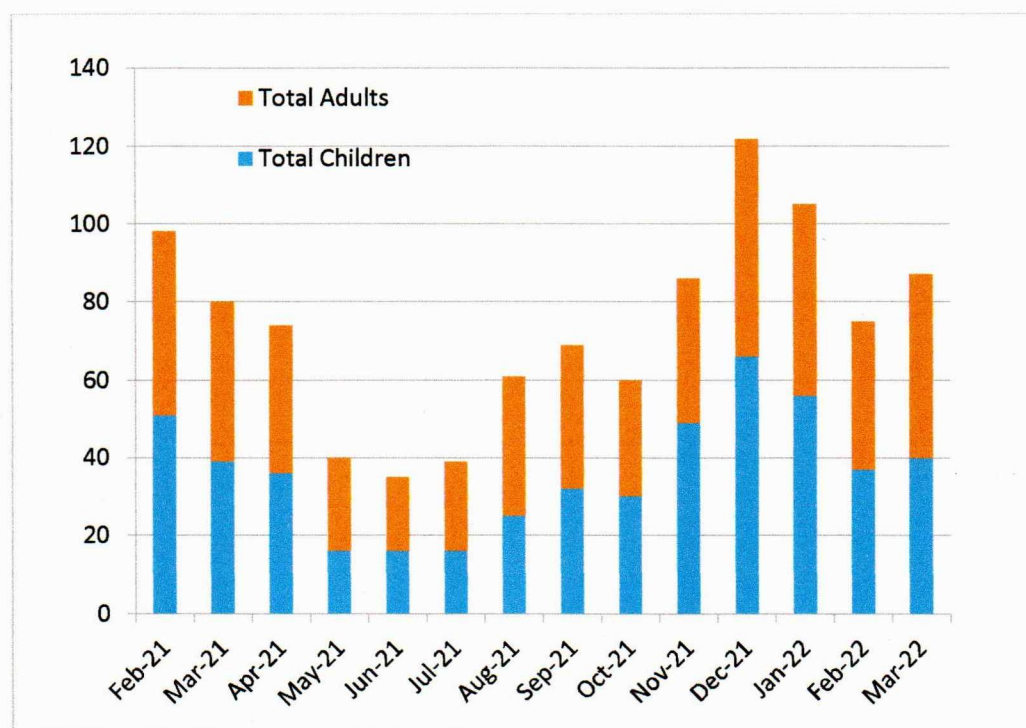


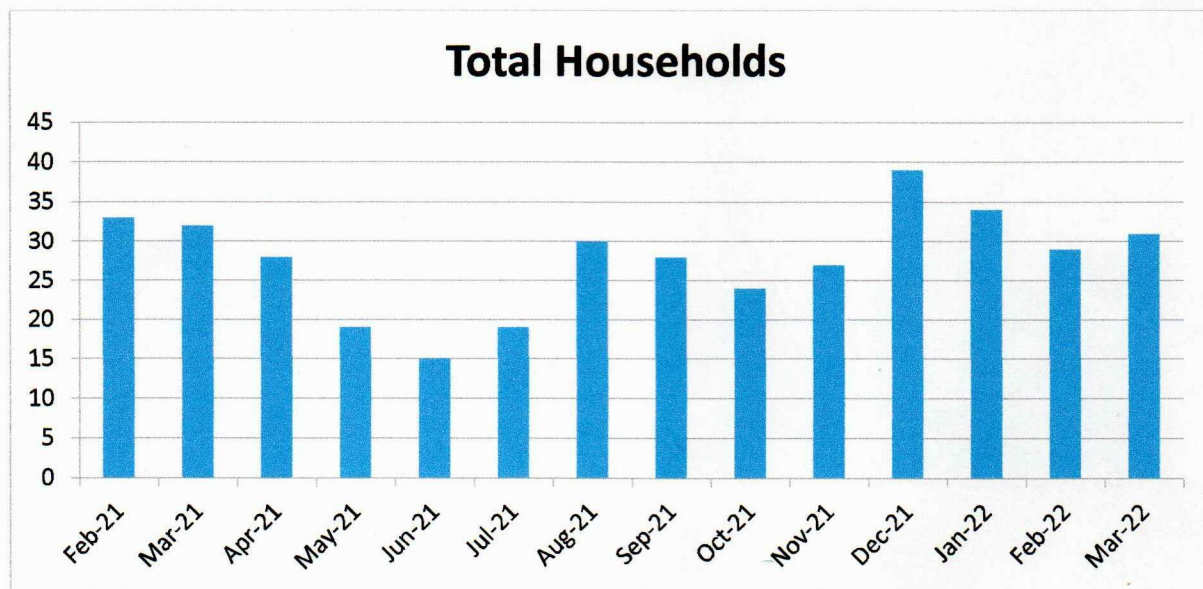
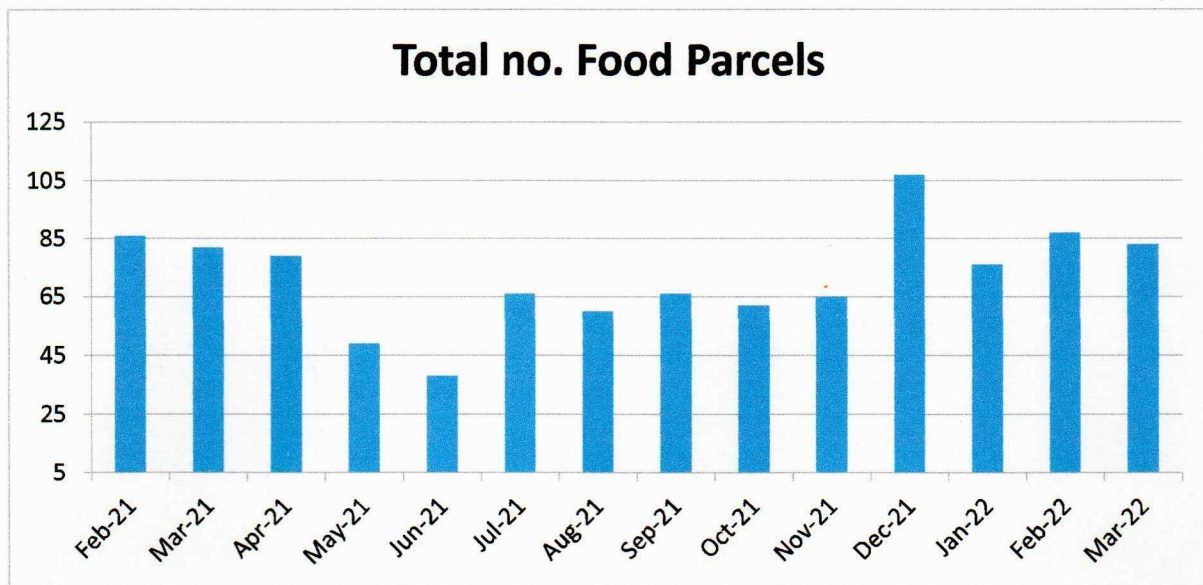
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Dated: 13 June 2022

Operational data

Month and year	Total Households	Total People	Total Children	Total Adults	Total no. Food Parcels	Highest weekly total per month
Feb-21	33	98	51	47	86	27
Mar-21	32	80	39	41	82	22
Apr-21	28	74	36	38	79	21
May-21	19	40	16	24	49	13
Jun-21	15	35	16	19	38	10
Jul-21	19	39	16	23	66	16
Aug-21	30	61	25	36	60	18
Sep-21	28	69	32	37	66	19
Oct-21	24	60	30	30	62	13
Nov-21	27	86	49	37	65	18
Dec-21	39	122	66	56	107	31
Jan-22	34	105	56	49	76	25
Feb-22	29	76	37	38	87	23
Mar-22	31	87	40	47	83	23





Signed on behalf of the Sid Valley Food Bank

R. Skinner
Acting Chairman
 Renee Forth

Chair 12/09/2022