

MALVERN HILLS FOODBANK

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 30th September 2022

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The Trustees are pleased to present their tenth annual report of the Malvern Hills Foodbank ("The Charity") for the year ended 30th September 2022.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

Address and Registration Details

Registered	charity	1151964
Principal office:		Unit 4, Spring Court, Spring Lane South, Malvern, WR14 1AT
Gift Aid:		The Charity is registered with HM Revenue and Customs

Constitution

The Charity is constituted as a charitable association and it is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission in England and Wales.

Trustees

Unless otherwise stated, the following have served throughout the year and were Trustees as at 30th September 2022:

Peter Buchanan	Chair
Anne Garner	Treasurer
Gillian Butler	Retired 22 nd November 2021
Stuart Edlington	Retired 22 nd November 2021
Julie Elliot	Appointed 11th April 2022
Mike Hayes	
Amanda Hornsby	
Sandie Lillis	
Jane Marshall	Appointed 22nd November 2021
Mary Rowswell	Appointed 22nd November 2021
David Wareing	Retires 28th November 2022
Roger Watson	
Mary Williams	

In accordance with the Charity constitution Amanda Hornsby, Roger Watson and Sandie Lillis retire by rotation at the annual general meeting and shall be eligible for re-election, by the members, at that meeting.

The Trustees have received notice that David Wareing will be retiring at the annual general meeting. David was a founder member of the Charity and he was also its first chairman. The Trustees wish to record their thanks and gratitude for the tremendous contribution David has made over the last ten years.

Trust Secretary

Katherine Osbourn

Bankers

HSBC Bank plc 1 Church Street Malvern WR14 2AB

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Recruitment of Trustees

New Trustees are initially approved by the Board of Trustees. In doing so they are focused on individuals who will maintain a balance of professional skills and experience, as well as being able to contribute towards the effective governance and operations of the Charity.

Organisational structure

The Trustees have agreed to govern via a Board of Trustees and team leaders. The team leaders, currently six in number, are responsible for running their duty sessions. All of the operational responsibilities are shared between Trustees and non-trustees. The food is distributed not only from Unit 3 and 4, but also at The Lyttelton Well and the Upton Baptist Church. The trustees thank these organisations for their ongoing support.

OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and public benefit

The charity's objects are:

"The relief of hardship amongst people in the Malvern Hills 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; and
- b) by such other means, including (but not limited to) the provision of support or signposting to relevant information and other advisory services."

The trustees have due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance and this report demonstrates how the Charity has carried out those purposes during the year and continues to provide a public benefit to the local community.

Activities and Trustees' Review

The Charity is affiliated to the Trussell Trust whose guidelines are followed in the operations and procedures of the Charity. Due to the pandemic the Trussell Trust annual support visit has again been postponed. However, close links with Trussell Trust have been maintained through "cluster" meetings on zoom with the Area Manager and representatives from other Worcester Foodbanks. The Chairman and Treasurer met with Trussell Trust staff to discuss the award to us of a significant Financial Inclusion Grant. In addition, the Chairman has also met with the CEO of Trussell Trust and others at the Trust's South of England Strategic Consultative Group .

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Achievements

	2021 - 22	2020-21
Food parcels provided	5,411	4,308
Food, toiletries and household goods donated by local people and organisations (kg)	45,023	38,168
Food, toiletries and household goods purchased with cash donations (kg)	8,512	4,619
Food, toiletries and household goods distributed – voucher and non-voucher(kg)	53,871	46,381
Fresh food vouchers (£)	20,340	32,355
Fuel top up payments (£)	8,610	11,178
Active Referral Agencies working as distributors of vouchers	48	48
Volunteers	74	35

The Charity has 48 registered referral agencies, of which 26 issued at least 1 voucher in the year. These agencies accounted for 1613 referrals and 4262 food parcels. In addition, 41 referral agencies, which are registered with other Trussell Trust food banks, issued vouchers which were fulfilled by Malvern Hills Foodbank. These agencies accounted for 489 referrals and 1149 food parcels. The main referral agencies which accounted for 1214 of all referrals were Citizens Advice South Worcestershire, Platform Housing Group, Maggs Day Centre and WCC Social Services.

We have only been able to achieve our objectives through the excellent support of Malvern and Upton Churches, the wider district Churches, and the local community. We thank them all for their donations of food and other items during these difficult times. In addition, we would like to record our thanks to Waitrose, Morrison's, the two Co-ops, Just So, Lidl, One Stop, Sainsbury, Tesco and Malvern Pet Supplies for their permanent collection points. These have not only increased donations but also have enabled us to communicate to the public the needs and reasons for having a food bank.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

General

In addition to the receipt of donated food and other items the Charity has again received during the year overwhelming financial support from the local community. This continued support together with assistance from Trussell Trust has enabled the Charity to lease the adjacent property at Unit 3 Spring Lane from February 2022.

With the easing of the lockdown and the increasing demand for Foodbank support the Trustees have been concerned that the limited space at Unit 4 would not be adequate to provide clients with appropriate privacy and access to discreet signposting guidance. The availability of Unit 3 presented the opportunity for the Trustees to overcome these concerns. The dilapidated unit was transformed into three areas – a larger picking area to improve the working environment of volunteers preparing food parcels – a warm and welcoming client reception area – and a separate private office for confidential client meetings.

Trussell Trust are leading a national initiative, "Stop UK Hunger" with the objective to encourage foodbanks to provide enhanced services to help clients receive specialist advice in overcoming their difficulties. Unit 3 now provides that opportunity. Trussell Trust are funding the cost of CAB providing specialist personnel to be situated at Unit 3 to offer dedicated signposting and advice for clients. This support will also be available at Upton.

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This funding will be made available for a minimum of two years, possibly three. The CAB funding initiative commenced in October 2022.

The costs of transforming Unit 3 have been capitalised as leasehold improvements and will be written off over a three -year period.

In conjunction with the Unit 3 development, the Trustees are also encouraging clients to collect from the Foodbank rather than a delivery only service. This not only means clients can receive fresh foods but also it provides the opportunity to offer signposting support – a core part of the Charity objectives. This change has meant that the provision of vouchers for fresh food has ceased as well as the provision of fuel vouchers.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have considered the need for a Reserves Policy. They have taken account of the uncertainty of receiving a sustainable level of donations compared to the largely fixed overhead expenditure, coupled with the Charity's objectives to provide where possible ongoing support for people in crisis. The Trustees consider it prudent therefore to continue to set aside reserves which approximate to the anticipated resource expenditure for a twelve-month period. With increased overhead costs mainly arising from Unit 3 the Trustees have increased the Reserve Fund to $\pm 40,000$. The $\pm 5,000$ reserve for fuel top ups is no longer required and has been written back to unrestricted funds.

THE FUTURE

The Trustees continually review circumstances each year to assess if existing services could be improved upon. However, the acquisition of Unit 3 and the CAB arrangements will be the main focus for the next year.

The Trustees regret the need to have a charity such as Malvern Hills Foodbank but whilst there is a need the Trustees will continue to increase the awareness amongst the whole community to encourage the support required to enable the Charity to achieve its objectives.

Approved by the Trustees on 24 October 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Peter Buchanan - Chair

Statement of Financial Activities Year ended 30th September 2022

	Note s	2022	2021
	5	£	£
Incoming resources:			
Financial donations		88,329	70,399
Gift aid		12,423	8,967
Membership fees		40	7
MHDC grants re rent		1,875	1,875
Local Authority Covid support grants		-	15,950
Dividends from Reserve Policy deposits		50	-
Bank interest		16	5
Financial Income		102,733	97,203
Valuation of donations in kind	1	106,704	81,168
Total of incoming resources		209,437	178,371
Resources expended:			
Per summary	3	90,865	90,747
In kind donations distributed		106,704	81,168
Total of resources expended		197,569	171,915
Net increase in resources		11,868	6,456
Unrestricted funds brought forward		54,071	47,615
Transfer to Reserve Policy Fund net		(10,000)	
Unrestricted funds carried forward			
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Balance Sheet As at 30th September 2022

	Note s	2022		2021	
	-	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets:	4		19,943		1,351
Current assets:					
Reserve Policy Fund deposit account		40,125		25,075	
Bank balance – current account		8,512		5,422	
Bank balance – deposit account		15,091		40,074	
Debtors – gift aid rebate Food and fuel vouchers		12,306 567		8,842 3,577	
Sundry debtors		250		200	
		76,851		83,190	
Less: Sundry creditors		(780)		(395)	
Net current assets			76,071		82,795
Total net assets			96,014		84,146
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:					
Unrestricted funds:	5		55,939		54,071
Reserve Policy Fund			40,075		25,075
Fuel top up fund			-		5,000
Total funds			96,014		84,146
					

Approved by the Trustees on 24 October 2022 and authorised to sign on their behalf by:

Peter Buchanan - Chair.....

Anne Garner – Treasurer.....

Notes to the Financial Statements 30th September 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Audit

The Charity is not required to have a statutory audit since income and total assets are below the required thresholds.

Income

Voluntary income, including donations gift aided, are recognised as income when received. Where applicable, gift aid income tax recoverable, is recognised when the recovery is receivable.

Donations in kind given for distribution are recognised as incoming resources only when distributed with an equivalent amount being included as resources expended. The valuation of such donations is based on Trussell Trust guidelines.

No value is attributable to time donated by volunteers as it would be totally impracticable to record and value such time.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised at cost, or at fair value to the Charity if donated, if they have a useful life of more than one year.

Depreciation is provided on a straight- line basis in order to write off the assets over their effective useful life. Equipment is depreciated at 20%. Leasehold improvements for Unit 3 are written off over the 3 year lease period.

Stock

Stocks of donated goods held at the year-end are not valued within the financial statements. The notional valuation of stock was £13,376 (2021: £12,740)

Funds

Unrestricted funds are funds which can be utilised at the discretion of the trustees. Funds held in reserve funds are not restricted as such but earmarked to fund specific initiatives or to provide sufficient funds to enable the Charity to fulfil its objectives over a twelvemonth period.

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2. TRUSTEE AND VOLUNTEER PAYMENTS

The Charity operates solely by unpaid volunteers. The Trustees and the volunteers receive no remuneration or expenses other than reimbursement only in respect of direct expenses incurred on behalf of the Charity. The foodbank owes a debt of gratitude to its loyal volunteers and thank them all for their help and support.

3. SUMMARY OF RESOURCES EXPENDED

	2022 £	2021 £
Food and sundries for distribution	24,576	13,875
Fresh food vouchers	20,340	32,355
Fresh food vouchers for special projects	-	8,075
Fuel top up payments	8,610	11,178
Bags and boxes	1,587	669
Rent and service charge	10,885	7,800
Light, heat and water	1,998	775
Bank charges	110	-
Printing, stationery and consumables	1,304	1,632
Sundry equipment and repairs	1,486	712
Insurances	701	478
Miscellaneous	1,169	1,013
Protective clothing and PPE	2,029	550
Cleaning	3,074	2,540
Telephone and broadband	508	696
Community Action delivery costs	6,500	7,715
Depreciation of equipment	1,668	684
Amortisation of leasehold improvements	4,320	-
Total resources expended	90,865	90,747

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4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Equipment	Leasehold Improveme nts	Total
	£	£	£
Cost as at 1 st October 2021	14,458	-	14,458
Additions	5,116	21,964	27,080
Contribution from Malvern Town Council	-	(2,500)	(2,500)
Cost as at 30 th September 2022	19,574	19,464	39,038
Depreciation/Amortisation as at 1 st October 2021	13,107	-	13,107
Charge for the year	1,668	4,320	5,988
Depreciation as at 30 th September 2022	14,775	4,320	19,095
Net book value 30 th September 2022	4,799	15,144	19,943
Net book value 30 th September 2021	1,351		1,351

5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Included in financial donations are restricted funds comprising fresh food vouchers £9,174 and fuel top up funds £1,638, a total of £10,812. In addition Malvern Town Council donated £2,500 towards the cost of refurbishing Unit 3. These restricted funds have been fully expended during the year. All other donations are unrestricted. As at the 30^{th} September 2022 there are no restricted funds to carry forward. (2021 £nil)

Independent Examiner's Report 30th September 2022

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the Malvern Hills Foodbank for the year ended 30th September 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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have considered 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2. The financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3. The financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed:....

Name: Christopher Price Address: Malvern Worcestershire

Date: