

Brecon Food Bank – Trustees’ report to Charity Commissioners for 2017

The number of clients coming to Brecon Food Bank grew steadily throughout 2017. We fed a total of 541 people [370 adults and 171 children]. These figures compare with a total of 322 people in 2016 and 353 in 2015.

The grant we received in 2016 enabled us to offer 37 clients to join the Food Co-op, and 3 clients have taken up the opportunity to join the Gardening club and 2 the Luncheon Club. All these activities are based at the St John’s Centre which is also our headquarters. We still have a balance of £317.00 of our original grant.

A representative of the Trussell trust conducted a Quality Assurance survey in August and the report we received indicated no serious issues in need of resolution.

The harvest and Christmas donations we were given exceeded all our expectations such that storage capacity started to become an issue. Eleven schools and some churches and members of the general public contributed to these gifts and we are very grateful to them all, and also to our project manager and volunteers for handling the ‘harvest and Christmas rush’ with their normal calm competence.

We have 6 collection points in Brecon, where members of the public can leave food for us to pick up. There was some difficulty in finding enough volunteers to do this, but a very willing volunteer stepped forward and the issue has been resolved.

By the end of 2017 we had made some progress with our intention of launching a ‘School Ambassador Programme’. The plan is to have a few children in those primary schools in and around Brecon that decide to participate who will represent the Food Bank in their school and keep their peers informed of our situation and needs.

Our fund-raising activities in 2017 included:

- Sponsored Walk up Pen y Fan
- Charity Concert
- Three Peaks Challenge, in which 15 able people raised £3413.00

In late 2017 we decided to set up a small fundraising group to relieve the Project Manager in this respect and this has come into effect in 2018.

In 2017 4 more organisations agreed to join our list of referral agencies: The Community School Nurses, The Children's Community Nurses, The Army’s Welfare Officers and Brecon Job Centre.

In summary the need for the Food Bank in Brecon and surrounding area is clearly demonstrated – a need which we are able to meet because of the good will in our community and among our volunteers and the energy and people-friendly approach of our project manager.

Brecon Food Bank Income and Expenditure Accounts for 2017

<u>Opening Balance:</u>	£3284.64	<u>Expenditure:</u>	£4224.55
<u>Income:</u>	£8989.57	<u>Closing Balance:</u>	£8049.66
	<u>£12274.21</u>		<u>£12274.21</u>

<u>Analysis of Income</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Fundraising events	£5475.23	£1042.50
Donations	£3514.34	£2472.72
Total Income	<u>£8989.57</u>	<u>£3515.22</u>

<u>Analysis of Expenditure</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Trussel Trust	£360.00	£720.00
Staff salaries & expenses	£1853.18	£1657.92
Admin, stationery & printing	£271.12	£327.31
St John's Family Centre	£975.00	£945.00
Purchase of Food	£130.00	
Fundraising expenses	£405.23	
Insurance	£230.02	£218.34
Total Expenditure	<u>£4224.55</u>	<u>£3868.57</u>

Food and other goods accounts for 2017

Value of goods received	£10393.53
Value of goods distributed to clients	£6818.98
Value of goods donated to Merthyr Food Bank	£95.65
Combined value of goods used for Meet and Greet } & goods rejected because of date/damage etc }	£225.95
Stock adjustment	£62.78