

Footprints in the Community
Charity Registration no 1153121

Financial Statements
For the year ended
31 July 2017

Westfield Farm, The Green
Dormanstown, Redcar
Cleveland, TS10 5NA

Legal and Administrative Information

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Charity No: 1153121

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Structure and Governance

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a constitution and is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Trustees' Report

Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit

To relieve persons in the area of Redcar and Cleveland who are in condition of need, hardship or distress (beneficiaries) by providing practical support, information, guidance and in such other ways as the trustees from time to time see fit.

Achievements and Performance

This year has proved to be an exciting one for Footprints.

We remain determined to improve life across Redcar and East Cleveland. This is an extraordinary challenge that will only be achieved by working together with people of all ages, backgrounds and other charities.

A successful bid submitted to the 'Lottery Reaching Communities' meant that we could continue our outreach.

FOOTPRINTS remains essential to locally vulnerable people and their families. It is a service of which we are extremely proud. This year, our 7 projects reached an increasing number of local residents. Importantly, we were also able to plan our move to new premises and therefore expand.

Our relatively new projects during this financial year continued – the Lunch Box Project, providing free packed lunches, our Next Step Shop which is the logical stage for many of our foodbank clients, and our Men's Shed – a place for men to work on their own projects in a welcoming and inclusive venue. These schemes, added to Redcar Foodbank, Redcar Beacons, First Steps and the Footprints Cafe now takes our projects up to seven with 5 paid members of staff (4 part time and 1 full time). As well as practical help, all our projects are designed to help make more informed choices about their lives.

So many volunteers are willing to give their time to help deliver the various projects; We also want to thank all our, donors, funders, campaigners and supporters for their valued contributions, as well as our Trustees, staff, and partners.

We continue to fundraise through funding applications and through our community café and 100 club.

The trustees/directors have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit and they confirm that public benefit has been provided by the range of activities as described.

Financial Review

The Charity's financial results for the year are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA), Balance Sheet and Notes to the Accounts.

Risk Management

All major risks are identified through a risk assessment process and systems have been put in place to mitigate these risks. The Trustees recognise the uncertainty over future income as the main risk facing the Charity. Grants are sought from a variety of funders as opportunities arise to reduce the dependence on any one source of funding.

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Reserves Policy

Though there is no policy in place at this time, steps are being taken to ensure it will be up and running before the end of the next financial year.

Plans for the Future

The trustees and volunteers continue to target the local community to focus on marginalised people. Our move to new premises will help this. With that in mind, we are developing an updated strategy that will see us unify our projects and make them far stronger than the 'sum of their parts'.

The trustees aim to ensure adequate finances, staffing and volunteers to provide an excellent level of service. Footprints in the Community will continue to raise funds through activities and applications to charitable funders. This especially affects the Footprints Community Café and our expansion of outside catering.

This is how we are working to improve and strengthen our reach and the ways we engage with people. Clearly, this is an exciting time for 'Footprints in the Community.'

Approved by the members and signed on their behalf:

Name	Tim Myer (Chair)	Signature	T Myer
Date	23 rd May 2018		

Footprints in the Community

Independent Examiners Report

Report to the trustees of Footprints in the Community on Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2017 set out on pages 7 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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. The charity's gross income does not exceed £250,000.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

Kate Tully FMAAT FCIE

Date 23rd May 2018

Signed

K A Tully



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Kate Tully is a Fellow Member of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners and a Fellow Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians

Footprints in the Community
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 July 2017

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 16-17 Funds £	Total 15-16 Funds £
Incoming Resources	2					
Incoming Resources from generated funds						
<i>Voluntary Income</i>		33,793	120	30,921	64,834	116,170
<i>Activities for Generating Funds</i>		190	0	678	867	0
<i>Investment Income</i>					0	0
Incoming Resources from charitable activities		5,511	14,468	22,401	42,379	10,129
Other Incoming Resources					0	1,631
Total Incoming Resources		39,493	14,588	54,000	108,081	127,930
Resources Expended	3					
Fundraising Costs		0	1,180	0	1,180	
Charitable activities		39,747	8,823	96,444	145,013	97,480
Governance Costs		400	0	0	400	400
Other resources expended					0	0
Total Resources Expended		40,147	10,003	96,444	146,593	97,880
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers		(653)	4,585	(42,444)	(38,512)	30,050
					0	
Net movement in funds		(653)	4,585	(42,444)	(38,512)	30,050
<i>Balance b/f from previous year</i>		34,690	5,635	69,674	109,999	79,949
Total funds carried forward		34,037	10,220	27,230	71,486	109,999

Footprints in the Community

Balance Sheet

as at 31 July 2017

	Note	Total 16-17 Funds £	Total 15-16 Funds £
Fixed Assets:			
<i>Tangible Assets</i>			
Total Fixed Assets:		0	0
Current Assets			
<i>Debtors</i>		0	0
<i>Food Stock</i>		6,094	15,248
<i>Current Account</i>		65,792	95,151
<i>Cash in Hand</i>		0	0
Total Current Assets		71,886	110,399
Liabilities			
<i>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</i>		(400)	(400)
<i>Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year</i>		0	0
Total Assets less total liabilities		71,486	109,999
The Funds of the Charity:			
<i>Restricted funds</i>		27,230	69,000
<i>Designated funds</i>		10,220	5,609
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>		34,037	35,390
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		71,486	109,999

Approved by the members and signed on their behalf:

Name Tim Myer (Chair) Signature *T Myer*

Date 23rd May 2018

Footprints in the Community
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the period ending 31 July 2017

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

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These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS 102).

Footprints in the Community meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Reconciliation with previous Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

In preparing the accounts, the trustees have considered whether in applying the accounting policies required by the Charities SORP FRS 102 the restatement of comparative items was required.

At the date of transition no restatements were required.

Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Donations are only included in the SOFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Capital Grants are released over the economic useful life of the asset to which they relate

Resources Expended and Liabilities

Resources expended have been analysed using a natural classification.

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

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2 Funds

The Charity has three funds, an unrestricted general fund, a designated fund for expenditure specified by the trustees and a restricted fund used for expenditure specified by the funder: hence all movements on each fund are disclosed.

Restricted Funds

Fund Name	Bal. b/f	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Bal. c/f
<i>Restricted Funds</i>					
First Steps	(196)	1,659	(56)		1,407
Lunch Box	2,278	10	(2,107)		181
Redcar Beacons	2,692	709	(2,624)		777
NS Shop	(760)	8,075	(6,519)		796
Foodbank General Fund	29,676	26,738	(38,413)		18,001
Freshstart	0	1,875	(1,225)		650
Mens Shed P P	34,633	0	(34,633)		0
Mens Shed	1,350	14,934	(10,867)		5,417
Total	69,674	54,000	(96,444)	0	27,229

Designated Fund

100 Club	2,605	2,845	(1,210)		4,240
Café	3,030	11,743	(8,793)		5,980
	5,635	14,588	(10,003)	0	10,220

Unrestricted Funds

Footprints General Fund	34,690	39,493	(40,147)		34,037
	34,690	39,493	(40,147)	0	34,037

Total of All Funds	109,999	108,081	(146,593)	0	71,486
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Fund Name	Type	Purpose and Restrictions
First Steps	Restricted	To help provide baby clothes and equipment for children up to 3 yrs to those in need
Lunch Box	Restricted	Annual scheme to provide lunch to children during the summer holidays
Redcar Beacons	Restricted	Street Angels Project to provide a safe environment around Redcar Centre at the weekend, late at night
NS Shop	Restricted	A membership shop helping those who struggle financially to purchase food
Mens Shed PP	Restricted	A place for men to get together, to share tools and resources they need to work on projects.
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Foodbank General Fund	Restricted	Provide emergency food parcels
Café	Designated	A community café open to the the general public.
100 Club	Designated	A lottery draw open to the general public membership entitles entry to a monthly draw with cash prizes
Fresh Start	Restricted	Essentials packs for people who have nothing when they move to the area

Footprints in the Community

Analysis of Income and Expenditure 2016-17

Incoming Resources

Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
Grants	25,960		2,500	28,460
Donations	7,738	120	28,421	36,279
Gift Aid	96			96
	33,793	120	30,921	64,834

Fundraising Income

Fundraising	190		678	867
	190	-	678	867

Income from Charitable Activities

Catering		5,369		5,369
Membership Fees		2,745	4,883	7,628
Reimbursed Expenses	582		3,275	3,858
Sales	17	6,354	2,030	8,400
Training			640	640
Other	4,911		11,573	16,484
	5,511	14,468	22,401	42,379

Total Incoming Resources

	39,493	14,588	54,000	108,081
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Resources Expended

Cost of Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total
Salaries and NIC	30,978	3,643	34,570	69,191
Insurance	347		638	985
Prizes		10		10
Consultancy Fees			1,550	1,550
Catering Supplies		2,213		2,213
Food	26	2,556	11,149	13,730
Toiletries			2,933	2,933
Uniforms	40	27	708	775
Travel and Subsistence	356	11	3,647	4,013
Van/fuel			3,416	3,416
Volunteer Expenses	254		603	856
Office Costs	1,200	18	1,989	3,208
Radio System			337	337
Advertising	217	37	618	872
Telephone/Internet/Email	539		1,216	1,755
Legal/Professional	1,248		1,405	2,653
Training		54	259	313
Repairs/Maintenance			209	209
Licences		20		20
Equipment	1,088	166	8,088	9,342
Rent and Rates	1,820		11,153	12,973
Utilities			1,401	1,401
Bank/Credit Card Charges		1		1
Other	1,635	68	10,554	12,257
	39,747	8,823	96,444	145,013

Fundraising

Cost of Fundraising		1,180		1,180
	0	1,180	0	1,180

Governance Costs

Independent Examination Fees	400			400
	400	0	0	400

Total Resources Expended

	40,147	10,003	96,444	146,593
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Footprints in the Community

Support Costs

Support Cost Type	Fundraising Activity £	Charitable Activity £	Governance Activity £	Total Cost £
Salaries and NIC		69,191		69,191
Insurance		985		985
Travel and Subsistence		4,013		4,013
Van/fuel		3,416		3,416
Volunteer Expenses		856		856
Office Costs		3,208		3,208
Radio System		337		337
Advertising		872		872
Telephone/Internet/Email		1,755		1,755
Training		313		313
Equipment/Repairs		209		209
Rent		12,973		12,973
Utilities		1,401		1,401
Fundraising Costs	1,180			
Independent Examination Fee			400	400
Total	1,180	99,529	400	101,109

3 Salaries/Wages

	Unrestricted £	Designated £	Restricted £	2016-17 Total £
Wages and Salaries	30,978	3,643	34,570	69,191
Other Costs				-
	30,978	3,643	34,570	69,191

8 part time employees were employed during this period.

4 Debtors

There are no debtors for this year.

5 Creditors: due within 1 year

Details	Amount
Independent Examination Fee	400
TOTAL	400

One night a man had a dream

He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord.

Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.

For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand;
one belonging to him and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him,
he looked back at the footprints in the sand.

He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was
only one set of footprints.

He also notices that it happened at the very lowest and saddest
times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it:

"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk
with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most
troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why when I needed you most you would
leave me."

The Lord replied:

"My son, my precious child, I love you and I would never leave
you.

During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one
set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

Annual Report

August 2016-July 2017



Footprints
in the community

*Stepping out into the Community with
Compassion to meet Local Need*

Charity Number 1153121

10 Queen Street

Redcar

TS10 1DY

Mission

Footprints in the Community is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation which aims to establish a variety of services under one umbrella to help address isolation and poverty in the Redcar area and to provide a network of support to local people and organisations.

Trustees during period up to 31 July 2015

Mr Tim Myer - Chair

Mrs Gillian Day - Secretary

Miss Emma Stephenson - Treasurer

Miss Eileen Cowle

Mr Derek Farrell

Mr Jeremy Faulkner

Mr Mark Hubbard

Vanessa Newlands

Mrs Sarah Nicholson

Thank you once again to all our Trustees.

All the Trustees on the Board bring different and varied skills. They meet every other month and are completely focussed on ensuring that the Charity is administered properly. This enables us to be sure that we have a Board which upholds all the principles of good governance.

If you feel you have skills and time to offer as a Trustee of Footprints in the Community please contact Tim to request an application form or informal chat about what's involved.

(chair@footprintsinthecommunity.co.uk)



HELP!



If you would like to volunteer within any of our projects, please contact Carole at volunteer@footprintsinthecommunity.co.uk or telephone 01642 484842

100 CLUB

Why not join our 100 Club for £5 a month ... support the Footprints projects and have the opportunity of winning £50 (1st prize) £30 (2nd prize) and two prizes of £10 each. Draw takes place at Footprints Café on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. For further details and an application form email Janet at 100club@redcararea.foodbank.org.uk



Footprints
cafe

Come and join us for lunch or a light snack - Wednesdays between 11am and 2pm at the Baptist Church on Park Avenue, Redcar - all profits from the Café are fed back into Footprints projects - so by coming and enjoying lunch - you are helping others.



We are really grateful for all donations - if you are a tax payer we can also claim back 25% which makes your donation go that bit further. Please contact Marcella if you want details on how to make a financial donation.



Food donations are essential to the running of the foodbank. Donations can be made at all local libraries, Tesco stores, some Sainsburys stores, Morrisons, Co-op at Marske or any foodbank centres. Also donations of pre-loved, good quality baby clothing/equipment - contact First Steps.

CEO's Report - Ruth Fox

Wow! Putting this Annual Report together just highlights for me the amount of work that our very small staff team (4 part time and 1 full time) and almost 200 volunteers put in to making each and every one of our projects a success — but more than that is the number of local people we are able to support.

I can't shout loud enough the value of our volunteers, they are all so dedicated and keen to help in any way they can. Thank you.

To the staff team - you are all amazing and always give so much extra to the organisation - thank you!

The Board of Trustees work away behind the scenes and give direction and support. Thank you all.

And to all our other stakeholders; individuals, groups, Churches, organisations and businesses who support us in so many various ways - again thank you. We really do appreciate all your help.

So to the future - we hope to move to new, more central premises in the coming months, so I believe a hectic time will soon be upon us. We have new ideas for other projects which will help reduce poverty and isolation in our area - so please watch this space!

Ruth Fox
CEO



For further information about Footprints in the Community,
please contact
ruth@footprintsinthecommunity.co.uk
Tel; 01642 484842

Chair's Report

Tim Myer



WELCOME TO OUR ANNUAL REPORT.

I am keeping this introduction upbeat because it is absolutely right for 'Footprints' at this time. Whilst writing, I found it helpful to look way back to the very first annual report from our early days. It

stated, ***'We have made a good solid start which we hope to build***

on in coming years as other projects come on board.'

That was written after a modest two projects had been launched. We now have 8 projects under the Footprints 'umbrella' involving over 180 volunteers! So, 'Growth' would certainly be an apt word to describe 2016/17. Redcar Foodbank, Next Step shop, Men's Shed, Redcar Beacons, Footprints Café, First steps, Fresh-Start packs and the Lunch box scheme continue to flourish.

Looking back on the year, it has been a time for making some big decisions, including a potential move of premises. But our main concern was that we continued to offer the outreach which people across Redcar and Cleveland need and deserve. This took a huge amount of hard work and effort on the part of the staff to ensure we kept to our vision of a community in which all people flourish.

The standard of our volunteers is truly awesome and it was amazing to see what talented people we have in the Redcar area. The hours of work put in by so many people was marvellous to see.

Locally, funding cuts has been a dominant issue throughout this year. Without partner funders we could not survive. I would like to thank the many individuals, churches, trusts, local companies, and others for their support.

The award-winning staff and volunteers of Footprints should be so proud of what they achieve. Day after day they have coped with change and challenges without it affecting the quality of our services. The following pages show people who are instrumental in managing the 'Footprints' projects. Our Mission is to provide compassion to those in our area. I think we can safely say we have achieved that again this year. In doing so, we are fulfilling the ***'hope to build on'*** written in that very first annual report.

Warmest regards, Tim Myer



Open every Wednesday between 11am and 2pm, at the Baptist Church on Park Avenue, Redcar, Footprints Community Café works alongside Redcar Area Foodbank and caters for the paying public and provides a free meal for Foodbank clients. All profits from the Café are fed back into the Footprints Projects.

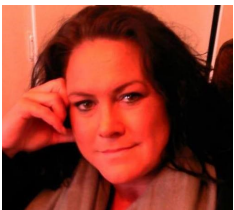
Seven volunteers, under the supervision of Kat, the Café Manager, spend between two and five hours per week working hard in the kitchen and serving customers.

The café has gone from strength to strength during the past year with more paying customers coming through the doors thanks to successful advertising using social media. Our Christmas dinners were hugely successful with people coming back the second week for a repeat!

Other highlights include the volunteers winning the Redcar and Cleveland Voluntary Development Agency's Outstanding Group Award and Kat won the Mo Mowlem Inspiring Women Award.

We now offer an outside catering service and won some large contracts including the Love Your Neighbour event and the Inspiring Women's Award catering for over a hundred people. We received excellent feedback for these events.

Please 'like us' on facebook for regular up-dates and why not pop into the café one week and enjoy a lovely lunch with us!



For further information about Footprints Cafe, please
contact Kat on fpc@gmail.com
Tel; 01642 484842/07564 256742



Extract from Annual Accounts Trustee Report

Achievements and Performance

We continue to provide services to the local community and shape our priorities around the theme of compassion for our area, with the aim of helping to improve lives. We have launched three new projects during this financial year – our Lunch Box Project, providing free packed lunches throughout the month of August, our Next Step Shop which is the next step for many of our foodbank clients, and our Men's Shed – a place where men can work on their own projects in a safe, friendly and inclusive venue. This now takes our projects up to seven with 5 paid members of staff (4 part time and 1 full time).

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Plans for the Future

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For a full set of the Annual Accounts 2015-2016 please see on-line at www.charitycommission.gov.uk or contact Marcella for a hard copy.



For further information about Finance please contact Marcella at
admin@footprintsinthecommunity.co.uk
Tel; 01642 484842

Finances and Funding

We are so fortunate that individuals, organisations and funders have been generous in their giving and support of Footprints in the Community and its projects. During this period we have been blessed by donations and gifts from the following:

Coast & Country Housing

S Hussain at Eston Dental Practice

North East Nursing and Care Services

Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council

Seaview Restaurant

SK Foods

Tesco's

Awards for All

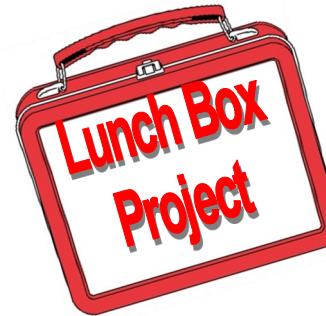
Nationwide Building Society

Woodward Trust

Cleveland Police Commission

Middlesbrough & Teesside Philanthropic Foundation

A very special thank you to all the individuals who regularly give far too many to name individually - we really do appreciate your continued support.



Tackling holiday hunger our Lunch Box Project operates throughout the month of August at two sites—one in South Bank and the other in Redcar. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday children attend with a parent/carer to receive a free packed lunch. While their packed lunch is being prepared there are games, quizzes and craft activities for the children to take part in.

In 2016 we worked with
89 different children from
48 families



A total of 534 lunches were provided

A massive thank you to all the volunteers who helped in a variety of ways - especially to the Young Carers from The Junction in Redcar who provided games and craft activities.



For further information about the Lunch Box Scheme,
please contact Ruth on
ruth@footprintsinthecommunity.co.uk
Tel; 01642 484842



Now in its fifth year Redcar Area Foodbank continues to provide emergency food parcels to people in crisis who are referred by approximately 120 referral agencies working closely with us to get help to people in food poverty.

We currently have 8 foodbank centres across the area, who always offer a friendly welcome to everyone requiring a food parcel. Clients also receive some kind of a free meal while they attend the foodbank which can be a cuppa and a cake or even a two course meal! During their short time with us we also offer advice on how to get help for their situation and can signpost them to other agencies for help.

Currently clients receive 3 or 4 vouchers in a crisis in a six month period, each parcel containing sufficient food for 3 days.

During the period 1 August 2016 - 31 July 2017 a total of vouchers were issued by partner agencies; the total number of clients fed were as follows:

Year	Vouchers	Adults	Children	Total Fed
2015-16	2370	3295	3577	5017
2016-17	2639	1722	1819	5396

This past year has seen some changes. After a sudden increase in demand for food and struggling to maintain a good stock level, we had to make the hard decision to put a more definite limit on the number of vouchers a client could have in a 6 month period to make it fair to everyone using the foodbank. As usual the public response to this dip in stock was over whelming and we took on board an extra 4 ton of food!

Also we have opened our 8th Foodbank Centre in Grangetown at St Hilda's of Whitby Church, this is our biggest client area.



For further information about Redcar Area Foodbank,
please contact Helen at: info@redcararea.foodbank.org.uk
Tel; 01642 484842 Mob; 07927 365559

Our food collections at Tesco (Eston and Redcar) last Christmas went very well. Our regular volunteers ensured we could cover the six days but we also had help from 17 new volunteers and support from the staff at Swinton Insurance and Routes To Employment.

Also at the end of 2016 we held a networking event at Coatham Hall to remind agencies of the work we do and the support we can give to local people in need.

In March and May this year we held First Aid training sessions for staff and volunteers in the barn at Westfield Farm, more are due to take place this year.

Looking Forward.....

While still wanting more volunteers for Redcar Beacons I feel that First Steps is an area that needs as much publicity and new volunteers as possible. This service is as vital to some families as foodbanks are to others.

You may remember that I was keen to create a "call out list" for current volunteers who would be happy to cover at other projects. People would only be contacted to cover at holiday times or when a project is going to be temporally short staffed, perhaps for a day or two. I am keen to build on this so if you would like to spend a couple of hours at any of the projects as a "taster session" first please let me know. Thank you





Looking Back.....

Since my last annual report the volunteer department has been busy and very productive, most months have seen at least one new volunteer join us.

Last year I mentioned Redcar Beacons as an area that needed more support; two new volunteers have since joined them with two more wanting to help from the end of September. This team has been pro-active in encouraging people to consider joining the project.

I also mentioned the importance of building relationships with local supermarkets and, thanks to the perseverance of Helen Hedges, we now have a monthly food collection in Asda, South Bank. This is managed by a team of four volunteers, 3 of whom are new volunteers.

Another new business relationship is with Greggs in Eston. They have agreed to let us collect end of day items for our foodbanks and Next Step shop. One of our volunteers has kindly agreed to collect the food three times a week.



For further information about Volunteering, please contact
Carole at volunteer@footprintsinthecommunity.co.uk

Thank You!



Once again a Huge “**Thank You**” to all those who regularly make donations of both food and money to enable foodbank to continue. Throughout the period we have taken in a total of over 43 tonnes of food and 43 tonnes have been distributed!

A huge “**Thank You**” to all our volunteers who week after week help at our foodbank in many different areas, without whom we would not cope or even exist.

Food Bank Centres

Monday -

St Hilda’s Church, Redcar
Grangetown St Hilda’s Church

Wednesday -

Baptist Church, Redcar
Baptist Church, South Bank

Thursday -

St Peter’s Church, Redcar
Old Co-op Community Building Loftus

Friday -

All Saint’s Church, Dormanstown
St George’s Church, Normanby

Shopping List

Milk (UHT)

Fruit Juice (long life)

Tinned Tomatoes

Tinned Sponge Puddings

Tinned Rice Pudding/Custard

Biscuits/Snacks

Tea Bags/Instant Coffee

Instant Mash Potato

Tinned Vegetables

Tinned Meat/Fish

Jam

Tinned Fruit

Peanut Butter

Sweet and Savoury Treats



As well as being part of Footprints in the Community we are also part of the Christian Nightlife Initiative Network. We have been operational since November 2014 we patrol Redcar High Street during the night time economy between 10pm and 3am on some Thursday, Friday & Saturday nights in Redcar.



We currently have 22 volunteers from different walks of life up to the age of 80 years. A team of 3 people go out; a Team Leader (with a radio connecting us with CCTV); First Aider (trained) & Note Taker (to record all incidents & data). If we have enough volunteers there are usually 2 people who remain at the CGL office which is used as our base. This provides us with comfort breaks, more coffee & biscuits than is good for us at that time of night & a place to bring vulnerable people to and give them chance to recover before helping them get taxi's home or reuniting them with friends.

We give out on average 4 pairs of flip flops a night, more on Race nights, along with bottled water and lolly-pops to help those who need a sugar rush. We sweep up broken glass to avoid cuts, collect litter & one night even a pair of blue boxer shorts!



For further information about Redcar Beacons, please contact
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Volunteers undertake a range of training and 14 of us attended the CNI Conference which took place at The Riverside Stadium. It's always good to meet up with volunteers from other projects in the region.

People are very generous! We did 'bag packing' at Morrison's to raise funds to enable us to buy flip flops, lolly-pops etc - one man gave us £250!



A team covered Armed Forces Day again in June & the Redcar Christmas Lights switch on event.



There is nothing we like better than a good social — these pictures show some of the volunteers at a couple of our social events.





How quickly a year goes,.....

This time last year our membership was just over 100 now it is nearer 190. The transient nature of the membership however still means we have approx. 40 visiting weekly. Some visit every week, others, when their money runs out and nothing in the pantry.

We are getting more referrals from Foodbank, however, other agencies are quite slow on the uptake!

Some of our members have many problems, and we like to think that they not only get their groceries but a listening ear when needed. It's amazing what a smile and five minutes conversation over a tin of peas can solve. We often put the world to rights.....(especially the ladies)



Fantastic, dedicated volunteers. Always smiling, always helpful.....

Over the last year, 3 of our volunteers were successful in securing employment. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work; our loss was certainly another's gain.

We now have a very dedicated team, Norma, Diane, Charlie (Diane's daughter who is about to go to college) and our newest recruit Amanda. We are all looking forward to relocating to more suitable premises where we can further build on the success of Next Step Shop.

Please find below a table which shows a comparable increase of essential equipment distributed in 2016 and 2017.

Essential Equipment	2016	2017
Clothing packs	31	80
Bedding packs	11	22
Newborn care bundles	9	18
Baby baths	9	4
Moses baskets	8	6
Cots	6	12
Highchairs	4	10
Pushchairs	9	25

The amount of donations we have received from generous members of the public has increased greatly on last year – 78 items of essential equipment and 590kg of weighed donations which include bedding, clothing, nappies and toiletries.

Thank you to everyone who has given generously to the project. All your donations have gone to families in need. The families that have been helped have all been very grateful. The items they have received have made a positive and big difference to their family lives. Feedback we have had from health professionals is proof that our service is invaluable.



For further information about First Steps, please contact Naomi at firststeps@footprintsinthecommunity.co.uk



First Steps is the provision of baby equipment and/or clothing packs to families who are struggling to get the baby essentials together.

First Steps is growing from strength to strength and it has been a positive year of growth. We are receiving more and more referrals from community midwives, health visitors, sure start, social services, teenage pregnancy, thirteen care, foundation refuge and more.

First Steps has had a slight change of personnel recently but it is still a small but very dedicated team focused on assisting those in need. The team consists of Sue who is now the warehouse manager, Naomi has recently taken over as project co-ordinator. Jan has taken a step back but still volunteers for the project and I would like to welcome Helen who has recently joined the team. New volunteers are always needed and will always be made more than welcome.

Thank you to our fantastic volunteers who wash and sort clothing donations at home and our drivers who collect any larger items that have been donated. This service is very valuable to us and without this we wouldn't be able to continue with the project.

We had an opportunity this year to have a stall at the Armed Forces Day held in Redcar and we were able to generate a little income from selling clothing packs and raise the profile of First Steps. Hopefully we will be able to participate next year too.

Since the last reporting year we have been able to help 60 local families which is a 33% increase on last years figure.



Promotions in the last 12 months

Sticky Beer puddings and Christmas puddings,were a firm favourite.

After the puddings we had to promote good oral health by providing family packs of toothbrushes, toothpaste, and mouth wash for both adults and children.

Twice provided 'stew packs' to encourage members to cook healthy meals.



Harvest Fest was a great success with all members receiving a generous bag of fruit & vegetables. We received this from churches, schools, allotments and private donations. A real community offering. We learnt how to stuff large marrows into very small bags!

Easter Egg Draw

Oh how our members love a free raffle, especially where chocolate is involved



Members Christmas Draw

A Hamper, Tesco Vouchers, Fresh Fruit, Chocolates, Cakes and Boxes of biscuits all much appreciated by the members.

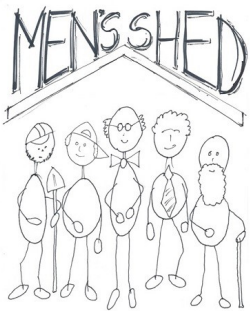
Helping to reduce waste

We now have added support from Tesco, Sainsbury's and Greggs, who kindly provide us with much needed bread and fresh produce. These are very much appreciated by the shop members.



For further information about Next Step Shop, please contact Evelyn at nextstep@footprintsinthecommunity.co.uk

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Men's Shed is a larger version of the typical man's shed in the garden - a place where he feels at home and pursues practical interests with a high degree of autonomy. Our Men's Shed offers this to a group of such men where members share the tools and resources they need to work on projects of their own choosing at their own pace and in a safe, friendly and inclusive venue.

Men's Shed is really popular - The men come from a variety of backgrounds and have a wide range of skills and interests. From mid 20's to 90+ the men have a common interest and friendships are formed along the way.

Unfortunately we had to close the Skelton Shed due to lack of members attending. Those who had signed up from that area have generally transferred over to Redcar.

Sadly, Nic Gibson, one of our founder 'shedders' died in November - Nic was a great guy who is missed by us all. He designed our logo (above) and Nic is pictured in the centre of the logo so we will never forget his great contribution!

Interested? Want to know more? Give Geoff a call or pop in to the Shed to see what's happening - you will be more than welcome!

They say a picture paints a thousand words, so opposite are just a few of the things some of the men have made. Everyone comes with their own ideas of what they want to make or do. When we move into new premises we hope to have a 'clean area' where men can do painting or other crafts without the risk of being covered in sawdust!



For further information about Men's Shed, please contact Geoff at mensshed@footprintsinthecommunity.co.uk

Tel; 07526 994468 or pop into the Shed during opening hours

