



Fylde Foodbank

Registered Charity Number 1157247

**Registered address: The Annex, United Reformed Church,
St George's Road, Lytham St Anne's FY8 2AE**

Annual Report for 2022 - 2023

Summary

Fylde Foodbank is an independent organisation, but it is also part of a national network of foodbanks each having a similar mission. Quality assurance is supported by membership of this network under the auspices of the Trussell Trust.

The objective of Fylde Foodbank is the prevention of poverty in the Fylde Borough area by providing emergency food supplied to individuals in need and/or charities or organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

The cost of living crisis, the UK has faced this year has had a significant impact on the Foodbank. This financial year 2022-2023 the foodbank has provided 3 days of food to 4290 adults and 2400 children. An increase of 1504 adults and 1021 children fed.

We are also still recovering post COVID pandemic. Many referral agencies remained closed and /or teams and working practices have significantly changed so we have lost touch with many. We continue to build those bridges, however the majority of referrals coming via Fylde Borough Council (971 out of 2606). Grateful thanks for all the support they have given.

During the year the foodbank provided support for many asylum seekers locating in Fylde. The families arrived with no recourse to public funds so grateful for assistance the foodbank was able to give.

Food Distribution

Demand for our foodbank services increases. This financial year food distributed to clients amounted to 49917.5 Kgs.(an increase of 8,735.5kgs from 2021-2022) A total of 2606 referral vouchers have been fulfilled across the centres an increase of 898 from 2021-2022.

1746 at St Anne's,
818 at Kirkham and
42 at Warton.

A large number of emergency parcels were handed directly to local organisations from both centres especially over the Christmas period. These parcels were distributed directly by them.

Like all Trussell Trust foodbanks guidelines for users are they are allowed to visit up to three times usually in a six month period unless there are exceptional circumstances. The foodbank does not wish to create a dependency culture. Towards the end of 2022 however the Trustees agreed that the number of visits could be increased to six in a six month period. This level of support remains in place. "Low Income" on referral vouchers as the reason for crisis showed that for many there is not enough money for those on low incomes to afford the essentials.

Relationships

Thank you to our local supermarkets – Booths, Sainsbury's, Morrison's, Aldi, Lidl, and the Co-op for their continued support. A total of 17255kgs collected from customer in store donation points over the year.

Many local Churches, schools, doctors' surgeries and business groups regularly help with donations as do the residents of Fylde. A big thank you to everyone who drops a tin or a packet into our in store donation bins. It is so much appreciated. Total food donations received in 2022-2023 was 40,777.22kg.

Volunteers

Fylde Foodbank is a volunteer run organisation. The foodbank has an extraordinary team of volunteers many of whom have been with the foodbank since it's opening in 2014. Everyone works very hard from inputting data to stacking shelves, packing parcels, and collecting from supermarkets. We would like to express a special thank you to two of our founding volunteers, Linda Salkeld and Bernard Armstrong, Project Manager and Treasurer respectively, two imperative roles in the charity which they carried out with commitment and care for 9 years. To all our volunteers thank you for all you do.

Governance

Names of the charity Trustees who manage the Charity as at the 31st March 2023:

Mrs Linda Nulty
Mrs Elaine Gladstone
Mrs Louise Chase
Mrs Ginette Puttock
Mr Peter Wood
Rev J Calderly
Mr John Puttock
Mr Peter Rickson

Treasurers Report

The Accounts for 2022-2023 have been independently examined and will be submitted to The Charity Commission.

The financial position of Fylde Foodbank as at 31st March 2023 is very healthy, with a cash balance of £117,235.26. This gives us a strong financial basis for the foreseeable future.

Income

During the financial year we received grants and donations totalling £91,860.09, almost three times the income for the previous year.

A major contribution to our income came from grants amounting to £30,000 received from Fylde Borough Council.

We also received £61,037.43 from individuals and local businesses, which is almost double the figure for the previous year.

Gift Aid amounted to £650.25 and bank interest was £172.41.

We are most grateful to the many individuals and local businesses who have generously supported us during the year. Without that support the Foodbank could not function.

Expenditure

Our expenses for the year were £68,942.59 so more than double that for the previous year.

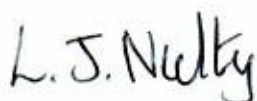
Food purchases accounted for £22,989.80 but we also purchased £21,000 in Gift Vouchers to give to those in need. The total of these costs represents a fivefold increase as against the previous year.

We also gave £15,000 in support grants to other local charities with similar objectives to ours.

Comment

The above figures show very substantial increases in both income and expenditure. Undoubtedly our expenditure will continue to rise due to increased need and inflation of food prices. Going forward we cannot guarantee that income will rise to match this, but we are well protected by the cash reserves that we have been able to set aside.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Annual Report
Signed on behalf of the charities Trustees.



Linda Nulty Chair of Trustees

29th September 2023