Waterside Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2025 To 31st March 2026

Charity name	Waterside Foodbank
Registered charity number	1136282
Charity's principal address	195 Hampton Lane Blackfield Southampton SO45 1XA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Stephen Green	Chair		
2	Stephen Fordham	Treasurer		
3	Joanna Trosh		1 Mar 25-31 Aug 25	
4	Alan Glaze			
5	Deborah Burke			
6	Linda Matthews			
7	Gillian Pickering			
8	Rebecca Brown			

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	SORP Ref	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointment by full board of Trustees

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The supply of emergency food for people who live in the Waterside who because of crises have no financial resources to buy food.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	No one in the Waterside should have to endure food or fuel poverty. The Charity collects and redistributes donated food by way of an Emergency Food Parcel (EFP) that provides three days of nutritionally balanced food. EFP's are issued by way of an on-line voucher system managed by the Trussell Trust. The charity is part of the nationwide network of food banks using the Trussell Trust managed E_Voucher System, to combat food poverty and hunger throughout the UK. The Waterside Foodbank has some 40 linked agencies issuing E_Vouchers through this system. Funded through donations received, Waterside provide fresh vegetable, eggs and bread with every EFP. Follow Up support: Signposting clients to further help is extremely important and the charity has follow-up contact with recipients of EFP to assist with information on further support such as Fairshare larders. The New Forest CAB manage a Financial Inclusion Officer (funded by the Trussell Trust) to work with the foodbank's clients (based in the foodbank part-time) to ensure they are claiming their full benefits and to assist in Signposting to further support. The charity is also linked to with the Fuelbank Foundation for the provision of fuel vouchers. These charity activities have been transferred to a new charity, constituted as Foundation Model Charitable Interest Organisation (also called the 'Waterside Foodbank') on the 1st March 2026. This charity is in the administrative process of being wound up.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have reviewed the charities activities to ensure that they have acted within and with regard to the Charity Commission guidelines on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	At the advice of the Trussell Trust the Waterside Foodbank have been working towards changing its legal status to a Foundation Model 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation' (CIO) providing limited liability to the organisation and Trustees. The CIO was established and registered at the beginning of Aug 2025. The activities (and assets & liabilities) of the Foodbank were transferred to the new charity (also called the Waterside Foodbank) on the 1st March 2026. The activities detailed below relate to the period from 1st April 2025 – 28th February 2026. This charity is in the administrative process of being 'wound-up'. Waterside Foodbank, supports the local community through its three links to, the Fuel Bank Foundation, the Foodbank (via Trussell Trust) and a CAB managed FIO: Through the Fuel Bank Foundations on-line facility, vouchers with the value of £30 (summer) and £49 (winter) have been issued to clients with pre-payment meters at risk of disconnection. In the financial year 2025_26, 154 Fuel Vouchers were issued 138 were redeemed, the balance (16) were cancelled, expired or rejected (9%). The Waterside Foodbank, successfully completed its 18th year of partnership with the Trussell Trust and through its on-line referral service, provided 1,365 emergency food parcels providing meals to 2,202 adults and 1,331 children. The foodbank has received 31,362kg of food in the form of: - donations from local supermarkets, churches, schools, businesses and individuals - purchases from local supermarkets. 31,342kg has been distributed, the equivalent of providing around 50,863 meals. The surplus has increased our stock by 22kg At Christmas, through the support of a local charity, Waterside Community Fund (formerly Dibden Local Allotments), a Winter Collection at a local supermarket and support from local individuals and community organisations, clients for Emergency Food Parcels have also received Christmas Parcels and Tesco Gift

		Vouchers for the purchase of Christmas meal ingredients. The Waterside Foodbank hosts a part-time Financial Inclusion Office (managed by CAB & part funded by the Trussell Trust). Clients are signposted to them for a voluntary review of finances, and a budget has been provided to support clients at their discretion of which £1,802 was spent in this financial year. Grants & donations totalling £31,230 were received from organisations giving more than £1,000 with the two largest being: - St Andrews, Dibden Purlieu £11,167 (mainly towards the facilities revamp) - Hampshire County Council: £5,000 towards the cost of the Financial Inclusion Officer £10,000 from the Household Support Fund for food. From September 25 to February 2026 the foodbank undertook the renovation of the premises it had occupied (without redecoration) since 2012. This redesign and building work totalled £51,470 and included the provision of a meeting room for confidential interviews (mainly by the FIO), an 'accessible toilet' and a Community Hub. The Waterside Foodbank has continued to be active with local community groups working to alleviate poverty and need in the New Forest. This has included the New Forest Cost of Living alleviation steering group, New Forest Partnership Committee and Southampton Foodbank Network. Volunteers: Whilst there has been some churn, the total numbers of volunteers have remained consistent. Employees: The charity continues to employ two part-time staff. Trustees: the charity currently operates with 7 Trustees. J Trosh resigned in Aug 2025

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	In the financial year, the charity received donated & grant Income of £79,780 against Expenditure of £135,530 leaving an excess of reserves of £175,890. These reserves were transferred to the Waterside Foodbank CIO using a 'General Vesting Declaration' signed on the 1st March 2026 leaving financial reserves in this charity for the year of £0.00
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	These transferred reserves will enable the Waterside Foodbanks activities to be continued in the Waterside Foodbank CIO
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£0.00 (as at 31 Mar 25)

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: Fordham

Full name: Stephen Fordham

Position: Trustee & Treasurer

Date: 7th Oct 2026.

	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	
Donations	3,702.42	2,015.80	10,638.97	2,480.86	1,018.36	1,304.74	1,790.33	2,477.72	8,377.22	7,399.35	3,064.36		44,270.13
Donations for Food	226.58	-	1,351.68	-	10,000.00	-	5,000.00	1,256.81	-	-	-		17,835.07
Donations - Gift Aided	417.00	397.00	447.00	417.00	2,887.37	537.00	537.00	837.00	1,007.00	412.00	352.00		8,247.37
Income for Fuel Vouchers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
HCC HSG / DWP Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Savings Ac Interest	288.09	315.31	656.02	306.61	307.74	622.29	282.23	265.61	2,947.95	267.43	242.31		6,501.59
Grant for Paid Staff	2,926.28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		2,926.28
INCOME	7,560.37	2,728	13,094	3,204	14,213	2,464	7,610	4,837	12,332	8,079	3,659	-	79,780
Administration	1,351	1,668	3,477	6,393	7,570	19,374	21,896	1,383	5,252	5,278	920	175,860	250,422.72
Food Top-ups & Eggs	1,662	2,507	2,259	1,882	1,705	1,309	1,053	1,576	5,692	1,883	2,477		24,005.45
Exp for Fuel Vouchers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Foodbank Equipment	-	443	-	-	270	- 15	2,536	459	7	606	36		4,342.08
FIO & DWP Grant purchases	- 1,369	244	66	271	60	-	156	89	658	95	102		372.35
PAYE Staff	2,315	2,322	2,171	2,594	2,238	2,123	2,737	2,642	2,372	3,013	7,721		32,247.62
EXPENSES	3,960.18	7,185	7,973	11,140	11,843	22,791	28,378	6,149	13,981	10,874	11,256	175,860	311,390
Transfers: HSBC, Lloyds, UTB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bal bFwd from 31 Mar 2025	231,610												
Surplus of Income over	3,600	- 4,457	5,121	- 7,936	2,370	- 20,327	- 20,769	- 1,312	- 1,649	- 2,796	- 7,597	- 175,860	- 231,610
Cum bank balance	235,210	230,753	235,874	227,939	230,309	209,982	189,214	187,902	186,253	183,457	175,860	-	
Lloyds bank bal - Mth End	9,497	6,131	3,411	11,379	19,496	18,411	14,367	12,106	5,567	8,758	6,219.69	-	
Lloyds FCIO bank bal - Mth End													
HSBC Bank Bal - Mth End	10,163	10,745	11,542	11,687	2,258	2,965	3,622	4,299	5,101	5,343	5,984.73	-	
Unty Trust Bank Bal Mth End	20,866	18,878	25,266	8,912	12,285	6,714	6,050	6,057	9,698	8,203	2,259.61	-	
Unty Trust Bank Bal Savings Instant Access 2.5% Pd Qtly	61,605	61,605	61,965	61,965	61,965	47,304	30,304	30,304	30,485	25,485	25,484.67	-	
UTB FCIO bank bal - Mth End													
Redwood Bank	83,079	83,395	83,690	83,997	84,305	84,588	84,870	85,135	85,402	85,669	85,911.79	-	
Cambridge & Counties, Interest 5.0% for 5 years, pd Annually	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000.00	-	
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Annual Cum Surplus	3,600	- 856	4,264	- 3,671	- 1,301	- 21,628	- 42,396	- 43,708	- 45,357	- 48,152	- 55,749	- 231,610	
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Examiner's unqualified report (for a non-company charity preparing receipts and payments accounts) with a gross income of £250,000 or less in the relevant financial year.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Waterside Foodbank (CN 1136282)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2026.

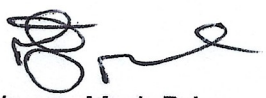
Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charitie's accounts 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:
1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Name: Mark Price

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Date: 21/09/26