Christian Kitchen

Annual Reports and Accounts

Financial Year ended 31st December 2025

Registered Charity No 1149052

Administrative Information

Christian Kitchen is a registered charity (No. 1149052), with its registered address at:

65 Blackhorse Road
Walthamstow
London
E17 7AS

Trustees who served during the year (2025)

Chair: Colin Carter

Secretary: Andrew Lock

Treasurer: Jerry Tawiah

Other Trustees:

- Carl Austrie
- Angela Baptiste
- Norman Coe
- Maria De La Cruz Martinez Servan
- Stephen Kearns
- Mumtaz Khalick
- Paige Singh
- Bethelhem Tedela
- David Williams

Post Financial Year-End Changes

None.

Banker

TSB Bank plc

Independent Examiner

Waqas Hussain

Structure, Governance and Management

Christian Kitchen is governed by a Trust Deed executed on 21 January 2012 based on the Charity Commission's Model Trust Deed.

The charity is managed by a Board of Trustees who are responsible for ensuring that Christian Kitchen operates in accordance with its charitable purposes, governing document, and all applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

The Trustees meet regularly to oversee the strategic direction, financial management, safeguarding of assets and delivery of charitable activities.

Objectives and Activities

The key objective of Christian Kitchen is the relief of financial hardship among people living or working in Waltham Forest by providing goods, services and support to those who would otherwise be unable to afford them.

The charity's principal activity remains the provision of hot meals, drinks and practical support to homeless, vulnerable and marginalised people in Walthamstow and surrounding areas.

Services are delivered through a dedicated team of volunteers who prepare and distribute meals throughout the year. The charity operates seven days a week and seeks to ensure that vulnerable people have access to nutritious food and social support regardless of their circumstances.

Beneficiaries of the Service

Christian Kitchen continues to support individuals experiencing homelessness, food poverty, financial hardship and social isolation.

Demand for services remained consistently high throughout 2025. On a typical evening, the charity provided between 35 and 40 meals together with hot and cold drinks and additional support where appropriate.

The Trustees remain mindful of the increasing cost of living and the continuing challenges faced by vulnerable members of the local community, many of whom rely on the charity's services on a regular basis.

Achievement and Performance

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

During 2025, Christian Kitchen continued to provide meals and support throughout the year without interruption. The charity benefited from the commitment of its volunteers and the continued generosity of supporters, churches, local businesses, funding organisations and members of the wider community.

The Trustees are pleased to report that the charity maintained and strengthened its operational capacity during the year whilst continuing to meet the increasing demand for its services.

Significant achievements during the year included:

- Continued provision of meals seven days per week.
- Investment in replacement kitchen equipment.
- Purchase of new fridges, cookers and kitchen appliances.
- Installation of new steel access doors to improve security.
- Development and improvement of the charity's website.
- Purchase of laptops and technology to enhance administration and reporting.
- Continued investment in food procurement, packaging and waste management arrangements necessary to support daily operations.
- Successful delivery of activities supported through National Lottery Community Fund funding.

These investments have improved the efficiency, sustainability and resilience of the charity and will support service delivery for future years.

Christian Kitchen – An Introduction

Who Are We?

Christian Kitchen is a charity based in the London Borough of Waltham Forest which provides hot meals every night of the week to people experiencing homelessness, hardship and social exclusion.

The charity is managed by a dedicated Board of Trustees and supported by volunteers from churches, community groups and the local area who give their time to help those in need.

Christian Kitchen has now been serving the local community for over twenty-five years and continues to provide a vital service to vulnerable individuals.

What Do We Do?

The charity provides free meals and refreshments throughout the year to individuals facing financial hardship and homelessness.

In addition to food provision, volunteers often provide signposting, practical assistance and a welcoming environment for those who may otherwise feel isolated or unsupported.

Christian Kitchen's values remain unchanged since its establishment and continue to focus on dignity, compassion and practical support for those most in need.

Funding Report – 2025

In order to operate effectively, Christian Kitchen continues to rely heavily on grants, donations and community support. These sources of income enable the charity to meet both day-to-day operational costs and longer-term development objectives.

Major funding and income received during 2025 are outlined below.

National Lottery Community Fund

The charity received **£62,750** from the National Lottery Community Fund during the year.

This funding forms part of a multi-year funding programme designed to support the continued development and sustainability of the charity's activities. Funding received through this programme is restricted and is applied in accordance with the agreed grant conditions.

Walthamstow and Chingford Almshouse Charity

Christian Kitchen continued to receive support from Walthamstow and Chingford Almshouse Charity during the year.

Funding received totalled **£15,013** and contributed towards operational costs associated with the charity's activities.

London Borough of Waltham Forest

The charity received **£750** from the London Borough of Waltham Forest during the year.

Donations and Community Support

The charity received **£13,143** in donations from individuals, churches, local businesses, community organisations and supporters.

In addition, Christian Kitchen continued to benefit from donations in kind, particularly food donations from local retailers and supermarkets, which helped reduce operating costs and support day-to-day service delivery.

The Trustees remain extremely grateful for the generosity and continued support received from the local community.

Branches and Other Income

Additional income of **£9,228** was received from Branches and other income sources during the year.

Summary of Income

Source	£
National Lottery Community Fund	62,750
Walthamstow & Chingford Almshouse Charity	15,013
Donations	13,143
Branches / Other Income	9,228
London Borough of Waltham Forest	750
Total Income	**100,884**

Financial Review

Total income for the year amounted to **£100,884** (2024: £26,608).

The significant increase in income compared with the previous year was primarily attributable to the receipt of **£62,750 of restricted funding from the National Lottery Community Fund**, together with continued support from Walthamstow and Chingford Almshouse Charity, community donors and other local funding sources.

Total expenditure for the year amounted to **£49,294** (2024: £34,084).

Year-end cash funds amounted to **£178,394** (2024: £126,804).

The Trustees are satisfied that the charity remains financially stable and possesses sufficient resources to continue delivering its charitable objectives.

Financial Position Summary

Description	£
Opening Funds (1 January 2025)	126,804
Income Received	100,884
Total Funds Available	227,688
Expenditure	(49,294)
Closing Funds (31 December 2025)	178,394

Presentation of Income and Expenditure

During the year, the Trustees reviewed the presentation of income and expenditure categories to provide a clearer and more meaningful analysis of the charity's activities.

Certain donation income streams that had previously been reported separately have been combined under a single **Donations** heading.

Similarly, expenditure categories have been refined to provide greater transparency over the charity's activities, including separate reporting of:

- Food Procurement
- Packaging
- Waste Disposal
- Marketing and Promotion
- Kitchen Refurbishment
- Volunteer Costs

This revised presentation improves the clarity of financial reporting.

These presentational changes affect classification only and have **no impact on total income, expenditure, fund balances or year-end cash balances**.

Future Plans

During 2026 the Trustees intend to:

- Continue providing meals and support seven days a week.
- Deliver activities funded through the National Lottery Community Fund programme.
- Maintain and improve facilities and equipment used to support service delivery.

- Continue strengthening governance, financial management and volunteer recruitment.
- Explore additional grant and fundraising opportunities to ensure the long-term sustainability of the charity.
- Expand partnership working with local organisations, funders and community groups.

The Trustees remain committed to ensuring that Christian Kitchen continues to meet the needs of vulnerable people within the local community.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Receipts and Payments Accounts in accordance with applicable law and Charity Commission guidance.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Approval

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

Colin Carter	**Jerry Tawiah**
Chair of Trustees	Treasurer
Signature: 	Signature: 
Date: 30th October 2026	Date: 30th October 2026

Christian Kitchen
Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025
Charity Number: 1149052

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Christian Kitchen (Charity no. 1149052)

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Christian Kitchen ("the Charity") for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 133 of the 2011 Act.

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.

Name: Waqas Hussain
Qualification: FCCA, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
Address: 10 Knebworth Avenue, Walthamstow, E17 5AJ
Date: 28/10/2026

Signed:



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Christian Kitchen	1149052

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1st January 2025	To	31st December 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	13,143	-	-	13,143	15,654
WACA / Almshouse Grant	15,013	-	-	15,013	10,954
National Lottery Grant	-	62,750	-	62,750	-
LBWF Grant	750	-	-	750	-
Branches / Other Income	9,228	-	-	9,228	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	38,134	62,750	-	100,884	26,608
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Bank (at 1st January 2025)	- 10,822	137,626	-	126,804	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	- 10,822	137,626	-	126,804	-
Total receipts	27,312	200,376	-	227,688	26,608
A3 Payments					
Food Procurement	4,217	-	-	4,217	6,096
Kitchen Refurbishment	-	12,280	-	12,280	19,946
Marketing and Promotion	-	8,165	-	8,165	
Overheads	5,359	-	-	5,359	2,747
Packaging	5,968	-	-	5,968	
Rent/Venue cost	3,265	-	-	3,265	3,000
Training	-	216	-	216	216
Van Operational cost &	-	3,287	-	3,287	2,079
Volunteer costs	95	-	-	95	
Waste disposal	6,443	-	-	6,443	-
Sub total	25,347	23,948	-	49,294	34,084
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	25,347	23,948	-	49,294	34,084
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,966	176,428	-	178,394	- 7,476
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,966	176,428	-	178,394	- 7,476

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	**Closing Balance at 31st**	**1,966**	**176,428**	**-**
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	**1,966**	**176,428**	**-**
		OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Colin Carter	**Colin Carter**	**20/10/2026**
	Jerry Tawiah	**Jerry Tawiah**	**20/10/2026**