Hinckley Christian Community Action
(HCCA)

Hinckley Christians serving our Community

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Registered Charity No 1154754

Trustees Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year to 31st March 2026

incorporating

Hinckley Area foodbank
A Member of the Trussell Foodbank Network

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1.0 CHARITY INFORMATION & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Name	**Hinckley Christian Community Action**
Other working names	**Hinckley Area foodbank**
Charity Registration No.	**1154754** (England & Wales)
Charity Format	**Charitable Incorporated Organisation** (CIO)
Governing Document	**Constitution - Association model**
Date Registered	**26th Nov 2013**
Principal Address	**Barleyfield** **Hinckley** **Leics.** **LE10 1YE**
Trustees 2025/2026	**Jim Matthews (until November 2025)** **Ros Arnold** **Tony Wakefield** **Greg Lennox** **Sue Houghton** **Sandra Harvey** **Paul Dexter**
Bank	**HSBC plc** 10 Market Place, Hinckley, Leics. LE10 1NU
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The Trustees Report for the period ending 31st March 2026

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Charity Formation

Hinckley Christian Community Action (HCCA) was set up to be responsible for running Hinckley foodbank, now **Hinckley Area Foodbank** (HAFB), together with any future charitable Social Enterprises. It formally took over the responsibility for the Foodbank on 1st September 2014.

Hinckley Area Foodbank*,* (a member of the Trussell National Foodbank Network), provides three day's supply of food to local people in financial crisis who have obtained a foodbank voucher from a local agency; and if possible, we signpost to other agencies who can help resolve the crisis.

Structure, governance, and management
HCCA is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), formally Registered by the Charity Commission on 26th Nov 2013, and with a Constitution based on the Charity Commission *'Association'* model.

2.2 Trustees

At the end of the 2025/26 financial year, there are 7 trustees: -

- **Ros Arnold** Hinckley Baptist Church
- **Jim Matthews** All St Church, Sapcote (until November 2025)
- **Greg Lennox** Holy Trinity Church, Hinckley
- **Tony Wakefield** LBC Earl Shilton
- **Sue Houghton (Mtg Chair)** Desford Free Church
- **Sandra Harvey** St John's Church, Hinckley
- **Paul Dexter** Hinckley Baptist Church

The Constitution requires that there must be at least 3 and a maximum of 11 elected trustees appointed for three years, either by the current trustees; or by nomination of Charity Members; plus one trustee by nomination from ***Churches Together in Hinckley*** (CTiH)

2.3 Public Benefit

HAFB continues to help local people and families who find themselves in financial crisis, referred to the foodbank. All clients are met with compassion and a listening ear irrespective of their age, gender, colour, ethnic background, faith or no faith, and social status. The only requirement is that they are referred by a front-line Agency due to a financial crisis, and live in the Leicestershire, Leicester, or Warwickshire area.

The foodbank may assist similar charities working in other areas within the UK by prior agreement with the Trustees.

The trustees are therefore satisfied that the HCCA aims meet the requirements of, and guidance within the Charities Acts in respect of public benefit.

2.4 Linked / Partner Organisations

Trussell - Hinckley Area foodbank is a member of and subscribes to the aims of the Trussell foodbank Network. We receive guidance, access to a digital hub containing support, training and advice, an HAFB website, branded publicity materials, access to the Annual Conference, national credibility, and networking opportunities and benefits. Trussell also provides an on-line Data Collection system which benefits both HAFB and Trussell. *[Trussell - Reg'd Charity No. 1110522]*
Churches Together in Hinckley and Burbage (CTiH) – HAFB is well supported by many individual churches around the Hinckley area across the denominations, as well as directly by CTiH, who can nominate one person as an HCCA trustee.

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC) – From the beginning, HAFB has enjoyed a high level of support from HBBC and includes the free provision of a workshop unit for the storage of food, as well as the free use of their top floor De Montfort Suite for Agency Forums and other meetings each year, when available.

Citizens Advice Leicestershire *(CA)* – Trussell introduced the 'Financial Inclusion' project which is specifically designed to lessen reliance on foodbanks. To support this goal, we partnered with Citizens Advice Leicestershire, which employs and trains personnel on our behalf to deliver specialist advice at foodbank centres. They also provide follow-up appointments and additional services. This partnership ensures the necessary FCA accreditation for offering financial advice, as well as support for addressing more complex issues."

2.5 Objects

The objects of HCCA as stated in our Constitution, are:-

> *The objects of the CIO are the relief of poverty by the provision of food to people and families in financial hardship, or providing such other assistance as the trustees shall deem fit, within an ethos of Christian care.*
> ***Such action to serve any/all appropriate persons in Leicestershire, Leicester, and Warwickshire (and other areas within the UK by prior agreement with the Trustees) providing help without discrimination.*** *(Rev 2.3 - 18/04/2016)*

Should it be deemed appropriate to commence any other charitable social enterprise in the future, Charity Commission agreement would be needed and obtained where necessary, to amend these objects.

2.6 Summary of Main Activities

Hinckley Area Foodbank
Normally foodbank Clients, local people in short-term crisis, are provided with three day's supply of food sufficient for the number of people in the family. They are referred by front-line agencies familiar with their case, such as the Council, Social workers; School Family Support workers and many others; who give the Client a foodbank voucher to take to a Foodbank Centre.

At the Centre, the Client would be met with compassion, a cup of tea or coffee, and a friendly listening ear. Details are taken of any allergies or diet related health issues (e.g. diabetes), and the food is packed into supermarket carrier bags or their own bags when available, for them to take away. Assistance is also given with toiletries when needed and when available.

At the Centres, our volunteers often direct clients to advice and support available through the CA partnership. They may also refer clients to other charities or agencies that, for example, provide low-cost furniture or white goods, offer volunteer opportunities, or assist with housing issues. The food is donated by individuals through collection points in their churches, supermarkets, workplaces, or community halls. These are taken to our storage warehouse where they are weighed, dated, sorted, and shelved in type and date order ready for picking by volunteers collecting for the Foodbank Centres. At this point stock is weighed out giving a stock accounting system based upon kg weight.

The foodbank benefits greatly from the support of many volunteers (140+ people), without whose goodwill the foodbank could not run. Each foodbank centre is normally run by between 5 – 9 volunteers each week, usually on a rota system to avoid fatigue. Other volunteers help with sorting food at the Storage Unit, driving the fresh fruit and vegetables van, or with the admin work inputting voucher or stock information onto the Trussell online Data system.

3.0 ACHIEVEMENTS APRIL ’25 - MARCH ’26

3.1 Foodbank Centres

The number of centres operating through this financial year remains at nine and as predicted, the Desford centre has proved very valuable for those living in rural communities.

Our nine centres are based across the local area as below -

Monday	13:00 - 15:00	St John’s Church, Hinckley
Tuesday	12:00 - 14:00	Salvation Army, Hinckley
Wednesday	11:00 - 13:00	Pathways Centre, Hinckley Baptist Church
	11:15 - 13:15	Desford Free Church
	14:00 - 16:00	Barwell Methodist Church
	17:00 - 19:00	Congregational Church, Burbage
Thursday	10:00 - 12:00	St Mary’s Church, Hinckley
	18:30 - 20:30	LBC Earl Shilton
Friday	13:30 - 15:30	St Francis Community Centre, Hinckley

3.2 The Foodbank Warehouse

We continue to need three warehouses and we are very blessed that Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council continue to support us by providing one rent free, and all 3 rate free.

The warehouse is open on Mondays 9:30am-6pm (Tuesdays when there is a Bank Holiday), and Thursdays 9:30am - 4:30pm. There are 13 regular warehouse volunteers.

Additionally, this year we had 5 young people with us for varying periods as part of their Community section for the Duke of Edinburgh Award programme or Scout Challenge Award. In addition to these young people, we have had 2 work release placements to help us at particular busy times. On 3 other occasions groups of guides and young adults from a local special needs school have had experience of the warehouse environment.

We have continued to provide fresh fruit and vegetables to our clients on a regular basis. Fluctuations in our driver base with numbers up to 11 and now down to 9 have seen us serve 8 centres at one time, but have now settled back at 7.

A vast majority of our fresh produce is purchased from wholesalers and delivered to the Wonky Veg Box. We then collect it from him. Local supermarkets are still occasionally used to make up weekly shortfalls. The Wonky Veg Box often gives us a wide variety of additional fruit and veg that are a bonus for our clients, and these are given out on a help yourself basis. Between Dec 4th and March 31st this came to 532kg for which we are very grateful.

Our bags continue to be pre-packed at the warehouse. Each bag is for two people and contains potatoes, carrots, onions, apples, oranges and bananas.

Working on a Rota basis, our volunteer drivers load and drive the van to a centre; supervise and allocate the distribution of the bags; and then return unused produce to the warehouse ready to be used for the next session.

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During this year we spent £4,537 and provided **3,120** bags of fruit and vegetables for **3209,** adults and **1,611** children.

3.3 Clients fed

This financial year has seen a clear reduction in the number of vouchers issued. While our conversations with clients show that food poverty remains closely linked to the rising cost of living, we are confident, and have evidence to support that the Financial Inclusion project has played a significant role in this positive shift. By addressing the root causes of financial hardship, the project has helped reduce the number of people needing our support.

Vouchers fulfilled this year total **2,483**, providing food for **3,603 adults** and **1,878 children under 16**, supporting **5,481 people in total**. This equates to approximately **49,329 meals** provided over the year.

This represents a 10.97% decrease compared with last year, and it's a hopeful sign that fewer people are reaching absolute crisis point. It also marks the third year in a row that we've seen numbers fall, something that offers a moment of relief in a landscape that is often overwhelmingly difficult.

But that hope sits alongside growing unease. Recent world events and global fuel pressures are creating huge instability, and food prices are expected to rise sharply. For households already stretched to their limits, even small increases can push them back into hardship. We are watching closely, knowing all too well that it is always those with the least who feel the impact first and most intensely.

3.4 Stock donations

Stock Balance at 31.03.2026 – 12,487.0 kg

2025/26 Stock movement:

Kgs	Comment
47,399.10	Stock donated through our usual local network of supermarkets, churches, schools, corporate, individuals etc.
57,446.30	Stock required to fulfil vouchers issued
10,047.2	**17.49% Shortage** - Purchased, or donated via other foodbanks to fulfil clients' needs

Stock Source	Weight	%
Donations via supermarkets	19,412.9	33.53%
Donations via charities, schools, churches, corporate, individuals etc	27,986.2	48.33%
Stock from other foodbanks & items purchased due to the short supply via donations.	10,496.2	18.14%
Total	**57,895.3**	**100.00%**

Stock in source	Donated in kg (% of source total)	Source total in kg	'% of overall total
Donations from donors - Charities	1,338.6 100%	1,338.6	2.31%
Donations from donors - Churches	9,568.8 100%	9,568.8	16.53%
Donations from donors - Community groups	1,968.9 100%	1,968.9	3.40%
Donations from donors - Corporates	4,489.6 100%	4,489.6	7.75%
Donations from donors - Educations	4,863.5 100%	4,863.5	8.40%
Donations from donors - Individual(s)	2,216.6 100%	2,216.6	3.83%
Donations from donors - Other bulk food distributors	3,540.2 100%	3,540.2	6.11%
Donations from donors - Supermarkets	19,412.9 100%	19,412.9	33.53%

The rate of donations continues to decline, reflecting the difficult financial challenges people are facing at the moment. It is entirely understandable that many are no longer able to give in the way they once could, and this is a reality we fully recognise. At the same time, it is something we must plan for, and respond to, ensuring we can continue supporting those who need us most.
Stock in is 57,895.30 kg and stock out is 57,446.3 kg. The lower outflow doesn't account for this year's purchases or the substantial shortfall expected next year.

Supermarket donations dropped to 19,412.9kg however, accounts for 33.53% of our donations this year.

Previous 4 years:

FY 25/26 - 33.5.%
FY 24/25 - 35.8%
FY 23/24 - 27.4%
FY 22/23 - 38.7%

Similarly, donations from churches (**9568.8 kg)**, showed a drop to **16.53%.**
All stock donations reflect the kindness & generosity of the public, which is so heartening.

FY 25/26 16.53%
FY 24/25 20%
FY 23/24 17%
FY 22/23 22%

The shortfall between the total stock-in figure (**47,399.10 kg)** and stock-out (**57,446.30 kg)** is **10,047.2kg** which equates to a **17.49% Shortage -** To meet most of this voucher shortfall we purchased **7,316.5kg** of additional stock through supermarkets and an additional **3,139.6kg (5.42%)** through the Trussell Leicestershire South Regional Distribution Centre and Coventry.

Even with the decline in donations, we continue to feel incredibly blessed. We still receive an outstanding level of support from individuals and businesses across our local community. It is genuinely encouraging that, even after more than twelve years of having a presence in Hinckley, new donors continue to come forward. Their willingness to get involved reminds us how deeply our community cares and how committed people remain to helping others.

Local Lions and Rotary groups have continued collecting for us along with community groups like the Scouts, Guides, and various workplace initiatives.

The donations come from many directions, principally from:-
13 Supermarket Permanent Collection Points
42 churches
38 Schools / Pre-schools
22 Community groups
37 Corporate groups
3 Supermarket - hold collection days

3.5 Bankuet

Our partnership with Bankuet continues to be invaluable, securing **£4,967.32** in donations this year. Their refined ordering system has made it significantly easier for us to request the exact quantities we need, an improvement we greatly appreciate. Through Bankuet, **3,540 kg** of food (representing **7.47%** of our total stock) was delivered efficiently to our warehouse at reduced prices, helping us stretch our resources further and support more people in need.

3.6 Harvest 2025

We were once again privileged to be welcomed into many local schools to deliver assembly talks and presentations. These sessions didn't just boost our Harvest collections; they **strengthened community awareness and prompted meaningful engagement** with the issue of food poverty across our area.

The response was extraordinary. Thanks to the generosity of local churches, schools, and youth organisations, including groups such as the Brownies and Brigades, we received **4,923.2 kg** of stock. In total, **61** schools, nurseries, churches, church youth groups, and individual supporters contributed. This level of engagement demonstrates a powerful truth: our community continues to stand firmly behind those facing hardship, and their collective commitment is making a real & measurable difference.

3.7 Annual Stock-take

The annual stock take was taken at the end of March, closing the financial year.

The total amount of stock weighed this year is **57,895.3kgs,** with a balance of stock to carry forward into the 26-27 financial year of **12,487 kgs**

At the end of the previous financial year 2024-25, we carried 12,042 kgs into this year, which gives us a similar starting position as last year (**3.69% change)**

3.8 Financial Inclusion Project-in partnership with Citizens Advice Leics.

This project is currently grant-funded by Trussell, which also provides support through the local Area Manager, and a Trussell Financial Inclusion Manager. The grant is specifically designated to cover the costs of sustaining this work.

Our partnership with Citizens Advice (CA) is at the heart of this work. CA employs and trains two advisors on our behalf, one working 21 hours a week and the other 16 hours, together forming a full-time 37-hour role. Their presence brings specialist knowledge directly into the foodbank environment, where it is needed most.

Often, our advisors meet people for the first time at the foodbank centre, offering immediate guidance at a moment of real vulnerability. From there, they provide follow-up appointments and ongoing support, ensuring no one has to navigate complex systems alone. Through this partnership, we are also able to offer FCA-accredited financial advice, something that can be life-changing for those facing overwhelming financial pressures.

This year has been particularly challenging, and maintaining the same level of client support has been difficult. Following a period of long-term sickness, the advisor in the 21-hour post accepted redundancy, reducing our capacity to just 16 hours. Then, in March 2026, the advisor in the 16-hour post also resigned to take up a role better suited to her family commitments.

However, even with the forementioned staffing issues, during this financial year CA engaged with a total of **441** clients, with **119** being new unique clients, meaning clients who wouldn't have accessed CA support without our FI project. This provided income gains totalling **£120,410**

We remain committed to maintaining this provision, the results prove it continues to make a real difference for the people who use it. Due to increased costs from Citizens Advice and wider funding pressures, we are currently only able to support one advisor. Citizens Advice are now recruiting to fill this post, and we'll work closely with them to ensure a smooth transition and minimal disruption to the service.

The table below shows an example of the type of issues dealt with and the numbers of clients supported.

Issues	No. of affected clients
Benefits (inc. charitable support and grants)	**235**
Debt	**70**
Utilities	**18**
Housing	**42**
Budgeting	**36**
Employment	**10**
Relationships	**14**
Immigration	**1**
Tax	**3**
Consumer	**4**
Education	**0**
Other	**8**

During the reporting period our CAFI adviser supported 119 individual clients, generating 442 advice issues across 162 cases

Outcome	Value
Income gain (benefits awarded / reinstated)	**£88,397**
Reimbursements, services and loans secured	£1,538
Debts written off	£4,945
Repayments rescheduled	£1,000
Other financial outcomes	£24,530
TOTAL FINANCIAL BENEFIT	**£120,410**

The £88,397 income gain is particularly significant: this represents new, recurring money flowing directly into clients' households, the most durable form of financial resilience. At an average of approximately £742 per client, successful benefit awards reduce dependency on emergency food provision and help prevent clients from returning in crisis. The £4,945 in debts written off and £1,000 in rescheduled repayments are equally important in stabilising clients' financial positions, reducing the pressure that drives many to foodbanks in the first place. The £24,530 recorded

under other outcomes reflects additional advocacy, referrals, and practical support that do not easily fit a single category but represent real and measurable changes in clients' circumstances. This aligns with Trussell's research showing that around **5 in 6 low-income** households on Universal Credit are already going without essentials. Their analysis indicates that a single adult would need at least **£122 a week and a couple £200** to cover even the most basic living costs. The current basic rate is just £98 a week. It simply doesn't stretch to food, bills, transport, and other essentials.

This shortfall means people in our community are skipping meals, and it remains one of the leading reasons why so many turn to food banks for support.

3.9 Fundraising

We are deeply grateful that so many local groups and organisations have chosen Hinckley Foodbank as their charity for this financial year. From choir performances and quiz nights to Christmas card sales and community-led initiatives, every contribution has played an essential role in sustaining our work. The generosity and dedication of our supporters genuinely transform the lives of local people experiencing food insecurity. We are always delighted to be selected as one of the beneficiaries of AlterNativity, one of the long-standing community-led projects supporting the work of HCCA. AlterNativity was created by members of various Hinckley churches, and is now a Hinckley Churches Together event. Its purpose is to encourage a different approach to Christmas giving by offering 'Life Gifts', meaningful alternatives to traditional presents that help people who are poor, hungry, sick, or homeless both locally and globally.

This year, we were truly blessed to receive an incredible £1,087 in donations. Our sincere thanks go to the organisers, and to everyone who generously purchased gifts and helped raise this remarkable total. Their kindness will make a real and lasting difference to local people in crisis.

3.10 Christmas Appeal 2025

The Hinckley Area Christmas appeal is now well established and is run jointly between Hinckley Area Foodbank, Children and Family Wellbeing Service and the Salvation Army. Together, we provide essential support to individuals experiencing financial difficulty.

As part of the appeal, we distribute **restricted Aldi vouchers**, which cannot be used for alcohol, lottery tickets or cigarettes. These vouchers provide financial assistance while ensuring dignity, allowing recipients to make their own choices for their Christmas essentials. This year, we supplied **£15,470 worth of vouchers**, which were distributed through our partner organisations. Thanks to these efforts, we were able to support **567 local families**, including **946 children,** and including **36 vouchers** given to **our vulnerable single adults.**

3.11 Support with items other than food

This winter, soaring energy costs collided with rising rents and mortgage payments, leaving many households facing a heartbreaking reality: they simply could not afford to keep warm. The connection between fuel costs and poverty has never felt sharper.

In response, we stepped in with whatever warmth we could offer. We distributed hot water bottles, small items that can mean everything on a freezing night, and we still have a limited supply available for those who continue to struggle. For people in the most difficult circumstances, we provided sleeping bags and blankets, offering even a little protection against the cold.

What has been truly moving is the way our community rallied. Local groups came together to sew and knit hot water bottle covers, hats, mittens, and blankets. Many of these volunteers cannot donate money or spare time for regular shifts, yet they poured their skills and compassion into something that will keep someone else warm. It's a reminder that kindness has many forms, and every one of them matters.

3.12 Support for other local food poverty projects

Sharnford and Sapcote churches sought assistance for their **Hope in the Summer** and **Easter Projects** aimed at providing food hampers and gifts for families in need in both villages and school communities. Struggling families were nominated by the schools, pre-school groups and churches to ensure support reached those in need. A total **of 664.5 kgs** was provided to help support their hamper project, allowing families to receive much-needed assistance during these significant periods of the year.

4.0 STAFF

4.1 Existing Staff

Throughout this financial year our staff roles have remained largely unchanged. However, our Administration Manager retired, and we welcomed a new person into the role.

We continue to have **four part-time employees,** ensuring the team remains well-supported as we carry out our work.

The roles are:-

- Foodbank Manager (20 hrs/wk) employed since July 2023
- Admin Manager (12 hrs/wk) employed since March 2025
- Assistant Foodbank Manager/Fundraiser (20 hrs/wk) employed since August 2024
- Finance Manager (7 hrs/wk) employed since September 2022

4.2 Real Living Wage Policy

We continue to maintain the policy implemented in April 2020; this dictates that the charity's base salary is a minimum of the Real Living Wage plus 3%.

5.0 FINANCIAL COMMENTS

5.1 Donations

During the financial year, we have continued to receive many substantial donations, including the following donations of £1,000 and over, for which we are very grateful:

- BMS Aircon £3,000.00
- Living Rock Church, Stoney Stanton £2,000.00
- Vortex Optical £1,200.00
- Charis Consultants Ltd £1,100.00
- Alternativity £1,087.00
- Pavers £1,000.00

5.2 Fundraising

During the year, we also received the following fundraising income, (over £100)

- Big Give Campaign £2,710.00**
- Big Give Campaign – matched fundraising £2,500.00
- Jubilee Singers . . . . . £ 820.96**
- Easy Fundraising . . . . . £ 407.35
- Supermarket Food Drives . . . . . £ 363.53
- Christmas Cards. . . . . £ 180.00
- Recycling for Good Causes . . . . . £ 136.70

** The Big Give total includes £573.86 donated from the summer Jubilee Singers Concert

Additionally, a fundraising quiz was held on 4th April 2025. Although this event took place during the 25-26 financial year, the bulk of the fundraising came in during the 24-25 financial year. During the 24-25 financial year, a profit of £1,019 was made. During the 25-26 financial year, a further £473 was raised and expenses of £659.99 were paid out. In total the quiz made a profit of £832.01 across the two financial years.

5.3 Trussell Trust Supermarket Top-up Funds

As mentioned under ‘Supermarket Collections’, and ‘Permanent Collection Points’, thanks to National Agreements the Trussell have with Tesco, we benefit from a financial donation based on 20% of the value of the stock collected either through store collections or via the PCP’s, based on a set value of £2.77/kg of stock, less a 15% Trussell admin charge, and capped at approx. 60%. We receive these funds twice a year, up to 6-9 months after the date of the respective collection.

In addition thanks to a similar agreement Trussell have with Asda, we benefit likewise based on 20% of the stock value. These funds are again generally received twice a year, up to 6-9 months after the collection date. During the financial year, we received **£3,434.56** in respect of Trussell Top-up Funds.

5.4 Grants Received

We are grateful to the following trusts and organisations for supporting the work of Hinckley Area Foodbank with the award of the following grants:

- Leicestershire County Council
  - Household Support Fund £28,000
- Trussell
  - Financial Inclusion £22,500
  - HAFB Running costs . . . . . £ 3,375
- R&S Brucciani Fund . . . . . £ 3,000
- HBBC Rural Community Council . . . . . £ 1,500
- The Neighbourly Foundation . . . . . £ 1,500
- HBBC Warm Welcome . . . . . £ 1,200
- Helen Jean Cope Foundation . . . . . £ 1,000
- Maud Elkington Trust . . . . . £ 1,000
- J Reginald Corah Foundation Fund . . . . . £ 500
- Hinckley & Rugby Building Society . . . . . £ 500
- Florence Turner Trust . . . . . £ 500
- Tesco Stronger Starts – breakfast items for local schools . . . £ 500
- Blakemore Foundation . . . . . £ 100

5.5 Gifts & Grants made

Apart from the Grants noted in 5.4 above, HAFB gave the following financial Gifts/Grants:

- The Tesco Stronger Starts grant was distributed to a total of 18 schools across the region to purchase breakfast items. HAFB contributed a further £580 to top up the amount given to each school.

5.6 Reserves

Whilst there is no specific Reserves Policy apart from good stewardship, HCCA does however maintain a practice of:

- ring-fencing 3 months' salary costs for each staff member
- setting aside a monthly amount towards the annual insurance costs (£290/month)

5.7 Trustee payments / benefit

During this financial year, no trustees received any payment from funds apart from repayment of expenses.

5.8 Going Concern

In approving the accounts for the past year, Trustees are required by charity law to declare whether they have been prepared on a “going concern” basis, i.e. Trustees have reviewed the financial position of HCCA at the year end, and the prospects for the immediate future, and consider that the organisation will be solvent in this period.

Specifically, this means that Trustees must be able to confirm that they expect, with reasonable certainty, that HCCA will be able to pay its bills as they become due in the 12 months from the date on which the accounts are signed (i.e. to Oct 2026).

The Trustees consider HCCA is a going concern because:

a. The charity was able to bring forward into 2026/27 cash balances of £129,225. Apart from a restricted fund of £66,844, all balances are available to support Foodbank spending in 2026/27 and beyond
b. The budget approved in March 2026 showed expenditure of £98,125 for 2026/27, and income of £50,000 in year. The reserve balance brought forward is £62,381. The total of reserves brought forward plus in-year income exceeds planned spending until Oct 2027 (i.e. ~12 months from the signing of these accounts) by over £14,000.
c. Trustees consider that the estimate of income anticipated during the 2026/27 year is reasonable and likely to be achieved. The figures are based on actual income received during the previous year (for supermarket partnerships, fundraising and regular donations), and on prudent estimates of one-off donations.
d. Estimates of expenditure during 2026/27 are based on actual costs during the previous year with allowance for inflation.
e. Regular monitoring of income and expenditure takes place during the year allowing Trustees the opportunity to adjust spending or seek further income, should variations from the budget become apparent.

On this basis, Trustees consider that the preparation of the accounts on a “going concern” basis is appropriate.

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This report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Roslyn Arnold (Trustee)

Signature R. Arnold

Independent Examiners Report

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hinckley Christian Community Action

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO'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

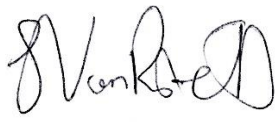
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



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Date 2/7/26

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	40,066	4,475	-	44,542	53,422
Other trading activities	1,930	142,194	-	144,125	151,884
Investments	2,066	-	-	2,066	2,755
Income from charitable activities	3,434	-	-	3,434	3,607
Other income	3,608	61,849	-	65,458	117,440
Total income	**51,107**	**208,520**	**-**	**259,628**	**329,109**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditure on charitable activities	75,660	221,057	-	296,718	317,573
Other expenditure	4,807	-	-	4,807	6,408
Total expenditure	**80,467**	**221,057**	**-**	**301,525**	**323,982**
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	**(29,361)**	**(12,538)**	**-**	**(41,898)**	**5,127**
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	800	-	-	800	13,500
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	(801)	-	(801)	(13,500)
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	**(28,560)**	**(13,338)**	**-**	**(41,898)**	**5,127**
Total funds brought forward	**104,085**	**80,182**	**-**	**184,268**	**179,141**
Total funds carried forward	**75,526**	**66,844**	**-**	**142,370**	**184,268**
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	1,466	-	-	1,466	1,297
Designated					
Hinckley Area Foodbank	74,060	-	-	74,060	102,788
Restricted					
HAFB - Benefits in Kind	-	-	-	-	-
HAFB - Restricted Funds	-	66,844	-	66,844	80,182
Total funds	**75,526**	**66,844**	**-**	**142,370**	**184,268**

Balance Sheet detailed

Class and code	Description	As at 31/03/2026	As at 31/03/2025
Fixed assets			
0400	Fixtures and fittings	5,094	6,792
0401	Motor Vehicle	7,809	10,412
0402	Computer Equipment	1,515	2,022
	Total Fixed assets	**14,419**	**19,226**
Current assets			
0330	HSBC Current Account	4,297	9,096
0331	HSBC Deposit Account	58,690	91,597
0332	Kingdom Bank Savings	63,471	62,461
0334	Cash in Hand	101	-
0335	Benefits in Kind	-	520
0336	HMRC - Gift Aid Due	580	461
0600	Prepayments	2,084	2,274
Z05	Accounts Receivable	-	-
	Total Current assets	**129,225**	**166,411**
Liabilities			
0500	Accruals	1,020	1,020
Z04	Accounts Payable	253	349
	Total Liabilities	**1,273**	**1,369**
	Net Asset surplus (deficit)	**142,370**	**184,268**
Reserves			
	Excess/(deficit) to date	(41,898)	184,268
	Starting balance	184,268	-
	Total Reserves	**142,370**	**184,268**
	Represented by Funds		
	General (Unrestricted)	1,466	1,297
	Designated	74,060	102,788
	Restricted	66,844	80,182
	Total	**142,370**	**184,268**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed Asset - Tangible Assets						
0400: Fixtures and fittings	-	245	4,848	-	5,094	6,792
0401: Motor Vehicle	-	2,809	5,000	-	7,809	10,412
0402: Computer Equipment	-	1,515	-	-	1,515	2,022
Total	**-**	**4,570**	**9,848**	**-**	**14,419**	**19,226**
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
0330: HSBC Current Account	1,468	4,011	(1,182)	-	4,297	9,096
0331: HSBC Deposit Account	-	511	58,178	-	58,690	91,597
0332: Kingdom Bank Savings	-	63,471	-	-	63,471	62,461
0334: Cash in Hand	-	101	-	-	101	-
Total	**1,468**	**68,095**	**56,996**	**-**	**126,560**	**163,155**
Current Asset - Debtors						
0336: HMRC - Gift Aid Due	(3)	582	-	-	580	461
0600: Prepayments	-	2,084	-	-	2,084	2,274
Total	**(3)**	**2,667**	**-**	**-**	**2,664**	**2,735**
Current Asset - Stocks And Work In Progress						
0335: Benefits in Kind	-	-	-	-	-	520
Total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**520**
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
0500: Accruals	-	1,020	-	-	1,020	1,020
Z04: Accounts Payable	-	253	-	-	253	349
Total	**-**	**1,273**	**-**	**-**	**1,273**	**1,369**
Net total assets	**1,466**	**74,060**	**66,844**	**-**	**142,370**	**184,268**
Represented by						
General (Unrestricted)	1,466	-	-	-	1,466	1,297
Designated - HAFB	-	74,060	-	-	74,060	102,788
Restricted - HAFB-Res	-	-	66,844	-	66,844	80,182
Total	**1,466**	**74,060**	**66,844**	**-**	**142,370**	**184,268**

Fund movement summary

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
FB-Benefit							
Restricted	-	136,434	136,434	-	-	-	-
Sub-totals	**-**	**136,434**	**136,434**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
HAFB							
Designated	102,788	50,938	80,467	800	-	-	74,060
Sub-totals	**102,788**	**50,938**	**80,467**	**800**	**-**	**-**	**74,060**
HAFB-Res							
Restricted	80,182	72,085	84,622	(801)	-	-	66,844
Sub-totals	**80,182**	**72,085**	**84,622**	**(801)**	**-**	**-**	**66,844**
General							
Unrestricted	1,297	169	-	-	-	-	1,466
Sub-totals	**1,297**	**169**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**1,466**
Totals	**184,268**	**259,628**	**301,525**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**142,370**

Analysis of income and expenditure

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total This year	Total Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and legacies						
0102 - Gifts & Donations Rec'd - Regular	-	19,983	-	-	19,983	19,426
0103 - Gifts & Donations Rec'd	-	17,168	4,087	-	21,255	31,103
0108 - Christmas Appeal	-	-	-	-	-	-
0110 - Gift Aid Refund	17	2,746	388	-	3,152	2,683
0113 - Membership Gifts	152	-	-	-	152	209
Donations and legacies Totals	**169**	**39,897**	**4,475**	**-**	**44,542**	**53,422**
Other trading activities						
0105 - Fundraising	-	1,930	5,760	-	7,690	3,655
0109 - Food Donated	-	-	136,434	-	136,434	148,229
Other trading activities Totals	**-**	**1,930**	**142,194**	**-**	**144,125**	**151,884**
Investments						
0104 - Bank Interest	-	2,066	-	-	2,066	2,755
Investments Totals	**-**	**2,066**	**-**	**-**	**2,066**	**2,755**
Income from charitable activities						
0106 - Supermarket Partnership Income	-	3,434	-	-	3,434	3,607
Income from charitable activities Totals	**-**	**3,434**	**-**	**-**	**3,434**	**3,607**
Other income						
0107 - Offset Costs	-	-	-	-	-	13
0111 - Grants Received	-	3,375	61,800	-	65,175	115,808
0112 - Miscellaneous	-	33	-	-	33	428
0114 - Gifts Donated	-	200	-	-	200	1,190
0115 - Refunds Due	-	-	49	-	49	-
0120 - Transfer In of Assets from previous Trus	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income Totals	**-**	**3,608**	**61,849**	**-**	**65,458**	**117,440**
Income and endowments Grand totals	**169**	**50,938**	**208,520**	**-**	**259,628**	**329,109**
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Raising funds						
Raising funds Totals	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Expenditure on charitable activities						
0150 - Salaries	-	48,211	-	-	48,211	43,692
0151 - Mileage - Private	-	15	-	-	15	43
0152 - Expenses - Misc	-	-	-	-	-	-
0153 - Pensions	-	2,190	-	-	2,190	1,941
0160 - Building Maintenance & Upkeep	-	645	-	-	645	19
0161 - Rental Costs -Buildings	-	11,286	3,806	-	15,093	13,672
0162 - Furnishing & Equipment	-	552	110	-	662	379
0163 - Vehicle Costs	-	2,007	2,177	-	4,185	2,609
0170 - Utilities	-	2,294	693	-	2,987	2,883
0180 - Cleaning & Consumables	-	52	139	-	191	300
0181 - Hospitality	-	-	-	-	-	1
0182 - Training & Conferences	-	61	-	-	61	1,788
0183 - Uniforms & Clothing	-	106	687	-	793	126
0184 - Fundraising Costs	-	702	55	-	758	524
0190 - Stationery & Postage	-	91	-	-	91	767
0191 - Software	-	196	-	-	196	462
0192 - Marketing & Printing Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
0193 - Supermarket Collection Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
0194 - Additional Stock Purchased	-	-	20,031	-	20,031	22,573
0195 - Christmas Appeal	-	-	-	-	-	-
0196 - Food Distributed	-	-	136,434	-	136,434	148,229
0197 - Data Security Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
0198 - Gift Donations & Grant Pd - Organisatins	-	-	1,080	-	1,080	4,307
0199 - Disposal of Goods donated	-	618	-	-	618	670
0200 - Bank Charges	-	46	-	-	46	93
0210 - Copyright, Membership, Legals (Inc DBS)	-	5,065	-	-	5,065	4,761

0220 - Grants Spent	-	-	47,949	-	47,949	60,243
0221 - Auxiliary Stock Items Purchased	-	459	3,356	-	3,815	1,936
0222 - Fresh Produce Stock Purchased	-	-	4,537	-	4,537	5,056
0230 - Miscellaneous	-	33	-	-	33	428
0231 - Accountancy	-	1,020	-	-	1,020	60
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	**-**	**75,660**	**221,057**	**-**	**296,718**	**317,573**
Other expenditure						
0232 - Depreciation	-	4,807	-	-	4,807	6,408
Other expenditure Totals	**-**	**4,807**	**-**	**-**	**4,807**	**6,408**
Expenditure Grand totals	**-**	**80,467**	**221,057**	**-**	**301,525**	**323,982**

Notes to the Financial Statements :

1. The value of donated goods received but not yet distributed is £34,588.99. This has been valued at Trussell Trust's rate of £2.77 per kg.
2. The value of food donated is not recognised until it is distributed in accordance with Para. 129(a) of the Statement of Recommended Practice 2005. At that point it is valued in accordance with the procedure laid down in Note 1 above.
3. The amount received from Supermarket Partnership income shown in the accounts relates to Supermarket Collections and Permanent Collection Point stock donations which often overlap more than one accounting year.