CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

Charity name: Borehamwood Foodbank

Charity registration number: 1155599

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Our Foodbank provides 3-day emergency food packs to the most vulnerable residents from all communities in the Borough of Hertsmere. Most of our clients come from Borehamwood. We are aligned to Trussell, providing well-balanced and nutritional food to our service users, as well as offering other essentials including toiletries and other household goods, so that we can provide those people with dignity during their difficulties. We undertake other specific projects to help alleviate the hardship of our clients: these include (but are not limited to) the provision of clothing, school uniforms, blankets, fuel vouchers, and heaters amongst other items. We also serve family lunches and host activity sessions during school holidays. We offer our clients holistic and financial support, providing numerous resources on-site, with access to services including Citizens Advice, The British Red Cross, The Job Centre and Healthy Hubs. These activities are particularly beneficial, providing clients not just with 'hand-outs' but also with a 'hands-up'. All of this takes place at St Teresa's Church Hall, 291 Shenley Road, Borehamwood WD6 1TG.
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	This reporting period was for 12 months from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026. During this period, we have: A) Helped feed 6,789 people, 35% of whom were children. B) Distributed 2,573 food packs.

		Our food donations came from a wide range of sources, including supermarkets, faith groups, schools, local clubs and organisations, corporations and individuals. We had to purchase food throughout this period as well. We continued to remain open for 2 sessions per week, serving our community on Mondays and Thursdays. We offered holistic and financial support through our continued partnership with Citizens Advice and the British Red Cross. We also worked closely with other local agencies to provide vital support to our clients. We provided other means of assistance throughout this period, including (but not limited to) the provision of fuel and supermarket vouchers, providing family lunches during the school holidays, offering support to help families with school uniforms, handing out Christmas Hampers and providing essential items over the harsh winter months. We also provided toiletries and pet food
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Borehamwood Foodbank does not make grants.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We do not make investments, except receive interest on our bank accounts.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Borehamwood Foodbank continues to be run almost entirely by volunteers. On 31st March 2026, we had 3 part-time paid members of staff who provide our volunteers with support, guidance and organise necessary training. We have approximately 65 volunteers who work amazingly hard to create a smooth-running operation, getting involved in most facets of the foodbank. We are extremely grateful for all their enthusiasm and dedication.

Other		

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	Our foodbank offers a vital service to all communities in the Borough of Hertsmere. We have been serving our community for 13 years and have grown in stature over this period, supporting people in a wide variety of ways. This includes the provision of food as well as offering holistic and financial support for those who struggle and are in crisis. We are well supported by 3 part-time members of staff along with around 65 volunteers, offering a warm and friendly service to those who need our support. We have been able to keep our food packs at a good size to provide households with emergency food to last 3 days, and whenever donations have dipped, we have had the financial resources to purchase additional stock without impacting the parcels we offer. Despite elevated demand, we have coped well, and our services have not been adversely affected by strong demand.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our income has been strong in recent years. In FY 2025/26 our income was £233,620 and we reported a financial surplus of £25,507. We have been highly successful in securing grant funding, which represented 68% of our income in FY 2025/26.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Despite a growing need to purchase food and toiletries, we have been in a strong financial position. We have received a healthy balance of both grants and financial donations that has enabled to achieve a good financial position.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Borehamwood Foodbank has a Reserves Policy that requires us to hold sufficient funds to allow us to continue to serve the community for at least 4 months. This is reviewed at least annually by the Board of Trustees. This amount is currently fixed at £40,000.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£150,853
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	No deficit
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We have no uncertainty or concern in this regard due to our sound financial footing and excellent pool of staff and volunteers. We also have a Licence to Occupy agreement with the Diocese of Westminster, allowing us to stay at the premises at least until 31 Aug 2027, providing at least 12 months' notice thereafter.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	We received a total income of £233,620 during the 12-month financial period. The largest portion of this was restricted grants (£158,625), but our receipt of unrestricted grants and financial donations was also significant.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Borehamwood Foodbank maintains a risk register and scores/monitors those risks regularly. The main risks are loss of reputation, financial crisis, loss of key staff/volunteers, potential poor board performance, and succession planning. Measures are in place in mitigate these risks.

Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	Trustees form a sub-group to make recommendations to the Board. Trustees are selected through interviews and references are checked prior to appointment recommendations going to the Board. All trustees are required to sign a Code of Conduct.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Borehamwood Foodbank
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1155599

Charity's principal address	291 Shenley Road Borehamwood Herts WD6 1TG

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	Julian Milner	Chair of Trustees	Whole Year	
2	Carolyn Wilson	Vice Chair	Whole Year	
3	Meghna Dalmia	Treasurer	Whole Year	
4	Stuart Nagler	Trustee	Whole Year	
5	Zain Rizvi	Trustee	Whole Year	
6	Anne Lean	Trustee	Whole Year	
7	Danielle Papagapiou	Secretary	Whole Year	
8	David Collins	Trustee	Whole Year	
9	Ed Badke	Trustee	Whole Year	
10	Fr Jude Duruaku	Trustee	Appointed Jan 2026	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

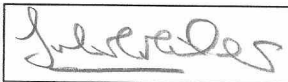
Other optional information

We are a foodbank affiliated with Trussell

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Julian Milner	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of Trustees	
Date	7th Oct 2026	

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1155599

Borehamwood Foodbank CIO

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31st March 2026

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Borehamwood Foodbank CIO
Independent Examiner's Report

For the period ending 31st March 2026

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the period ending 31st March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of the report

As the charity trustees of the company (CIO) (who are treated as directors for the purposes of the company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("The 2006 Act")

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. 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

The Company's gross income was more than £250,000 but its gross assets are less than £3.26 million, your examiner is not required to be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. However, I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination and I am indeed on that list because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Management 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 that in any material respect:

(1) Accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act, or
(2) The accounts do not accord with those records; or
(3) The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
(4) The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)

Priyen Patel CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT
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23rd May 2026

Borehamwood Foodbank CIO

Statement of Financial Activities
(including income and expenditure account)
Period ending 31st March 2026

		Yearend 31/03/2026	Yearend 31/03/2025
		£	£
Income and endowments			
Restricted grants (including The National Lottery Community Fund's Reaching Communities/Partnerships programme)		158,625	218,509
Unrestricted grants, including Donations and one off legacy		72,047	79,191
Bank interest		2,949	3,748
Total income		233,620	301,448
Expenditure			
Foodbank Costs		105,887	152,892
Food	36,217		46,675
Other Foodbank Costs	37,624		68,223
Financial inclusion	32,046		37,994
Fundraising Expenses		0	0
Salary Costs		57,968	42,457
Pension Costs		1,742	1,259
Insurance		1,404	1,378
H & S Expense		2,282	4,037
Professional/Legal/accountancy		7,303	6,895
Office & Printing		1,204	1,535
Other distribution expenses		1,741	998
Rent/Utilities/Property expenses		8,833	8,838
Warehouse Equipment/Consumable		5,180	13,686
Repairs & Maintenance		4,645	798
Cleaning & Waste Disposal		2,326	5,113
Marketing/IT software		395	1,772
Training and conferences		362	3,087
Staff expenses		664	
Sundries/General expenses		229	428
Depreciation		5,948	5,980
Total expenditure		208,113	251,153
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		25,507	50,295
Less transfer to Reserve Account			
Increase(decrease) in Restricted Funds		(1,505)	15,506
Increase(decrease) in Cumulative surplus		27,012	34,789
		25,507	50,295

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Statement of Financial Position

Period ending 31st March 2026

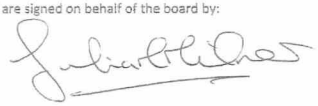
	YE Mar 2026		YE Mar 2025
	£	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets		52,420	58,368
Current assets			
Prepayments and Debtors	7,323		1,404
Cash at bank and in hand	202,300		174,243
	209,623		175,647
Creditors:			
Amounts falling due within one year	3,444		924
Net current assets		206,179	174,723
Total assets less current liabilities		258,599	233,091
Net assets		258,599	233,091
Funds of the charity			
Reserved Fund		40,000	40,000
Surplus on Income & Expenditure Account		150,853	123,840
Restricted funds c/f		67,746	69,251
Total charity funds		258,599	233,091

For the year ending 31 March 2026, the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 23rd May 2026 and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Signed 

Trustee