Tameside East Foodbank

(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Trustees Annual Report

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Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Charity Registration Number 1161048

Legal and Administrative Information

Charity Name	Tameside East Foodbank
Charity registration number	1161048
Registered Office	Holy Trinity & Christ Church 19 Corporation Street STALYBRIDGE SK15 2JS

Board of Trustees

Lesley Cook	
Peter Devlin	
Stuart Gosling	
Patricia Jarman	
Ian Pickering (Chair	
Mark Hirst	From 14 January 2025
Zea Grantham	To 9 October 2025
Ian McIlvanney	To 31 January 2025
Ethan Donohoe	To 10 October 2025

Independent Examiner	Colin Platt 19 Barrack Hill Romily Stockport SK6 3BA
Bank	NatWest Bank 20 Melbourne Street Stalybridge Cheshire SK15 2JQ
Partner churches	Holy Trinity Stalybridge New Life, Ashton-under-Lyne St John's, Dukinfield Reach Church, Millbrook
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Tameside East Foodbank

Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

Structure, Government & Management

Governing Document/Constitution	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation) Registered on 24 Mar 2015, amended 20 Oct 2016
Trustee selection method	Election by Trustees

Responsibilities of Trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities

Aims of the Charity

Our main aim is to alleviate food poverty in the East Tameside Area through the provision of food parcels to those in crisis. Clients are referred by approved local agencies. We also aim to help tackle underlying financial issues by signposting clients to care agencies and advice services.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of S17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Charitable Activities

Tameside East Foodbank has now been in operation since December 2012, working initially as a partnership of three local churches: Holy Trinity Church, Stalybridge, St John's Church, Dukinfield and New Life Church, Ashton under Lyne. In September 2021, we were joined by Reach Church, Millbrook, Stalybridge. This enabled the foodbank to operate 5 days a week from 4 distribution centres. We continue to work in partnership with the Trussell Trust and follow their operational procedures.

The Foodbank provides 3 days of emergency food on production of a foodbank voucher. Tameside East Foodbank has 160 referral agencies who supply vouchers to people identified as being in crisis. The top two referrers in 2025 were Tameside Welfare Rights and Citizens Advice Tameside who together accounted for 43% of the vouchers issued.

The main reasons for clients requiring the support of the Foodbank continue to be changes and delays to welfare benefit payments, low income, debt issues and the rising cost of energy.

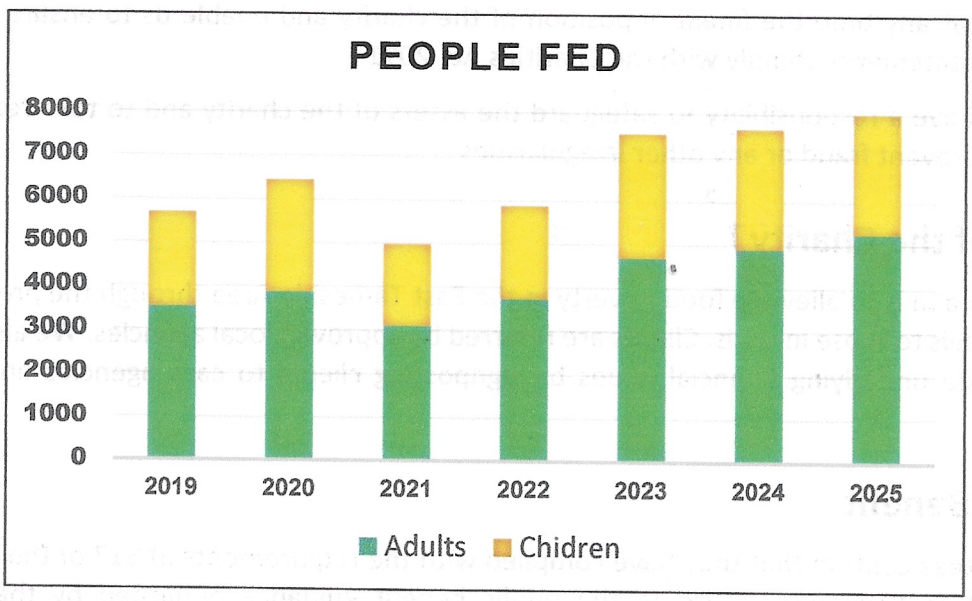
Most vouchers are now produced digitally and sent electronically to our data system, making administration much easier.

Operations

Overview

Since opening the doors of the Foodbank in 2012, we have fulfilled a total of 31,084 vouchers, feeding 68,633 people (43.366 adults and 25,267 children). This equates to over 600,000 meals.

The chart below shows the number of people fed from 2019 to 2025.



In the last 4 years there has been a decrease in the amount of food donated by the public, which has necessitated a significant increase in the amount of money we have had to spend on food to meet the rising need.

	Food Purchases
2022	£5,000
2023	£20,000
2024	£60,000
2025	£52,000

2025

During 2025 we fed a total of 8,004 people (5,254 adults and 2,750 children), which is an increase of 5% on the previous year. A decision was taken in the fourth quarter by the Trustees to revert to the 'Maximum of 3 vouchers in 6 months' rule which had been relaxed during Covid (although there is scope for discretion in exceptional circumstances) to help ensure the sustainability of the foodbank in the longer term. We anticipate that this will significantly reduce the number of vouchers issued in 2026

The Trustees signed a 5-year lease on new warehouse premises in April 2025 with Jigsaw Homes at a peppercorn rent of £1 per annum. Unfortunately, due to an issue with the electricity supply, we could not move in until November. This relocation will save the foodbank £17,500 in 2025 and subsequent years. Although the new premises is smaller it is still adequate for our requirements.

In 2023 the Trustees decided to support clients struggling with fuel poverty by providing money for fuel vouchers. This scheme continued in 2025 and cost £5,000, which was funded by Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council out of the Household Support Fund.

Since April 2023 we have worked in partnership with Citizens Advice Tameside to provide an advice service to clients. An advisor is available at each of our foodbank sessions for a total of 10 hours per week. This has proven to be a success and is greatly welcomed by our volunteers and Centre Managers. Clients have been helped with benefit queries, given debt advice, assisted with housing issues and advised on immigration matters.

162 people accessed this service in 2025 resulting in income gains to clients of £38,000 and £21,000 of debt written off. The majority of those accessing the service no longer needed to use the foodbank after receiving advice and support.

In October 2025 a small van was donated to the foodbank which has made the transporting of food more efficient.

Stock

We received 59,425kg of food stocks into our warehouse in 2025, which was approximately 8 tonnes less than the previous year, and distributed 64,424kg. Consequently, the stock held reduced from 12,100kg at the end of 2024 to 7,100kg at the end of 2025.

23,226kg of food was purchased during the year to meet the continued high demand.

Our thanks go again to Asda, Morrisons, Sainsburys and Tesco who continue to support us by having in-store collection points. Collections from these stores were 16,000kg in 2025 which was 25% lower than the previous year. Although this is disappointing it undoubtedly reflects the increased financial pressures that many people are under.

During 2025 we also carried out a manned collection weekend at Tesco which resulted in 1,700kg of food donations.

Thanks also go to Greggs who supply our Stalybridge and Millbrook centres with pastries. We would also like to thank Trefor Williams for his regular donation of eggs, FareShare (working with Tesco) for providing fresh food that is about to pass its sell by date and Heavens Kitchen who donated 1,346kg of mainly fresh fruit and vegetables.

We continue to receive regular donations from our local churches and schools – especially during the Harvest and Christmas periods.

Staff and Volunteers

Paid Staff

There were two paid staff in 2025 which were the Foodbank Coordinator working 25 hours per week and the Warehouse Manager working 10 hours per week.

The current Foodbank Coordinator took up post in December 2020. During 2025 she has consolidated her position within the foodbank and in the wider Trussell Trust network. This role will change next year to include the management of the warehouse operation.

In December 2025 our Warehouse Manager left his position after 5 years in the role. At that point the Trustees decided to reduce the number of paid staff from two to one by amalgamating the running of the warehouse with the Foodbank Coordinator role. This will reduce staff costs in 2026 by about £7,500.

Volunteers

There were 76 volunteers at the end of 2025, which was a decrease of 3 over the previous year-end. 9 volunteers left us and 6 joined during the year. The main issue has been in staffing the warehouse, as this requires capacity for lifting. Acquiring additional volunteers for these roles will be a priority in 2026.

Financial Review

Summary of financial position

The supporters of Tameside East Foodbank have continued to be extremely generous in their giving. We are enormously grateful for all this support. Without this generosity we would find it increasingly difficult to provide help to those in our local community who need to access the service.

Unrestricted Funds

Total receipts of unrestricted funds in 2025 were £37,664(£65,505 in 2024). Of this total, £17,931 were unrestricted voluntary donations (£22,576 in 2024). A further £1,699 was tax recovered under Gift Aid (£2,672 in 2024) and Tesco and Asda 'Top-up' payments amounted to £3,012 (£3,759 in 2024). In addition, we received £15,022 in grants for general use, of which £10,000 was from the Peoples Postcode Lottery.

£49,213 was spent from unrestricted funds in 2025, compared with £44,129 in 2024. This increase was mainly due to rental payments from unrestricted fund this year as opposed to out of restricted funds in 2024.

The net result for 2025 was a deficit of £11,549, leaving a balance of £93,946 in Unrestricted Funds at the end of the year.

Restricted Funds

Restricted Fund income from grants totalled £120,285 in 2025 (£87,151 in 2024). This included £79,000 of grants from Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council via the Household Support Fund, £27,185 from Trussell Trust to finance the work of the CAB Advice Worker and £10,000 from The Florence Foundation.

Expenditure from the Restricted Fund amounted to £81,307 (£98,536 in 2024), arising from:

- the continuing need to buy in food to satisfy demand for our services. We spent £52,363 on food and toiletries in 2025 (£56,832 in 2024).
- a partnership with Citizens Advice involving paying for the services a financial inclusion worker at a cost of £26,910.

The net result for 2025 was a surplus of £38,978, leaving a balance of £64,441 in Restricted Funds.

Stock valuation

On 31 December 2025, we had a stock level of 7,100kg, with a value of £19,645 (using the Trussell figure of £2.77/kg).

Reserves Policy

The Trustees policy is to maintain sufficient funds to ensure its continuing operation. Unrestricted reserves as of 31st December 2025 are £93,946. The level of reserves is considered more than adequate based on 6 months of operating costs.

Trustees receive regular reports outlining the charity's financial position, and they will continue to monitor levels of reserves closely.

Donors and Partners

We are privileged to receive donations from many individuals within the community, along with several local organisations and businesses. In 2025 these included St Marks Church Dukinfield, St Pauls Church Stalybridge, T.U.U.T, Northern Marking and the Rotary Club.

Approved by the Trustees on 14/7/26 and signed on their behalf by Ian Pickering (Chair) on 14/7/26



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Tameside East Foodbank	1161048

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Jan-25		31-Dec-25

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					
Regular donations individuals	5,590			5,590	7,650
One-off donations individuals	7,444			7,444	9,844
Giving Page	1,506			1,506	1,915
Donations from Organisations	3,391			3,391	3,167
Grants	15,022	120,285		135,307	123,649
Tax recovered	1,699			1,699	2,672
Tesco & Asda Top-Up	3,012			3,012	3,759
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	37,664	120,285		157,949	152,656
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total					
Total receipts	37,664	120,285		157,949	152,656
A3 Payments					
Salaries and related costs	27,529			27,529	26,370
Equipment	328			328	114
Food Bought		47,964		47,964	59,972
Toiletries bought		4,399		4,399	500
Insurance	848			848	683
Running Expenses	4,671			4,671	5,050
CAB - Advice worker		26,910		26,910	27,040
Audit Fee				-	780
Warehouse costs	1,296			1,296	-
Neighbourly Grant				-	51
Home Packs	43			43	125
Fuel Voucher Scheme - CAB	3,000	2,034		5,034	1,500
Van Expense	926			926	-
Volunteer Celebration 2024				-	475
Warehouse rent	10,572			10,572	17,500
Legal Fees				-	2,508
Sub total	49,213	81,307		130,520	142,668
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total					
Total payments	49,213	81,307		130,520	142,668
Net of receipts/(payments)	-11,549	38,978		27,429	9,988
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	105,495	25,464		130,959	120,970
Cash funds this year end	93,946	64,442		158,388	130,958

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	Bank Account	93,946	64,442	
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	93,946	64,442	

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift aid to claim	594		

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

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Food at warehouse	Unrestricted	-	19,645
	Storage equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Office equipment and furniture	Unrestricted	-	-
	Motor Vehicle	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	CAB Quarterly Payment	Restricted	6,825	05/01/26
	Electricity	Restricted	976	

Signed by the chair of trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Ian Pickering	IAN PICKERING	14/7/26

TAMESIDE EAST FOODBANK 2025 ACCOUNTS - FUNDS

Fund	Fund Type	1 Jan 25 Balance	2025 Receipts	2025 Payments	31 Dec 25 Balance
Food Purchases	Designated	£10,000.00			£10,000.00
General	Not designated	£ 95,495.03	£37,664.22	£49,212.61	£83,946.64
Strategic Facilities Grant - Eqpt	Restricted	£339.81	£0.00	£0.00	£339.81
Financial Inclusion Grant (Year 2) - CAB	Restricted	£14,740.00	£0.00	£14,740.00	£0.00
Food Purchases	Restricted	£10,383.89	£88,100.00	£52,363.24	£46,120.65
Financial Inclusion Grant (Year 3) - CAB	Restricted	£0.00	£27,185.00	£12,170.00	£15,015.00
Fuel vouchers	Restricted	£0.00	£5,000.00	£2,033.68	£2,966.32
Total	**Restricted**	**£25,463.70**	**£120,285.00**	**£81,306.92**	**£64,441.78**
Overall Fund Totals		**£130,958.73**	**£157,949.22**	**£130,519.53**	**£158,388.42**

Note - Figure of £10000 for food purchases was designated by Trustees in 2019

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Tameside East Foodbank		
On accounts for the year ended	31/12/25	**Charity no (if any)**	1161048
Set out on pages	1-2		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust'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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]~~. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:	[signature]	**Date:**	18/10/26
Name:	Colin Platt		
Relevant professional	CIMA		

qualification(s) or body (if any):	
Address:	19 Barrach Hill
	Romily, Stockport
	SK6 3BA

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	