The Hive Food Bank
(Registered Charity Number: 1162363)

Report of the Trustees for the year ending 31 December 2025

Date of Report: 28th October 2026

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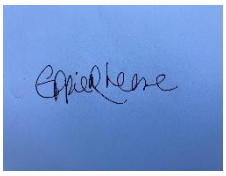
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Eppie Leese
in her capacity as a trustee of The Hive Food Bank

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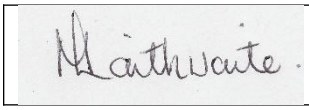
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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:		**Date:**	28.10.26
Name:	Margaret Laithwaite		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ACMA CGMA		
Address:	Leacroft, Stoke Road, Maidencombe, Torquay, Devon. TQ1 4TN		

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Charity Name	No (if any)
HIVE FOOD BANK	1162363

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1st January 2025		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					
Grants	-	21,638	-		12,950
Donations	22,215	-	-		25,900
Correction (Overpayment)		-	-	-	123
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	22,215	21,638	-	43,853	38,973
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	22,215	21,638	-	43,853	38,973
A3 Payments					
Supplies	14,167	21,638	-	35,805	37,000
Insurance	123	-	-	123	123
Staffing (ad hoc admin support)	263	-	-	263	268
Accountants Fees		-	-		300
Utilities & Cleaning	2,340	-	-	2,340	1,560
Return of Grant		-	-		5,523
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	16,893	21,638	-	38,531	44,774
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	16,893	21,638	-	38,531	44,774
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,322	-	-	5,322	- 5,801
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	37,817	-			
Cash funds this year end	43,139	-	-	43,139	

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

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		43,139	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	43,139	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

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

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

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

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
St Mary's Hornsey-Utilities & Cleaning	B1	3,276	
Audit Fee	B1	425	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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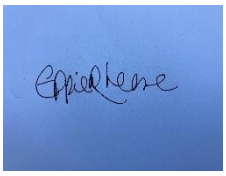
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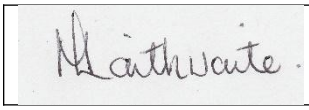
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