Fare Shop

Registered Charity No 1167051

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

1 January – 31 December 2025

The charitable object of Fare Shop is for the public benefit, the prevention or relief of food poverty of people living in Greater Manchester by operating a community grocery, providing surplus food from supermarkets to individuals in need, to relieve their needs and prevent hunger.

The current reporting period coincides with the calendar year of 2025, following a change from the previous reporting period of 1 April to 31 March.

2025 presents a year of growth for Fare Shop. Our membership increased to 843 people in 307 member families. In 2025, one colleague left the team, and five new volunteers joined our community grocery, bringing the total number to 18. Together, volunteers contributed approximately 4450 hours of service.

Fare Shop's stock consists of supermarket surplus, donations in kind, and goods acquired via charitable wholesalers at low cost. In addition, Fare Shop purchased essential grocery items and household basics at retail prices to ensure a consistent stock level of these items. These goods were collected throughout each week and totalled approximately 36 tonnes over the course of 2025. Using WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Plan) standard metrics for calculations, Fare Shop customers benefited from the equivalent of 85,716 meals, worth £162,860.

The administration of volunteer coordination both for shop staffing and stock collections was significantly simplified and eased by the introduction of a newly custom-built, cost-free piece of software. Using this application, volunteers are now able to freely select, unselect and swap both shop and collection slots via the app, which is accessible on personal mobile phones.

The Trustees renewed their food safety training and obtained Level 2 Food Safety and Hygiene qualifications.

Fare Shop's cash funds increased from £54,262.13 on 1 January 2025 to £56,241.03 on 31 December 2025. Apart from sales income and donations, Fare Shop was supported by three awards during the year from Manchester City Council, Forever Manchester ZUTO, and Sainsbury's, totalling £4,300. A considerable part of the grants was awarded specifically to support the purchase and redistribution to our customers of essential grocery and household items.

Signed _____ U B Samely, Chair of Trustees

Date 2.4.2026

Signed _____ I Arkwright, Treasurer

Date 02/04/26

Fare Shop
Financial Activities
1 January - 31 December 2025

Opening Balance 1 January 2025		**54,262.13**
INCOME		
Sales	13,749.30	
Awards	4,300.00	
Donations	1,045.00	
Total Income	**£ 19,094.30**	
EXPENDITURE		
Rent	5,300.00	
Stock - Wholesale	3,750.24	
Stock - Retail	5,216.21	
Purchases	865.09	
Project Purchases	528.17	
Office/Administrative Expenses	608.40	
Training	52.80	
Hospitality	78.45	
Insurance	99.15	
SumUp Fees	616.89	
Total Expenditure	**£ 17,115.40**	
NET INCOME	**£ 1,978.90**	
Closing Balance 31 December 2025		**56,241.03**