Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1st	JAN	2025	To	31ST	DEC	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	BLAENAU GWENT COMMUNITY AID
Other names charity is known by	BLAENAU GWENT FOODBANK FOUNDATIONS SUPPORT SERVICE
Registered charity number (if any)	1191264
Charity's principal address	CHURCH ON THE RISE
	54 BEAUFORT RISE BEAUFORT
	EBBW VALE, BLAENAU GWENT
	Postcode **NP23 5JQ**

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	LYNDON HOLDING	CHAIR		CHARITY TRUSTEES
2	R. WAYNE EVANS	TREASURER		CHARITY TRUSTEES
3	JENNIFER MORGAN	TRUSTEE		CHARITY TRUSTEES
4	TOMMY SMITH	TRUSTEE		CHARITY TRUSTEES
5	ADELE JONES	TRUSTEE		CHARITY TRUSTEES
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
NOT APPLICABLE	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
ACCOUNTANT	STEVE DRAKE	24 JAMES STREET EBBW VALE B.GWENT NP23 6JG

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

R. WAYNE EVANS

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	**TRUST DEED**
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	**TRUST - CIO**
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	**APPOINTED BY EXISTING TRUSTEES**

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Completion of skills Audit to determine contribution of Trustee and follow guidance on training of trustees by Trussell

The work of the Foodbank part of the charity is set up under a partnership with Trussell and we follow the guidelines under their Partnership agreement

Partnership agreement with Trussell
Supported by churches in Blaenau Gwent

Regular reviews of the systems and procedures to manage any major risks

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Charity purposes and objectives is the relief of financial hardship and poverty and the resulting issues people face in Blaenau Gwent and the surrounding area.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

We operate a Foodbank k/a Blaenau Gwent Foodbank from 3 Food Distribution Centres in the Blaenau Gwent area namely Aberbeeg in the South of the County and Beaufort and Brynmawr in the North of the County together with a Warehouse base between Ebbw Vale and Tredegar. Our model is a Collection service for clients from our centres having stopped our delivery service that we did for 4 years up to April 24th during the Covid period. We are planning to extend our service in the next couple of years to hopefully get back to the coverage in Blaenau Gwent that we had pre-Covid of 5/6 centres.

We issue food, toiletries and household items. Also we have the facility to offer Gas/Electric vouchers for families in need through a partnership with the Fuelbank Foundation which presently Is not operating until we have volunteering staff available to train up to reoffer this specialised support. For those clients that are struggling to top-up their Mobile phones we are able to offer a SIM card free of charge for a 6mth period through our partnership via Trussell Trust with Tesco Mobile.
Our clients are referred to us via relative agencies that work with them as they must have a Foodbank voucher presented.

Additionally, we have seen people who are in financial hardship who have become homeless and also those who are struggling with alcohol/drug issues affecting their hardship and we are able to signpost for more help locally and nationally through rehab centres and other agencies support. This is arranged through our operation k/a Foundations Support Service based in our main centre at Church on the Rise Beaufort.

The Trustees confirm they have had due regard to the commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant. It is a clear case of the Foodbank and Foundations Support Service helping the general public who are in crisis

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

NOT APPLICABLE

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Everyone working at the Blaenau Gwent Foodbank and Foundations Support Service are volunteers to include the Foodbank Project Manager and 2 Foodbank Distribution Centre Managers and approximately 16 other volunteers. Our Foodbank Operations Manager is the only and first paid position role to run the day to day operations of the Foodbank. However in November 2025 the Ops Manager came to the end of his 2 yr fixed role and he has not been replaced. We appreciate the contribution all volunteers make in helping us to serve local families and individuals who are in their crises. They are very committed and wish to help and support people in our community and we thank them for their service with us.

Section D Achievements and performance

Section D — Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

BLAENAU GWENT FOODBANK
During 2024 we have achieved the following:

We have helped 1136 families with food
This comprises 1735 Adults and 946 children fed. Total 2681 people fed. This is an approximate total of 24,129 meals placed on families tables

Our Total stock of food/toiletries and other items collected as donations total approximately 24 tons of which 20 tons of food have come through the Supermarkets – Asda, Tesco (2 Stores) and Waitrose.

The Monetary donations we receive, help us to purchase food that we are short of and this year it amounted to purchase 2.4 tons of food

The amount of food we distributed to the various families in crisis in Blaenau Gwent amounted to 30.5 tons

This has enabled families to have food on the table to eat whilst been short of money to purchase or are waiting for benefits to be applied.

FOUNDATIONS SUPPORT SERVICE
119 referrals made to other agencies for help such as Floating support, Housing, Women's Aid

29 Welfare checks requested by the Police

190 people received Advocacy Support such as for mental health assessments, housing issues, GP appointments, probation appointments, social services support and Police interviews,

100 Dignity packs issued such as personal items – deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, liquid soap, toothpaste mouthwash, razors, shaving gel, hand sanitizers, lip balm, underwear garments, socks, gloves thermal hats flasks, energy bars, chocolate sweets etc

20 Clothing vouchers issued totalling value £700

8 Mobiles issued with SIM cards Top up vouchers totalling £45

31 Sleeping Bags Issued

17 Tents issued

10 Starter Tenancy packs – comprising items such as kettle, toaster, sandwich maker, air fryer, cutlery, crockery, vacuam cleaner, towels, hand towels, bath towels, Tesco vouchers.

12 Travel vouchers totalling £152.65 to assist people to access emergency accommodation, temporary accommodation or supported accommodation outside of our area, appointments with supporting agencies etc.

Section D Achievements and performance

223 Hot Meals provided for homeless and 346 B'fasts in local Wetherspoons/Presso's Café/ Morgan's Wine Bar & Base Drop in Hope Hub

138 Recovery Sessions attended (one to One and Group sessions)

188 attended Well-being sessions held

62 Prisoners call to help in preparation for them to engage back in society

74 planned Follow up Help sessions

328 attended Drop in Hope Hub sessions – Safe Space

13 Referrals made to Rehab Centre and Women's Facilities

49 Local agencies separately used our Hope Hub facilities to meet their clients

69 Visitors to our Hope Hub to discuss facilities and services etc

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	**Working on a Reserve of approx. £15K just to ensure we keep going through this Cost of Living period where donations have dipped considerably. We will review this on a regular basis as conditions change.**
Details of any funds materially in deficit	**Not Applicable**

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Main sources of funding come from individual donations both regular and one-off. We do get funds via Tesco stores that top up in hard cash any food collected through them by 20% and also we have funding via Asda on a similar way, however this is restricted funding for operational costs only. We do also have some Corporate funding too

Expenditure tends to be purchase of food and items which benefit our clients which are at the source of our objectives. Operational costs are kept to bare minimum but required to operate day to day

NOT APPLICABLE

Section F Other optional information

The continued Cost of Living period is affecting our Donations both in Food and monetary terms and affects both of our operations that we run. It is subject to regular Review by the Board of Trustees as we continue forward. The position of Operational Manager has not been renewed so far as the staff member resigned a few weeks earlier than the 2 yr Fixed role to take up a new position. The Trustees will keep this under review with the hope that we can find further funding to extend this important role within our Charity.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	A Jones	
Full name(s)	ADELE JONES	RODERICK WAYNE EVANS
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE	TREASURER

Date 26TH OCTOBER 2026

BLAENAU GWENT COMMUNITY AID

CHARITY NUMBER 1191264

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Blaenau Gwent Community Aid

I report to the trustees of Blaenau Gwent Community Aid on the accounts
for the year ended 31st December 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

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 aspect:-

(1) the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
(2) the accounts did not accord with the accounting records or
(3) 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.

Steve Drake

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23rd October 2026

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SECTION A - STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricte funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total this period	Total last period
INCOMING RESOURCES	£	£	£	£	
Donations and legacies					
Donations	24,376.34	400.00	-	24,776.34	15,067.34
Hope Hub Donations	-	-	-	-	895.00
Income from charitable activities					
Supermarket Top-Up	-	-	2,715.86	2,715.86	3,525.07
Christmas meal	-	-	-	-	147.60
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	**24,376.34**	**400.00**	**2,715.86**	**27,492.20**	**19,635.01**
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Expenditure on charitable activities					
Food Purchased	3,842.19	-	-	3,842.19	7,673.98
Data Protection Fee	-	-	-	-	40.00
Bank charges	72.04	-	-	72.04	-
Foodbank Travel Expenses	-	247.45	2.70	250.15	390.01
Contents and Public Liability Insurance	-	867.72	-	867.72	833.54
Foodbank mobile contract	-	391.99	79.08	471.07	443.27
Commercial van - diesel	-	544.50	210.26	754.76	1,612.72
Staff salary	-	-	16,523.13	16,523.13	18,847.66
Hope Hub Mission/Outreach	-	401.30	-	401.30	142.06
Hope Hub Meals/Drinks	-	75.11	-	75.11	406.70
Hope Hub Top up phones	-	-	-	-	20.00
HMRC Payments Tax/NIC	2,183.24	5.53	197.10	2,385.87	3,477.62
Total expenditure on charitable activities	**6,097.47**	**2,533.60**	**17,012.27**	**25,643.34**	**33,887.56**
Other Expenditure					
Computer Software	-	-	-	-	79.99
Consumables	300.23	-	56.20	356.43	97.33
Hope Hub Expenditure	256.94	-	-	256.94	307.49
Vehicle Insurance	-	-	1,045.04	1,045.04	1,726.82
Vehicle Tax	-	-	345.00	345.00	335.00
Pension Contributions	845.34	133.93	-	979.27	764.40
Equipment	-	-	-	-	440.62
Commercial van maintenance	-	-	1,972.81	1,972.81	2,092.46
Computer Security Premium	-	-	54.99	54.99	-
Accountancy	-	78.00	630.00	708.00	516.00
Staff Gratuities	-	-	20.00	20.00	210.48
Waste Recycling Management	-	-	-	-	186.96
Annual Memberships	-	-	202.00	202.00	145.00
Training Courses	-	-	-	-	138.60
Foodbank staff entertainment	-	-	-	-	271.67
Computer Software Accounting	120.00	-	30.00	150.00	-
Foodbank Centre Expenses	15.63	-	-	15.63	-
Licences	79.99	-	-	79.99	-
Other Expenditure totals	**1,618.13**	**211.93**	**4,356.04**	**6,186.10**	**7,312.82**
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	**7,715.60**	**2,745.53**	**21,368.31**	**31,829.44**	**41,200.38**

BLAENAU GWENT COMMUNITY AID
SECTION B - BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Opening Balance on Bank Accounts	69,115.09	90,680.46
ADD Total Incoming Resources	27,492.20	19,635.01
	96,607.29	110,315.47
LESS Total Resources Expended	31,829.44	41,200.38
	64,777.85	**69,115.09**
Closing Balance on Bank Accounts (See below)	**64,777.85**	**69,115.09**
Various bank accounts		
Treasurers Account (4768)	**2,856.80**	**403.64**
Community Account (8762)	**2.96**	**100.46**
Treasurers Account (8360)	**61,918.09**	**68,610.99**
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Signature	Print Name	Date of Approval

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