The Easter Team

A CRAWLEY FOOD BANK PARTNER

Demonstrating God's love in Crawley:
feeding those who can't feed themselves,
and walking with them towards independence.

Annual Report
2025



Chairpersons Report: Sharon Golightly – Chair of Trustees



In 2025, Easter Team Foodbank continued its mission to reflect the love of Christ in practical ways by supporting people in Crawley who are facing food poverty. As the cost of living remained high and the pressures on households increased, the need for emergency food and compassionate support did not diminish.

Throughout the year we have seen, once again, both the depth of need in our community and the depth of generosity and kindness that exists within it.

This was also a year of transition for our team. We are deeply grateful to Su Parrish, who served faithfully as our Operations Manager throughout 2025, providing steady leadership, care for our clients and volunteers, particularly through busy and often challenging seasons. Su stepped down and left her role at the end of the year, and we want to record our sincere thanks for her dedication, compassion and hard work she brought to Easter Team Foodbank.

In September we were delighted to welcome our new Operations Manager Vicki Butchers, who joined in time for a thorough and successful handover ahead of a busy Christmas period. She has already become an integral part of the life of the foodbank, helping to ensure that our service remains welcoming, effective and responsive to the needs of those we support.

Alongside our two paid staff, Easter Team Foodbank simply could not function without our remarkable volunteers. More than 60 people give their time, energy and compassion to make sure that food is collected, sorted, packed and distributed, and that every person who walks through our doors is treated with dignity and

respect. Our volunteers come from a mixture of backgrounds, and we are thankful for each one of them. Their willingness to serve, week in and week out, is a powerful testimony to the compassion that runs through our community.

We also want to acknowledge the unwavering support of our donors, supporters and partner organisations. Local churches, schools, community groups, businesses and individuals have continued to give food, finances and prayerful support.

Long-standing partnerships with Crawley Open House, Christians Against Poverty, Love Your Neighbour and Free Shop have remained vital, enabling us to work together to offer more holistic support and to reach people who might otherwise fall through the gaps. We are grateful for these relationships, built over many years, which help us to respond more effectively to the complex challenges of food poverty.

We give thanks to God for His continued provision and guidance, and we look ahead in faith, trusting that, with His help and the support of our community, we can continue to serve those in need in the year to come.

Operations Report: Vicki Butchers - Operations Manager



I have enjoyed my first year with Easter Team. We have a fantastic team of hardworking volunteers who lovingly serve the people of Crawley. It has been great to get to know the staff of other local charities doing similar work to us and I'm looking forward to working with them, Crawley Borough Council and our trustees to continue to improve the service we offer our clients.

Who we are and what we do

- A foodbank serving 100 – 120 households a week, with a wide range of needs and circumstances
- around 15- 20 new households register per week
- over 60 volunteers serve across the month serving clients at our Hub beneath County Mall, sorting stock and packing parcels in the warehouse, and collecting and delivering food donations from supermarkets and community groups around town.

Challenges we are facing

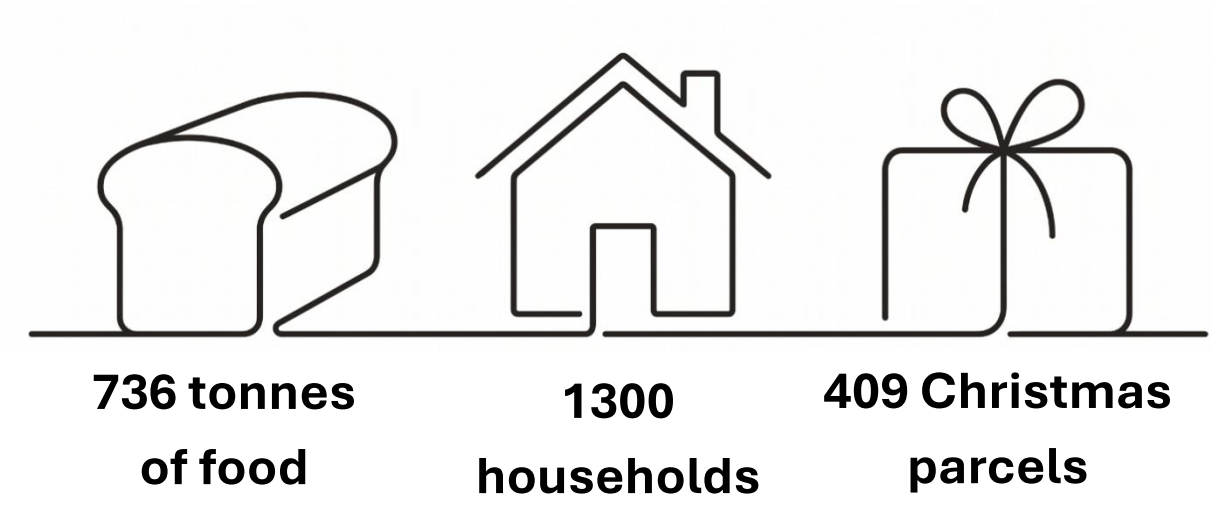
- **Space**. We have outgrown the Hub, and it is especially miserable in the cold, wet weather (which, let's be honest, is half the year!) We are looking for a new home. Our warehouse – will not be available from the autumn term, so also need new storage.
- **Rising demand, diminishing resources**. We have served over 1300 households in the last year, roughly 2960 individuals, many of them twice a month. Donations of food and toiletries are falling while prices climb, so we need to become more effective in how we meet client needs.
- **Foodbank dependence**. Some people have been on our books for years! This is not unique to us; it is a national challenge that foodbanks are managing creatively. We want

to move away from crisis management, which can entrench dependence, empowering people to change their situation and lifting them out of food poverty. Doing that means doing some things differently.

Opportunities we have

- **Refresh our Partnerships**. Explore closer working with FreeShop in Bewbush and Crawley Open House in Three Bridges, so we can all serve our clients more effectively and share resources more efficiently.
- **Relocate the Hub**. A more welcoming space would let us have real conversations with our clients, understand what has brought them to us, and offer more fitting support food and provision.
- **Revisit our vision** to share God's love with the people of Crawley. For many, "Easter" means little more than a season to indulge on chocolate; our name and our free food alone make no connection to God or our faith. We can offer real hope to people who feel their situation is hopeless, sharing the love of Jesus in meaningful, practical ways, and walking with them from crisis to confidence and self-sufficiency.

Data metrics



Thank You Volunteers

A Huge and heartfelt Thank you to all our volunteers. We have a team of over 60 volunteers of all ages, genders and from various backgrounds and faith groups. They generously give of their time and skills each week. Without them Easter Team would not be able to function at all. They spend a Total of over 120 hours a week volunteering at The Hub serving clients, at the warehouse managing stock and preparing food parcels, and driving around Crawley doing food collections and deliveries. We are truly grateful to every one of them.

If you are interested in finding out more about how you might be able to help, please email Vicki at:
volunteers@theeasterteam.org



Financial Report: Treasurer - John Lodemore



We are extremely grateful to all the individuals and organisations who supported the Easter Team financially and in other ways during 2025. We could not operate without the large number of kind individuals, churches, schools and other organisations who generously give large amounts of food, many hours of their time, sums of money and other valuable resources.

We would specifically like to thank:

- Sayers Publishing Group Ltd for allowing part of their Manor Royal premises to be used on very favourable terms as our food store.
- The owners of County Mall Shopping Centre for providing space on very favourable terms for our food distribution Hub, which we share with Love Your Neighbour.
- NatWest Bank and Co-operative Bank for granting us free banking.

During 2025 the Easter Team had income of £69,323. The main income was donations of £35,737, grants of £22,000 and Gift Aid of £5,701. We are grateful for donations and grants from:

- Numerous generous individuals.
- Balcombe Christmas Tree Society.
- Balcombe Gardeners' Association.
- Crawley Baptist Church.
- Elim Church, Bewbush.
- Holy Trinity Church, Tilgate.
- HSBC Bank.
- Ifield Quaker Meeting.
- Kingdom Faith Church, Crawley.
- Sainsbury's (via the Neighbourly Foundation).
- South East Coast Ambulance Service UNISON.

- Southern Co-op (via the Neighbourly Foundation).
- St Andrew's School, Furnace Green.
- St Margaret's Church, Ifield.
- St Mary's Church, Southgate.
- West Sussex County Council (grant of £20,000 from UK Government Household Support Fund).

God has been amazing in the way he has blessed us with incoming resources and thereby enabled us to do so much for families and individuals in crisis.

During 2025 the Easter Team spent £98,831. The spending consisted of £49,835 on food (to supplement the food donated to us), £900 on food vouchers, £10,955 on gas and electricity meter top ups, £29,765 on the employment of our staff and £7,376 on our other running costs.

At the end of 2025 the Easter Team held a total of £72,688 including £2,422 in restricted funds.

Summary of Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2025

		2025		2024
INCOME (£)				
Donations from individuals & churches etc	35,737		39,647	
Gift Aid	5,701		6,487	
Grant from West Sussex County Council	20,000		10,000	
Other grants	2,000		114,640	
Refund of National Insurance	3,438		0	
Interest	2,384		2,759	
Contribution to shared costs	63		234	
		£69,323		£173,767
EXPENDITURE (£)				
Food for food parcels	49,835		57,617	
Food vouchers for clients	900		2,000	
Gas & electricity top-ups for clients	10,955		36,103	
Employment of staff	29,765		26,498	
Insurance	1,784		744	
Van (excluding insurance)	1,589		753	
Mileage and fares	766		1,321	
Pest control	604		604	
Phone calls and text messages	590		541	
Refreshments etc	479		411	
Accountant	400		400	
Premises and equipment	391		1,159	
Consumables	369		1,144	
Other expenditure	404		4,396	
		£98,831		£133,691
Net Income / Expenditure		-£29,508		£40,076

	2025	2024
BALANCES AT THE END OF THE YEAR (£)		
Deposit accounts	65,319	96,935
Current accounts	7,369	4,966
Petty cash	0	295
	£72,688	£102,196

Thank you Donors







We are very grateful to all our individual donors, community groups and companies who have supported us this year:

1st Northgate Beavers
2nd Crawley Ifield Scout Group
Amanda Haywards Mandade Cleaning
Balcombe Stores
Cecil MacDonald
Chris Sexton
Constable Collectors
County Mall
Crawley Baptist Church
Crawley Borough Council
Crawley Labour Women's Group
Crawley Vets Southgate
Customers of County Mall
Customers of Sainsburys West Green
Customers of Tesco Hazelwick
D'Nata
Ewhurst Social Club
Hinal Patel, friends and colleagues
Holy Trinity Church Tilgate
Ifield Community College
Infigo
Kwik Fit
Langley Green Primary School
Little Holly Hedgehog Pre-School
Manor Green Primary School
Mark Illman
Milton Mount Primary School
Peoples Pension
Pets at Home/Blue Cross
Right Build
RPD Foundation
St Andrews Church Furnace Green
St John's, St Richard's and St Peter's Churches
St Margarets Church Ifield
St Mary's church Southgate
St. Pauls Northgate
Sussex Police
Thomas Bennett C Col
Three Bridges Football Club
Tiny Happy People
Tokyo Electron
UPS Crawley
Vail Williams
Wallis Bell Foundation
Wates

Governance

- The Easter Team is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and is registered charity number 1194018.
- The trustees are appointed for terms of 3 years by the trustees. During 2025 the trustees were Sharon Golightly (Chair), Rosemary Benwell (Vice-chair & Secretary), John Lodemore (Treasurer), and Paul Davies.
- The Easter Team employs a part time Operations Manager (Vicki Butchers) and a part time Office Assistant (Dave Orpin). Vicki Butchers joined the team in September 2025 and Su Parrish was the Operations Manager throughout 2025 leaving us at the end of the year after a successful handover.
- None of the Easter Team's trustees or volunteers receives any remuneration or other benefit.
- The trustees of the Easter Team follow the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission.
- During 2025 the Easter Team continued to work alongside Love Your Neighbour, Crawley Open House, Crawley Christians Against Poverty, FreeShop and local churches in those areas where our interests overlap.

Contact Details

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Operations Manager:	operationsmanager@theeasterteam.org
Volunteer Coordinator:	volunteers@theeasterteam.org
Chair of Trustees:	Chair@theeasterteam.org

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
The Easter Team	1194018

Receipts and payments accounts

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

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	35,737	-	-	35,737	39,647
Gift Aid	5,701	-	-	5,701	6,487
Grant from West Sussex County Council	-	20,000	-	20,000	10,000
Other grants	2,000	-	-	2,000	114,640
Refund of National Insurance	3,438	-	-	3,438	-
Interest	2,384	-	-	2,384	2,759
Contribution to shared costs	63	-	-	63	234
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total*(Gross income for AR)*	49,323	20,000	-	69,323	173,767
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	49,323	20,000	-	69,323	173,767
A3 Payments					
Charitable spending: Food parcels	-	49,835	-	49,835	57,617
Charitable spending: Food vouchers	-	900	-	900	2,000
Charitable spending: Gas & elec top ups	10,955	-	-	10,955	36,103
Running costs: Employment of staff	29,765	-	-	29,765	26,498
Running costs: Other	5,011	2,365	-	7,376	8,353
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	45,731	53,100	-	98,831	130,571
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Purchase of shipping container	-	-	-	-	3,120
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	3,120
Total payments	45,731	53,100	-	98,831	133,691
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,592	- 33,100	-	- 29,508	40,076
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	66,674	35,522	-	102,196	62,120
Cash funds this year end	70,266	2,422	-	72,688	102,196

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 £
	Deposit accounts	62,897	2,422	-
	Current accounts	7,369	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	70,266	2,422	-
	(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)
Shipping container		-	-
Ford Transit Courier van		-	-
Sundry equipment		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
JRLodemore	John Lodemore	19-Feb-26

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	The Easter Team		
On accounts for the year ended	31.12.2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1194018
Set out on pages	1 – 2 of the Receipts & Payments Accounts		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than disclosed below) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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:	A. Wigley	**Date:**	16/10/2026
Name:	Alan Wigley FCA		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Chartered Accountant / ICAEW		
Address:	Soteria Accountancy Ground Floor, 8 Magellan Terrace Gatwick Road Crawley RH10 9PJ		

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.	*If nothing to disclose, please enter NA below* *N/A*