CHARITY REGISTERED NUMBER 1194677

AFFORDABLE FOOD STOKE CIO

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
AND
ACCOUNTS

FOR THE PERIOD FROM
1st JUNE 2024 to 30th SEPTEMBER 2025

AFFORDABLE FOOD STOKE CIO

CONTENTS OF THE TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD FROM
1st JUNE 2024 to 30th SEPTEMBER 2025

	Page
Charity Information	1
Trustees Annual Report	2 - 4
Independent Examiners Report	5
Receipts and Payments Account	6
Balance Sheet	7
Notes to the Accounts	8 - 9

AFFORDABLE FOOD STOKE CIO

CHARITY INFORMATION

CHARITY NAME	Affordable Food Stoke CIO
REGISTERED CHARITY NO.	1194677
DATE OF REGISTRATION	4th June 2021
CHARITY TRUSTEES	**In Office at the 30th September 2025**

Samantha Arnold

Finlay Gordon McCusker	Appointed	17th February 2025
Glenn Gerald Parkes MBE	Appointed	6th May 2025
Desiree Eliott	Appointed	7th August 2025

Trustees who Served during the Financial Period

Jeanette Crawford	Resigned	12th September 2024
Karen Seeley	Resigned	12th September 2024
Millissa Beydilli	Resigned	10th November 2024
David Proudlove	Resigned	10th June 2025
Taaeba Mansha	Resigned	10th June 2025
Rev'd David Street	Appointed Resigned	17th February 2025 25th March 2025
Michael Sheldon	Appointed Resigned	6th May 2025 8th August 2025

Trustees who have resigned since the end of the Financial Period

Finlay Gordon McCusker	Resigned	1st May 2026
Desiree Eliott	Resigned	11th February 2026

Charity Official Address	77 - 81 Meaford Drive Stoke-on-Trent ST3 2BB
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank
Independent Examiners	Paterson Brodie, Chartered Certified Accountants Cliveden Chambers, Cliveden Place, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 4JB

AFFORDABLE FOOD STOKE CIO

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD FROM
1st JUNE 2024 to 30th SEPTEMBER 2025

The trustees present their Annual Report and financial statement for the period from 1st June 2024 to 30th September 2025. The report and financial statements have been prepared in accordance with all relevant Charity Commission guidance and comply with the CIO's Constitution and the Charities' Act 2011.

Charitable Aims and Objectives

The relief for those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage for families & communities in Stoke-on-Trent and its surrounding areas, through the provision of emergency food, essential toiletries, food larder and other essential toiletries, food larder and other essential items, and by offering support to other organisations and charities that are working to prevent and relieve poverty.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Affordable Food Stoke is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, incorporated on 4 June 2021. It was established under a Constitution which defines its charitable Aims and Objectives and powers. Day to day governance is managed by the Trustees.

Members liability

(1) If the CIO is wound up, each member of the CIO is liable to contribute to the assets of the CIO (but not more than £1) as may be required for payment of the debts and liabilities of the CIO contracted before that person ceases to be a member, for payment of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for adjustments of the rights of the contributing members among themselves.
(2) In sub-clause (1) of this clause "member" includes any person who was a member of the CIO within 12 months before the commencement of the winding up.
(3) But subject to that, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets if it is wound up, and accordingly have no personal responsibility for the settlement of its debts and liabilities beyond the amount that they are liable to contribute.

Payments

No fees were paid to any trustees during the year.

Trustee selection methods

(1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.
(2) In selecting individuals for appointment as a charity trustee, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Organisational structure

Any charity trustee may call a meeting of the charity trustees. Subject to that, the charity trustees shall decide how their meetings are to be called, and what notice is required. The Chief Executive Officer and Centre Co-ordinator are responsible to the charity trustees for the day to day running of the CIO.

AFFORDABLE FOOD STOKE CIO

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD FROM
1st JUNE 2024 to 30th SEPTEMBER 2025

Activities and Public benefit
The collection and distribution of food. All free on a daily basis (Tuesday to Saturday).

The operation and management of a social supermarket (No.87).

The operation and management of our foodbank alongside providing emergency food parcels to families and individuals most at risk and/or suffering food poverty.

Working in partnership with other charities (both constituted and non-constituted), organisations, and groups to offer additional services and products to our beneficiaries. For example, we work with Period Power in order to source sanitary products for families and individuals suffering poverty. Over the summer we also worked in partnership with the City Council and The Hubb Foundation to provide free holiday food and provisions for the children of Blurton.

The operation and management of a community lounge twice a week offering beneficiaries the opportunity to engage with other members and support service providers.

Public Benefit
The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

Future plans
The areas for focus during the coming year and further into the future include:

- Maintaining and sustaining staff levels in relation to customer referrals.
- Maintaining and improving relationships with existing and new referral partners.
- Customer feedback on the effectiveness of the service provided through reviews.

Trustees' consideration and management of major risks
The trustees have a responsibility to identify, assess and manage risks to the charity, including financial and other areas. The process for identifying risk has been through ongoing review, assessing risks for every new major decision, ongoing active reflection and by responding to minor issues that have been identified in day to day practice.

No major risks to the CIO were identified during the period.

Review of financial position and affairs
The total income for the year was £147,496 and total expenditure £131,165, giving a net surplus for the period of £16,331.

As a result, total funds retained at the year end amounted to £172,053 (2024, £155,722).

The trustees are happy with both the financial position and the ongoing performance of the Charity.

AFFORDABLE FOOD STOKE CIO

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD FROM
1st JUNE 2024 to 30th SEPTEMBER 2025

Reserves policy

The charity seeks to hold 6 months worth of usual expenditure as reserves, which equates to £35,000

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

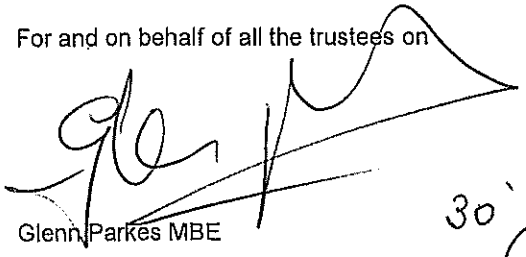
The trustees are responsible for ensuring that financial statements are prepared which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Home Services Support including the incoming resources and expenditure, and which comply with the Charities' Act 2011. In doing so the trustees need to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the 'SORP' - Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and and Reporting by Charities)
- make reasonable and sound financial judgments and estimates
- keep adequate records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the CIO
- safeguard the assets of the CIO, including taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities
- prepare the statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the CIO will continue.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above and the accompanying financial statements

For and on behalf of all the trustees on



30 July 2026

Glenn Parkes MBE
Chair

AFFORDABLE FOOD STOKE CIO

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE PERIOD FROM
1st JUNE 2024 to 30th SEPTEMBER 2025

We report on the accounts for the Charity for the period from 1st June 2024 to 30th September 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:
- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report
Our examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement
In connection with our examination no matter has come to our attention:

1. Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
   - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
   - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

2. To which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: J. Martin ..... Dated: 30/7/2026 .....

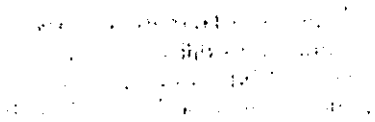
Paterson Brodie, Chartered Certified Accountants
Cliveden Chambers, Cliveden Place,
Longton, Stoke-on-Trent
ST3 4JB

Paterson Brodie Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
Cliveden Chambers Cliveden Place
Longton Stoke on Trent ST3 4JB

AFFORDABLE FOOD STOKE CIO

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1st JUNE 2024 to 30th SEPTEMBER 2025

	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS £	RESTRICTED FUNDS £	2025 TOTAL FUNDS £	2024 TOTAL FUNDS £
RECEIPTS				
Donations	51,425.01	-	51,425.01	55,501
Grants	-	70,044.00	70,044.00	119,601
Takings	18,358.84	-	18,358.84	3,554
Fundraising	6,886.13	-	6,886.13	11,937
REFUNDS	782.36	-	782.36	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	77,452.34	70,044.00	147,496.34	190,593
PAYMENTS				
Food & Drink Costs	6,282.96	-	6,282.96	16,910
Publicity & Promotional Costs	-	1,081.02	1,081.02	397
Staff Wages & Employment Costs	-	50,317.84	50,317.84	70,164
Event Costs	1,852.97	-	1,852.97	500
Fareshare Food	24,034.00	-	24,034.00	14,313
Repairs, Maintenance, & Equipment	-	20,750.80	20,750.80	37,904
Waste Collection	2,747.05	-	2,747.05	1,605
Telephone, Website, & IT Costs	-	1,809.37	1,809.37	534
Training	-	-	-	476
Stationery, Postage, & Printing	-	1,710.13	1,710.13	797
Rent & Room Hire	-	6,018.45	6,018.45	22,787
Professional Fees	4,559.00	-	4,559.00	1,213
Bank & Transaction Charges	253.82	-	253.82	307
Travel & Fuel Costs	3,050.51	-	3,050.51	7,470
Sundries	967.42	5,000.00	5,967.42	507
Heat, Light, & Power	-	730.13	730.13	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	43,747.73	87,417.74	131,165.47	175,884
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS	33,704.61	- 17,373.74	16,330.87	14,709
FUND BALANCES AT 1st JUNE 2024	98,918.77	56,803.00	155,721.77	141,013
FUND BALANCES AT 30th SEPTEMBER 2025	132,623.38	39,429.26	172,052.64	155,722



AFFORDABLE FOOD STOKE CIO

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 2025

	2025 TOTAL £	2024 TOTAL £
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	172,052.64	155,722
Total Assets	172,052.64	155,722
Funds		
Unrestricted	132,623.38	98,919
Restricted	39,429.26	56,803
	172,052.64	155,722

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 31st July 2026 and signed on its behalf.

30 July 2026

Glenn Gerald Parkes MBE
Trustee

AFFORDABLE FOOD STOKE CIO

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1st JUNE 2024 to 30th SEPTEMBER 2025

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

Affordable Food Stoke is a charitable incorporated organisation. In the event of the charity being wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are described in the Trustee's Report.

1.2 Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.3 Receipts and payments

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due. For the purposes of understanding a statement of assets and liabilities at the year-end has been included

2. Trustees' and key management personnel remuneration and expenses

The trustees neither received nor waived any remuneration during the year.

3. Restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds subject to specific conditions imposed by the funder. The purpose and movement on each restricted fund during the period was as follows:

Fund	Opening £	Receipts £	Payments £	Closing £
National Lottery Community Fund	56,803.00	51,850.00	71,932.94	36,720.06
Stoke-on-Trent City Council	-	15,000.00	15,000.00	-
Screwfix Foundation	-	3,194.00	484.80	2,709.20
Other restricted funds		-	-	
Total restricted funds	56,803.00	70,044.00	87,417.74	39,429.26

National Lottery Community Fund – grant funding towards staff salaries and centre running costs in delivering the charity's community food programme.
Stoke-on-Trent City Council – grant funding applied in full to the purposes specified by the Council during the period.
Screwfix Foundation – grant towards equipment and premises improvements; the unspent balance is carried forward to complete the funded works.