ST JOHN'S SOUP KITCHEN AND FOODBANK

Charity Registration Number: 1203125

Annual Report and Accounts
31 December 2025

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Legal & Administrative Information
For the year ended 31 December 2025

Charity Name	St John's Soup Kitchen and Foodbank.
Principal Address	St John the Evangelist Church, Queen's Drive, N4 2LW
Charity Registration	1203125. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 18 May 2023.
Legal Status	CIO Foundation.
The Governing Document	Constitution.
Objects	To relieve persons in the London Borough of Hackney and the surrounding areas that are in financial hardship in such ways as the trustees from time to time think fit, in particular but not exclusively by: A) providing emergency food, essential toiletries, and household items to individuals and families in need and/or distribution by charities or other organizations working to prevent or relieve poverty. B) such other means, including (but not limited to) the provision of support, or signposting to relevant information and other advisory service, or through 'more than food' projects which remain consistent with the primary objective of the charity.
Trustees	The Trustees who served during the year or who were serving at the date of this report were:

Krishan Ryan Neelendra	(Appointed 10 February 2025)
Dr Nicola Susan Byrne	
Calum Douglas Docherty	
Katharine Nina Szamuely	
Nicholas Matthew Wilkinson	(Resigned 27 October 2025)
Siu Man Alison Wong	(Treasurer)
Alice Smith	(Resigned 10 February 2025)
Emily Finch	(Appointed 6 April 2025)
Rev Stephen Issac Raphael Hearn	(Chair – appointed 27 October 2025)

Bankers	The Co-operative bank, Floor 6,1 Ballon Street, Manchester, M4 4BE
Independent Examiner	John Helm ACA Tandem Accounting Limited 17 Heathville Road London N19 3AL

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Trustees Report
For the year ended 31 December 2025

The Trustees submit their annual report and accounts of St John's Soup Kitchen and Foodbank ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 December 2025. The legal and administrative information set out earlier in this document forms part of this report.

1. Structure, Governance & Management

There are seven trustees who meet quarterly and more frequently as needed.

2. Activities

The Trustees have given due regard to the Charity Commissions' guidance on public benefit. During the year the Charity carried out the following activities in the local neighbourhood and to benefit the community:

- provided of hot food and food parcels;
- provided emergency clothing, micro-grants for emergency living expenses; and,
- offered signposting, advice and support assistance.

The Soup Kitchen operates on a twice weekly basis to serve its community.

3. Achievements & Performance

Demand for our services continues to be very high, but the volunteer recruitment drive has been successful in keeping up with demand.

Fundraising has proven more challenging in the current year which has led to additional behind the scenes work to diversify the charity's offering beyond its core offering to meet the requirements of grant givers.

4. Financial Review

4.1 Financial Activity and Financial Position
The charity is funded by grants, with the majority of donations coming from individuals whose generosity on behalf of the less fortunate is to be commended.

4.2 Reserves Policy
The Trustees consider that, given the nature of the charity's work, free reserves should be equivalent to approximately 6 months' routine general fund expenditure, plus committed future expenditure on other projects, where funds permit. The Trustees are of the opinion that this provides sufficient flexibility to cover temporary shortfalls in incoming resources and will allow the Charity to cope and respond to unforeseen emergencies whilst specific action plans are implemented. At 31 December 2025 the Charity had net cash reserves of £31,275 (2024: £46,391).

	2025 £	2024 £
Total cash reserves	**31,275**	**46,391**
Less: restricted funds	-	-
Free reserves	**31,275**	**46,391**
Free reserves requirement:		
6 month's budgeted routine expenditure	**33,000**	**36,000**

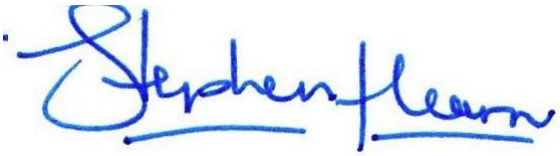
The charity held free reserves slightly below its six-month reserves target of £33,000, but sufficient to cover approximately 5.7 months of budgeted routine expenditure. The trustees will monitor expenditure and seek additional funding to restore reserves to the target level.

5. Responsibilities of Trustees for the Accounts

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

6. Approval

The report of the Trustees was approved by the Trustees on 27 October 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Stephen Hearn
Chair of Trustees

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Independent Examiner's Report
For the year ended 31 December 2025

I report on the accounts of St John's Soup Kitchen and Foodbank for the year ended 31 December 2025, set out on pages 6 to 9.

This report is made solely to the Trustees in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act). My independent examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by the law, I do not accept responsibility to anyone other than the Trustees for my independent examination, for this report, or the opinions I have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER
The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period (under section 144(2) of the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.
It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Direction given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.



John Helm ACA
Xx October 2026

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Receipts & Payments Account
For the year ended 31 December 2025

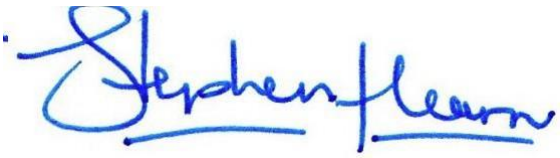
	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Receipts					
Donations		16,699	-	16,699	24,330
Grants		22,925	-	22,925	107,831
Fundraising		12,533	-	12,533	18,124
Total Receipts		**52,157**	**0**	**52,157**	**150,285**
Payments					
Charitable activities	2	67,273	-	67,273	113,660
Total Payments		**67,273**	**0**	**67,273**	**113,660**
Net receipts		**(15,116)**	**0**	**(15,116)**	**36,625**
Total cash funds brought forward		46,391	-	46,391	9,766
Total cash funds carried forward		**31,275**	**0**	**31,275**	**46,391**

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Statement of Assets & Liabilities
As at 31 December 2025

		Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Assets					
Stock		2,290	-	2,290	2,290
Balance with Bankuet	4	2,159	-	2,159	6,187
Cash At Bank And In Hand		29,116	-	29,116	40,204
		33,565	0	33,565	48,681
Liabilities		3,302	-	3,302	5,810
Total Assets Less Liabilities		**30,263**	**0**	**30,263**	**42,871**

The Accounts were approved by the Trustees on 27 October 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Stephen Hearn
Chair of Trustees

Notes to the Accounts
For the year ended 31 December 2025

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

Bankuet is a social impact organization that facilitates smarter food bank support by enabling donors to contribute funds online, which are then used to purchase and deliver essential items based on real-time needs. Our charity uses this system whereby our supporters, by donating directly to Bankuet, are crediting the charity account, which then in turn enables the purchase of food supplies. Bankuet does not return the funds once paid. Any outstanding funds at year end, which have not been used to purchase/deliver items, have been reflected in the accounts as cash.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

2. Payments – Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Labour costs	-	-	-	2,031
Operational costs	52,103	-	52,103	77,264
Office costs	2,058	-	2,058	1,680
Property costs	13,112	-	13,112	32,685
	67,273	**0**	**67,273**	**113,660**

3. Movement in funds

3a Current year	At 1 January 2025 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2025 £
Unrestricted funds	46,391	52,157	(67,273)	-	31,275
	46,391	**52,157**	**(67,273)**	**0**	**31,275**

3. Movement in funds (continued)

3b Prior year	At 1 January 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds	9,766	82,384	(61,303)	15,544	46,391
Restricted funds					
Sink Fund	0	2,570	(1,735)	(835)	0
Cost of Living	0	65,331	(50,622)	(14,709)	0
	0	**67,901**	**(52,357)**	**(15,544)**	**0**
	9,766	**150,285**	**(113,660)**	**0**	**46,391**

The transfer from the Sink fund to the unrestricted general fund was in accordance with the agreement obtained by donors to treat the excess of this fund as unrestricted.

The transfer from the Cost-of-Living restricted fund to the unrestricted general one is to adjust retrospectively for expenditure incurred in 2023.

Description of funds:

Sink Fund: This funded the purchase of a sink for the foodbank.
Cost of living Fund: This funded various areas of the activities of the Charity following the budget agreement with the donor.

5. Related Party Transactions

The Trustees gave a total of £510 (2024: £280) to the charity during the year.

There were no other related party transactions.