



**Feeding
Families**

ANNUAL REPORT

2024/2025



JULIET SANDERS FOUNDER & CEO

This year has been another period of growth, challenge, and impact for Feeding Families.

As we close another year and open a new chapter, it's difficult to think that this is my last. In December 2025, I will retire from Feeding Families, so this will be my final annual report to present to you. In 2017, this was an embryonic idea from my kitchen table - trying to help a few local families have a better Christmas. Roll forward seven years, and tens of thousands of families, couples, and individuals have benefitted from the communal kindness that is at the heart of Feeding Families.

This year has made me immensely proud - to see the organisation stabilise and reimagine what it does to be even more effective. Growth isn't just about numbers but about maturity, forward thinking, and development. We have challenged ourselves, made difficult decisions, and positioned ourselves for future success.

Having had the opportunity to found such a wonderfully caring charity, which has been embraced by so many, I am encouraged to think that a flame has been lit that will carry on burning long after me. The passion of volunteers, trustees, donors, funders, and staff unites to build a net of safety for our families, friends, colleagues, and strangers in hard times. I'm immensely proud of all you do and that you've allowed me to dream a dream that came true.

Don't stop. The world needs you.

Juliet

EMMA JARVIS

CHAIR



Reflecting on the past year, I am immensely proud of everything Feeding Families has achieved.

In the face of rising need, we remained resilient, determined, and unwavering in our commitment to supporting North East families. This year, we expanded our reach, refined our offerings, and strengthened partnerships; distributing a million items takes an army, and our impact would not have been possible without an incredible team of staff, volunteers, and Trustees, who place dignity and hope at the heart of their work. We are deeply grateful to our donors, partners, and supporters, your generosity ensures we remain a beacon of support for those in crisis. As demand continued to grow, we prioritised those experiencing the deepest levels of poverty. A strategic shift for our Christmas campaign focused resources on families facing the greatest hardship. We have also enhanced our provisions to better reflect the needs and diversity of our beneficiaries.

This year marks a milestone as we prepare to say farewell to our Founder and CEO, Juliet Sanders. Juliet's vision and tireless dedication have transformed a simple act of kindness into a movement reaching thousands. Her leadership has been inspirational, and on behalf of the Board, I extend our heartfelt gratitude for her years of service and a lasting legacy. In the coming months we will search for a new CEO to lead Feeding Families into its next chapter.

Looking ahead, we know the landscape is changing, and we are ready to adapt. Our focus remains on strengthening our team, partnerships, operational efficiency, and sustainability.

To everyone who has been part of our story this year, THANK YOU. Together, we are making a real difference, and I look forward to what we will achieve in 2025.

Emma

TIMELINE OF IMPACT: 2016-2025

A Journey from One Act of Kindness to a Region-Wide Support System

The first spark: Juliet has a chance encounter with a struggling family with five children and no furniture. This moment plants the seed for what will become Feeding Families.



2016

The first Matched Christmas Dinners project begins. 719 families receive food hampers from donors, marking the charity's unofficial start.

2017

Feeding Families is officially registered as a charity, focusing on Christmas food aid.

2018

COVID-19 crisis reshaped our work, expanding from Christmas to support year-round. A doorstep delivery model is created to meet urgent food poverty during lockdowns.

2020



Opened our first dedicated warehouse in Blaydon to scale up operations.

2021



2022

Moved to larger premises in Blaydon due to increasing demand. New food partnerships established for long-term sustainability.

Unprecedented demand with 100% growth in food distribution.



2023

Second centre opens in Sedgefield to serve South Durham & Teesside. Biggest Christmas campaign yet!



2024

Over 380 partners, thousands of families supported, and evolving to reach even more.

TODAY

Feeding Families is now exploring new partnerships and sustainable food distribution solutions for greater long-term impact.

Thank you for being part of our journey!



LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR JOURNEY



WHAT WE DO

At Feeding Families, we know that hunger isn't just about food - it's about dignity, stability, and hope. In the North East, one in three children live in poverty, and many families - despite working - are struggling to afford even the basics. Here's how we're feeding families throughout the region...



1. Filling the gaps

Rising living costs and gaps in traditional support systems leave people with impossible choices:

Heating OR eating
Rent OR food for the kids
Toiletries OR tonight's dinner

That's where we step in.

We don't operate like a traditional food bank. Instead, we work through trusted local partners - schools, housing providers, NHS teams, and charities - to get food straight to the people who need it, when they need it.



2. Meeting immediate need

Many people can't access food banks due to working hours, transport issues, or stigma. We provide:

Emergency Food Boxes

Nutritious, long-life food for individuals and families in crisis.

Low-Cook & No-Cook Boxes

For those without kitchens, living in hostels, or struggling with energy costs.



3. Helping people through transitions

Big life changes often push people into crisis. We provide food and essentials at key moments:

Housing Transition Support

When people move into a new tenancy, we help with food, toiletries, and cleaning packs to relieve early financial pressure.

Six-Week Stability Programme

Ensuring consistent food support for those transitioning to Universal Credit, moving out of care, or rebuilding after domestic violence.

Emergency Support for Health Crises

Partnering with hospitals and eating disorder clinics to ensure food insecurity doesn't worsen health outcomes.



4. Preventing food poverty

We're not just about short-term fixes - we also work to prevent deeper hunger by providing:

School Holiday Food Support

Helping working parents who struggle when free school meals stop.

Culturally Tailored Boxes

Because food should feel like home, no matter where you're from.

Community Partnerships

Supporting mental health services, refugee organisations, and grassroots charities.

HELP US DO EVEN MORE. [FEEDINGFAMILIES.ORG.UK/DONATE](https://feedingfamilies.org.uk/donate)

A SEASON OF GIVING, A LIFETIME OF IMPACT



Christmas is at the heart of what we do. What started as a simple idea - one family helping another - has grown into one of the North East's largest food support initiatives.

In December 2024 we saw:

9,763

Households supported

179,688

Items of food delivered

9,300

Christmas food boxes delivered

463

Families supported through our new Christmas project

237

Volunteers

163

Partner organisations

"RECEIVING THIS BOX MADE ME CRY HAPPY TEARS. I'VE NEVER BEEN SUPPORTED LIKE THIS BEFORE, AND IT'S CHANGED OUR LIVES."



MORE THAN A MEAL: A MESSAGE OF HOPE



“

It brought joy to the faces of my children when we opened the boxes. Most of the items were things they needed urgently.”

“

It makes a big difference because with the food prices going up more and more, if we didn't get these boxes my family wouldn't have food for a week or two until pay day.”

“

We had a family dinner thanks to you. Thank you.”

“

It makes a huge difference as a single mother I struggle to make ends meet most of the time, especially this time of year is really difficult. This box has helped me massively.”

“

It has helped me so much. My cupboards were empty and I had not been paid until Xmas eve. It has helped massively and helped with the stress of not being able to get everything.”

“

It became hope for my despair.”

“

It really helped. We struggle to afford food, so grateful for anything we get. Thank you, it will help us get through a couple of weeks.”

OUR IMPACT

This year, we made a powerful impact - providing nourishing meals, supporting families in need, and strengthening communities. Here's a look at what we achieved together:

1,044,398

Food and toiletry items distributed

44,144

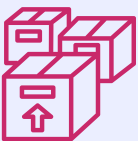
Total households supported

366

Partner organisations helping us reach those in need

5,919

Volunteer hours given to support our work



"YOUR FOOD PROVISION MAKES A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO PEOPLE LIKE US WHO ARE GOING THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES. IT MEANS WE CAN EAT WITHOUT STRESSING EVERY DAY."

Feeding Families is more than numbers – it’s real people, real families, real change.

28,769

Essential food boxes provided

4,696

Toiletry packs distributed

3,885

Low-cook food boxes delivered

2,656

Rough sleeper packs provided

“WE WERE AMAZED AT WHAT WE GOT IN OUR FOOD PARCEL. IT MADE SUCH A BIG DIFFERENCE TO OUR FAMILY.”

Every meal provided and every family supported is a result of careful stewardship – ensuring that every pound is used efficiently and effectively to maximise our impact.



THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

Feeding Families is powered by generosity, kindness, and people who care. From packing food boxes to delivering meals, our volunteers make everything possible.



Volunteer Spotlight: a lifetime of giving

At over 90 years old, Betty is an inspiration to us all. A retired factory worker and mother of a longtime volunteer, she brings her strong work ethic to Feeding Families by assembling condiment packs with unwavering dedication.

Rather than slowing down, Betty has taken her volunteering to the next level - setting up her own packing line right at her dining table. She has become a one-person packing powerhouse, ensuring families receive essential supplies.

For Betty, volunteering is more than just a task; it brings purpose, pride, and joy. The daily routine has added structure and fulfilment to her life, and she loves every moment spent helping others.

Her story is a testament to the power of volunteering at any age. Betty's commitment proves that making a difference has no age limit, and we are truly grateful for the impact she makes every day.

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT
VOLUNTEERING WITH US**



Volunteer Spotlight: Sarah's inspiring journey



This lovely lady has been brightening lives through volunteering with Feeding Families for over two years!

Sarah has many great passions - teaching, baking, and the great outdoors (not to mention her adorable dogs, Lenny and Elsie!) - and she truly believes that food is a basic human right.

Feeding Families wouldn't be where it is without Sarah, our amazing van driver with over 300 hours of service, zipping around the North East to deliver food boxes. She's the friendly face of our charity, building fantastic relationships with our partners. And let's not forget her loyal sidekick, Elsie - winning over everyone she meets with her endless affection.

It all started with a chance visit, and now Sarah's making a BIG impact in her community!

Join us in thanking Sarah for her dedication and kindness! If you've been thinking about volunteering, take it from her:

"YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE AND EVERYTHING TO GAIN!"

READ SARAH'S STORY



SARAH

CARING

baking,
crafting and
adventure!

DOG MUM

ELSIE

retired
primary school
teacher



THANK YOU!

We've had a bumper year of support! You've showed up raised funds, donated supplies, and offered staff volunteering days - helping us feed more families, expand our reach, and respond faster! Thank you to all the businesses, individuals and schools who make up the Feeding Families community!



CORPORATE PARTNERS



“AtkinsRéalis are delighted to be supporting Feeding Families for another year having built such a great relationship with the team in 2024.

We feel that by extending our partnership beyond the typical ‘charity of the year’ model we can have a much greater impact and build on what we have started.

Working with an organisation that supports so many other grass roots and community causes is fantastic and allows us to align our support close to our local projects.

We hope that by the end of the year we will have raised £10,000 in total since our first fundraising event in October 2023... bring on 2025!”

SAM MORALEE, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

WANT TO PARTNER WITH US TO CREATE
CHANGE IN THE NORTH EAST? FIND OUT MORE





INSPIRATIONAL WOMENS NETWORKING LUNCH

On June 16th, we hosted our Inspirational Women's Networking Luncheon at Wynyard Hall, ensuring accessibility for all, regardless of financial circumstances.

We were honoured to welcome North East Mayor Kim McGuinness and renowned broadcaster Pam Royle as our guest speakers, sharing their insights and experiences with an inspiring audience as well as word from Juliet Sanders, CEO of Feeding Families.

Thanks to the generosity and support of those who attended, we raised over £11,000 to further our mission.



CHARITY GALA DINNER

On September 28th, we hosted our annual Charity Gala Dinner at the Grand Hotel, Gosforth Park, a night filled with generosity, community spirit, and unforgettable entertainment, all in support of tackling food poverty across the North East.

Thanks to the incredible support of our guests, we raised over £8,000 to help families in need.

Thank you to our brilliant host, Gary Philipson, for keeping the evening running seamlessly, our event sponsor, Karbon Homes, and to Storm and magician Graeme Shaw for their fantastic entertainment. A special mention to the Ryton Singers for their joyous and uplifting entrance, setting the perfect tone for the night.

"AN INCREDIBLE EVENING FOR AN EVEN MORE INCREDIBLE CAUSE! THE ATMOSPHERE WAS ELECTRIC, THE ENTERTAINMENT WAS FANTASTIC, AND THE GENEROSITY IN THE ROOM WAS TRULY HEARTWARMING. IT'S AMAZING TO SEE HOW MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE FEEDING FAMILIES MAKES IN OUR COMMUNITY."



LOOKING AHEAD

Strengthening Our Impact in 2025 >>>

As Feeding Families continues to grow, we remain focused on scaling up, strengthening partnerships, and ensuring sustainable food support across the North East. Over the next year, we will focus on:

Expanding Distribution & Partnerships

- Transitioning away from the Sedgefield site to focus on strategic new locations, including potential hubs in Teesside and Sunderland to improve access.
- Strengthening our partnership model, ensuring that food support reaches people faster and more efficiently through local authorities, schools, and community organisations.

Improving Food Provision

- Increasing the availability of low-cook and no-cook food boxes, particularly for people in temporary accommodation, hostels, or with limited access to cooking facilities.
- Expanding culturally appropriate food options, ensuring diverse communities receive support that meets their dietary needs.

Adapting for Future Growth

- Ensuring a smooth leadership transition, as Juliet prepares to step down, with plans in place to find the right person to lead the next phase of growth.
- Continuing to increase efficiency, ensuring we can meet rising demand while maintaining the quality and dignity of our support.



Thank you for your support. We couldn't do it without you!

TO EVERY VOLUNTEER, DONOR, PARTNER, AND SUPPORTER - THANK YOU!

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**Feeding
Families**

**JOIN US IN
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Every meal provided, every family supported, and every life changed is made possible by people like you. Whether you donate, volunteer, or spread the word, your support helps us feed families and build stronger communities.

Together, we can do more. Thank you for being part of the Feeding Families community!

WITH THANKS TO OUR TRUSTEES

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Brian Palmer (Treasurer)

Antony Byrne

Gemma Darville

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for the year ended 31st March 2025

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FEEDING FAMILIES
Administrative details
for the year ended 31st March 2025

Registered Charity number	1179694
Trustees and Management Committee	Emma Jarvis - From 26/05/2021 Gemma Darville - From 28/10/2024 Timothy James Rutter - From 28/10/2024 Carol Meredith - From 28/10/2024 Graham Sleep - From 23/05/2024 Alex Arthur Wilby - From 27/07/2021 Anthony Patrick Byrne - From 22/07/2019 Brian John Palmer - From 06/04/2021 Jon Daniel Regan - From 29/01/2020 Anthony Joseph Gillham - From 11/04/2025 David Jackson - Unitl 09/01/2024
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Bankers	Lloyds bank Plc LEWISHAM PO BOX 1000 BX11LT
Independent Examiner	Heera Singh FMAAT HSL Accountancy Solutions Ltd Enterprise House 4-6 Thorne Road Doncaster DN1 2HS

FEEDING FAMILIES

The Trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31st March 2025

Governing document

Feeding Families is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is governed by a constitution, which is registered with the Charity Commission. A copy of the constitution is available on request.

Organisational Structure and Management

The organisation operates as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered on 28 Aug 2018 with the Charity Commission. The organisation is governed by the Trustees, who determine strategic direction and policy. The day-to-day operation is also carried out by the CEO and staff.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New Trustees are invited to apply when a vacancy arises, and this is advertised to our supporters as well as on volunteer websites. Following application, a series of meetings takes place to ascertain if the applicant and charity are suited to work together and then a vote is taken by the trustees to confirm the appointment.

Risk management

Risks are highlighted and managed within the context of Trustee meetings. The charity has taken appropriate insurance cover for the main risks it faces.

Objectives

Our mission is to:

- Provide relief to any person experiencing poverty primarily in north east England. We will do this, in particular but not exclusively, through the provision of food, education and other resources which they could not otherwise afford.
- Promote wellbeing and mental health for those who give and receive aid.

Significant activities

After several years of rapid growth, 2024–25 marked a period of strategic consolidation and strengthening. Now well established in our Blaydon and Sedgefield premises, we have been able to work more efficiently to scale our operations and impact across the region.

Central to this has been the introduction of a new online ordering system for our partners. They can now see the full range of support available and select the support they need for either collection or delivery. This system has significantly improved the efficiency of our logistics and enabled us to serve more organisations, more effectively.

To ensure fair distribution amid continued high demand, we introduced clearer partnership criteria and ordering caps. This allowed us to serve more organisations while prioritising the most vulnerable clients. We worked with 366 organisations including schools, children's charities, housing providers, NHS teams, refugee services, grassroots community groups, and the initiative has been well received.

In total, we distributed over one million items of food and essential supplies across the year. Although we receive some seasonal donations, especially at Christmas; the majority of our stock is still purchased at retail prices, posing an ongoing financial challenge. We are immensely proud, therefore, that we were able to support over 44,000 households this year - providing not only food but also vital toiletries and cleaning products where needed.

We continued to improve the quality and nutritional content of our food boxes with expert advice from Newcastle University. As a result, we updated our food lists and, for the first time, produced a nutritionally balanced Low-Cook Box aimed at those with limited cooking facilities or skills. Demand for these boxes rose slightly this year.

Our current offering includes:

- Essential Food Boxes: 28,769 distributed — providing a range of cupboard staples to form the basis of multiple meals for families
- Low-Cook Food Boxes: 3,885 distributed — designed for those with limited cooking facilities or confidence, based on nutritional advice from Newcastle University.
- Culturally Appropriate Food: Support expanded to include halal options for 154 families during Eid. Initial discussions also began around kosher provision for the local Orthodox Jewish community. Feedback shows that these communities (including refugee and asylum seeker groups) often struggle to access culturally appropriate food from standard food banks, and our support is now an important resource.

**Independent examiners report to the Trustees of
FEEDING FAMILIES
for the year ended 31st March 2025**

Our current offering includes:

- Dietary Requirements: Tailored boxes provided for a wide range of needs, including gluten-free, dairy-free, vegetarian, vegan, and rare diets such as PKU and low-sodium.
- Rough Sleeper Packs: 2,656 packs were distributed, following increased demand for these high-protein, high-calorie, no-cook grab bags, following a successful pilot which garnered positive feedback.
- Toiletry Packs: Demand increased by 400% as hygiene poverty continues to impact many of the families we support. These packs are not part of our core offer but are essential for dignity and wellbeing.
- Cleaning Packs: Distributed on a case-by-case basis to families entering new housing or experiencing acute vulnerability.

Christmas 2024 remained at the heart of our work. We supported over 9,300 households through our Christmas food box project and a further 463 families through our Matched Christmas Dinners initiative. A total of 179,688 items of food were distributed through our Blaydon and Sedgefield centres, thanks to the dedication of 237 volunteers. Their efforts ensured families across the region were able to celebrate the season with dignity and warmth.

Strengthening impact & looking ahead

We further refined our approach to collecting partner feedback and impact stories, ensuring our support remains responsive and effective in meeting the needs of the community.

Looking ahead, Feeding Families will remain focused on strengthening operational efficiency, expanding culturally appropriate and Low-Cook food provision, and deepening our partnerships across the North East. We will also manage a significant leadership transition as our Founder and CEO, Juliet Sanders, prepares to hand over leadership in December 2025, following many years of dedicated service.

Further information on performance, volunteer contributions, and community impact is available in the full Annual Report.

Reserves policy

The Trustees aim to maintain reserves in designated funds at a level which equates to approximately six months of expenditure. The trustees consider that this level will provide funds to respond to carry out the work of the charity and the support and governance required for it to operate.

Activities undertaken for the public benefit

In shaping the objectives for the year, the Trustees paid due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The Charity's objects have set out to how the Charity fulfil its principal charitable objective. For more information, please refer to our full annual report.

**Independent examiners report to the Trustees of
FEEDING FAMILIES
for the year ended 31st March 2025**


Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity at the year end and of its incoming resources and resources expended during that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP; where applicable
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

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 them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the above report. Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Signed: 

Name and Position: Emma Jarvis Trustee Chair

Date: 9th October 2025

**Independent examiners report to the Trustees of
FEEDING FAMILIES
for the year ended 31st March 2025**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

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 my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My 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 seeking 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 my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me 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 comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Mr Heera Singh FMAAT
HSL Accountancy Solutions Ltd
Enterprise House
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Date:

FEEDING FAMILIES**Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31st March 2025**

		Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Income	Notes				
Grants and donations	2	537,069	373,122	910,191	757,877
Investment income		2,314	-	2,314	2,979
Total income		539,384	373,122	912,506	760,856
Expenditure					
Charitable activities	3	393,213	407,697	800,910	937,613
Total expenditure		393,213	407,697	800,910	937,613
Net income (expenditure)		146,171	(34,575)	111,596	- 176,757
Balance brought forward 1st April 2024		250,214	58,572	308,786	485,543
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward 31st March 2025		396,385	23,996	420,381	308,786

The above statement includes all gains and losses recognised during the year. All activities are regarded as continuing.

The accounting policies and notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements

FEEDING FAMILIES
Balance sheet
for the year ended 31st March 2025

	2025	2024
	Total	Total
	£	£
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets	32,326	36,065
Current assets		
Debtors	31,890	2,087
Cash at bank and in hand	386,464	288,741
	<u>418,355</u>	<u>290,828</u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors - amounts due within one year	(30,300)	(18,107)
	<u>388,055</u>	<u>272,721</u>
Net current assets		
	<u>420,381</u>	<u>308,786</u>
Net assets		
Funds of the Charity		
Unrestricted Funds	396,385	250,214
Restricted Funds	23,996	58,572
Total Funds	<u>420,381</u>	<u>308,786</u>

The financial statements on pages 5 and 6 were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Signed:

Name and Position:

Date

The accounting policies and notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these financial statements

FEEDING FAMILIES
Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31st March 2025

	Total 2025
Cash flows from operating activities:	£
Net income per SoFA	111,595
(Increase)/decrease in assets	3,739
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(29,804)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	<u>12,192</u>
	97,723
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Investment income	<u>-</u>
Net increase in cash:	97,723
Total cash as at 01 April 2024	<u>288,741</u>
Total cash as at 31 March 2025	<u>386,464</u>

FEEDING FAMILIES

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historic cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s), in accordance with:

- The Charities Act 2011
- Accounting & Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP FRS102) (effective January 2015)

1.1.2. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

1.1.3. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.2. Incoming resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities. Incoming resources are recognised when:

- the company becomes entitled to the resources
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fund-raising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Grants and donations are only included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Contractual income is only included in the Statement of Financial Activities once the related goods or performance related services have been delivered.

Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable.

Donated goods and services are included in the Statement of Financial Activities and measured at the fair value.

1.3. Expenditure

Expenditure is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered.

Expenditure is classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred in the delivery of the charity's activities and services for its beneficiaries, including both direct and support costs. The expenditure has been analysed but usage.

Professional fees include those costs associated with meeting constitutional and statutory requirements, including Accountancy fees.

1.4. Fund accounting

Restricted funds are funds received from donors which are subject to restrictions on the purposes for which they may be used of which have been raised for a specific project.

Unrestricted funds are those where there are no externally imposed restrictions. These include funds freely available to the charity for expenditure or appropriation to reserves for internally designated purposes.

1.5. Assets

Tangible assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost, or, if gifted, at the value to the company on receipt. The rates applicable are; Office equipment-33% on cost, Fixtures and fittings-25% on cost, Motor vehicle -10% reducing

1.6. Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

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1.7. Cash

Cash comprises bank deposits repayable on demand and any short-term highly liquid investments with a maturity date of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.8. Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount, usually the invoice amount. Accrued charges are normally valued at their settlement amount.

1.9. Taxes

The company is not VAT registered. As a Charity the organisation is exempt from taxation on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of chargeable gains Act section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of chargeable gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

2. Income from:

Income	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Grants and donations				
Donations	537,069	-	537,069	498,709
Point North (formerly County Durham Community Foundation)				
- Poverty Hurts Programme	-	-	-	10,000
- Learning Curve Fund	-	2,000	2,000	-
Community Foundation serving Tyne & Wear and Northumberland				
- Point of Tyne	-	4,000	4,000	-
- Shobha and Triloki Srivastava Grassroots	-	1,000	1,000	-
- Ron and Louise Bowey Fund	-	5,000	5,000	-
- P&G Fund	-	-	-	4,989
- The 1989 Willian Charitable Trust	-	5,000	5,000	-
- William Leech Charity	-	-	-	7,990
Access to Work	-	-	-	8,341
Arnold Clark Community Fund	-	2,500	2,500	-
Durham County Council	-	95,000	95,000	-
Durham Freemsons	-	2,112	2,112	-
Masonic Charitable Foundation	-	2,112	2,112	-
Gateshead Council	-	170,507	170,507	20,500
Hadrian Trust	-	2,000	2,000	-
Karbon Homes	-	25,000	25,000	2,500
Kavli Trust	-	-	-	83,000
Neighbourly Limited	-	4,500	4,500	500
The Forrester Family Trust	-	-	-	25,000
The Hobson Charity Limited	-	-	-	5,000
The Joicey Trust	-	-	-	3,000
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	34,391	34,391	71,548
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Gateshead St George	-	18,000	18,000	11,800
The Vardy Foundation	-	-	-	5,000
Total income 2025	537,069	373,122	910,191	757,877
Total income 2024	498,709	259,168	757,877	

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3. Expenditure on

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£
Charitable Activities				
Food hampers	119,200	281,085	400,285	469,435
Other project costs	28,099	9,927	38,026	17,055
Bank and other charges	5,311	456	5,767	2,184
Computer/Software	8,080	653	8,733	42,048
Depreciation	3,739	-	3,739	4,394
Employers pension	4,334	-	4,334	3,844
Insurance	2,975	1,344	4,319	3,578
Legal and professional fees	3,042	2,055	5,097	2,101
Office administration	3,031	459	3,490	3,787
Other professional fees	1,321	-	1,321	16,689
Rent and premise costs	38,538	18,753	57,291	115,769
Travel expenses	8,891	3,832	12,723	12,099
Wages	162,600	88,626	251,226	227,275
Website and publicity	4,052	507	4,559	17,355
Total expenditure 2025	393,213	407,697	800,910	937,613
Total expenditure 2024	511,878	425,735	937,613	

4. Fixed assets

	Furniture & fittings	Office Equipment	Motor Vehicle	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
At 1st April 2024	590	916	18,714	20,220
Additions	-	-	24,750	24,750
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2025	590	916	43,464	44,970
Depreciation				
At 1st April 2024	442	916	7,546	8,905
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Charge this period	147	-	3,592	3,739
At 31st March 2025	590	916	11,138	12,644
Net book value at 31st March 2025	-	-	32,326	32,326
Net book value at 31st March 2024	147	-	35,918	36,065

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5 Debtors and creditors

	2025	2024
	Total	Total
	£	£
Debtors		
Trade debtors	31,890	2,087
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Creditors due within one year		
Trade creditors	30,300	18,107
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6. Staff costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	251,226	227,275
Pension	4,334	3,844
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	255,560	231,119
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No person received emoluments of more than £60,000 in the year.

The average number of staff during the year was 8. (2024:7)

7. Movement of funds

	Opening	Incoming	Resources		Closing
	Balance	Resources	Expended	Transfers	Balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	250,214	541,884	(395,713)	-	396,385
Restricted funds					
BP Grant	58,572	-	(58,572)	-	-
Community Foundation Tyne and Wear	-	-	-	-	-
- Point of Tyne	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
- Shobha and Triloki Srivastava Grassroots	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
- Ron and Louise Bowey Fund	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
- The 1989 Willian Charitable Trust	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Point North (formerly County Durham Community Foundation)					
- Learning Curve Fund	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Durham County Council	-	95,000	(94,115)	-	885
Durham Freemsons	-	2,112	(2,112)	-	-
Masonic Charitable Foundation	-	2,112	-	-	2,112
Gateshead Council	-	170,507	(170,507)	-	-
Hadrian Trust	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Karbon Homes	-	25,000	(10,000)	-	15,000
Neighbourly Limited	-	4,500	(4,500)	-	-
The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Gateshead St George	-	18,000	(18,000)	-	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	34,391	(34,391)	-	-
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Total funds	308,786	912,506	(800,910)	-	420,381
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* All Restricted funding has been awarded towards activity costs of the Charity.

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8 In kind contributions

During the period of these accounts, the Trustees have identified 5,919 hours of in kind contribution volunteers. The amounts have not been included in the Statement of Financial Activities as the Trustees feel this would mislead the readers of the accounts. For more information, please refer to the Charity Annual Report.

9 Trustees remuneration, benefits and expenses

Trustees received no remuneration during the period of these accounts. Only expenses properly incurred in respect of charity business were reimbursed.