

Annual Report 2024



Uist & Barra Foodbank

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Chairpersons' Report

The launch in 2018, of the Foodbank serving Uist and Barra residents has been continuously available, to help those who find themselves in a crisis. By providing emergency food parcels, support and signposting to other agencies, we can help in times of need.

Rising food and energy costs still affect our residents and have contributed to this need. Despite this challenge, we've remained committed to providing support to those in crisis, working tirelessly to make a positive impact in our community.

The Scottish Government has also taken steps to address food insecurity and reduce the need for Foodbanks. This has had a significant effect, resulting in a notable decrease in the number of people we support. In June 2023 the government published a plan outlining a human rights-based approach to tackling food insecurity. The key initiatives outlined were a 'cash-first approach', a new 'Scottish crisis Fund', and increasing the child payment amount. Also included in the plan was, working with local councils, the third sector and community food initiatives to provide money advice and support to help residents strengthen their incomes, and looking at welfare reforms that could give potential benefits if they were reversed. The potential benefits predicted are that it could pull 700,000 people out of poverty in Scotland, including 30,000 children.

We continue to build on our close collaboration between different organizations that allow us to work together, to help those in crisis. Currently we work with Citizens Advice, Police Scotland, Tighean Innse Gall, NHS including Midwives, Health Visitors, Community Psychiatric Nursing, Substance Misuse and GP Practices, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar including the Homeless Service, Adult Support and Children's services, schools, local charities Tagsa Uibhist, Cothrom, UCVO, Caraidean, Western Isles Community Care Forum and the local branch of the national charity Action for Children, local housing association Hebridean Housing Partnership, local DWP and all of our faith groups across the islands and of course, our much valued Volunteers. All these people help to connect us to those who require assistance.

We were successful in receiving funding from the National Lottery and community initiatives to enable us to continue to employ a Project Manager.

I would like to thank the individuals from our community and beyond, and the many local businesses, who have continued to give their support generously. We could not achieve what we do without the donations, contributions and ongoing support that we receive, for which we are extremely grateful.

Lastly, I would like to give my thanks to all our volunteers, without whose time and support, we would really struggle to operate as efficiently as we do.


Chairperson

Treasurers Report

As in previous years the need for a local foodbank is continuing and the generosity received from our local community continues.

We continue to have rent free premises in East Camp. Our only costs are insurance, phone and broadband and bank charges for our CAF Bank account. We are always searching for the best deals so as not to take monies from those who need our services.

Our accounts, on page 7, show that we received £28,819. 45 from a variety of sources. Donations come from many different places including fundraising events in the community, individuals, businesses, grants, and cash donations.

We received funding from the National Lottery in 2024 that enabled us to continue to employ a Project Manager. In July 2024 we received £7,500, and in November 2024 we received £15,000 to cover this role further ahead.

We also received from the Co-op Local Community Fund in March 2024 £1,154.13 and then another payment in November 2024 of £1,806.47 which has helped us massively to buy food for our shelves and allow us to make a complete parcel. This was thanks to the Co-op customers who used their card in store and contributed towards our fund amount.

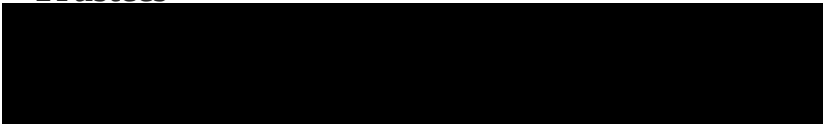
I wish to thank everyone in our community, and from afar who have continued to support us.

Thank You

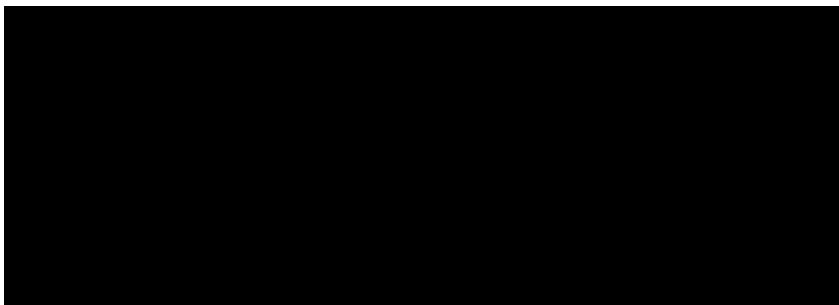


Treasurer

Trustees



Volunteers



Auditor



Bank

 , CAF Bank LTD, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling, KENT, ME19 4JQ

OSCR Registration

Charity Number SCO47999 – 14 December 2017

CNES

Registered as a Food Establishment Business on 30th July 2018

Our Benefactors

East Camp Trust
Church of Scotland
Carnan Stores
UCVO
NHS Western Isles
Mowi
Individuals in Uist and Barra and on the Mainland

The community of Uist & Barra
Free Church
TIG
Morrisons Shop
Creagorry and Daliburgh Coop
Tagsa Uibhist
National Lottery

Activities

The Uist and Barra Foodbank accepts donations from the community and processes them in line with agreed policies. Our team of volunteers, undertake these tasks throughout the week, as and when we receive donations. The items are weighed in line with stock control measures. The dates are checked and items stored in the correct date order, in either our 'shop' side, or our 'warehouse' side. This then allows us to let clients choose what they would like (up to their allowance) picking off the shelves. This helps to create a shopping experience, which helps us to maintain a level of dignity and respect with our clients.

Through these means we can cater to individual needs like dietary requirements, and client's likes and dislikes; therefore, preventing products going to a user's home and ending up sitting in a cupboard unused. This helps us to fully utilise the donations we are given. This all helps to cut down on food waste and helps those in crisis in the process. We also offer toiletries, and household cleaning products as required and available.

The Foodbank is used by many different people - individuals and families. We have many who are new to the Foodbank and the feedback we have received has been very positive. Many feel the strain of living from pay day to pay day and having this service available when the unexpected happens is very much welcomed in our community. It also means we are there to help and support as required.

Our numbers have increased substantially since our first full year of operation in 2019 when we delivered 167 parcels feeding 253 adults and 66 children. Last year we delivered 273 parcels that covered 324 adults and 72 children. This was made possible by the donation of 3538kgs of food and cleaning materials.

We also helped with the provision of school clothing and shoes to families in need.

We have a great community that assist with what is needed and we are so grateful for that help and support.

Uist & Barra Foodbank Accounts**1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024**

Balance Carried Forward	31/12/23	34,129.51
Income		28,810.45
		<u>62,939.96</u>

Expenditure

Phone/Internet	557.73	
Food Stocks	6,554.88	
Bank Charges	60.00	
Sundries	149.00	
Stationery/Office	136.80	
Insurance	673.67	
Subscriptions	35.00	
Salary Costs	13,198.43	
Volunteer Costs	<u>290.81</u>	
		<u>21,656.32</u>

Represented as	<u>41,283.64</u>
Cash at Bank as at 31/12/2024	

Audited by [REDACTED]
Date 01 May 2025

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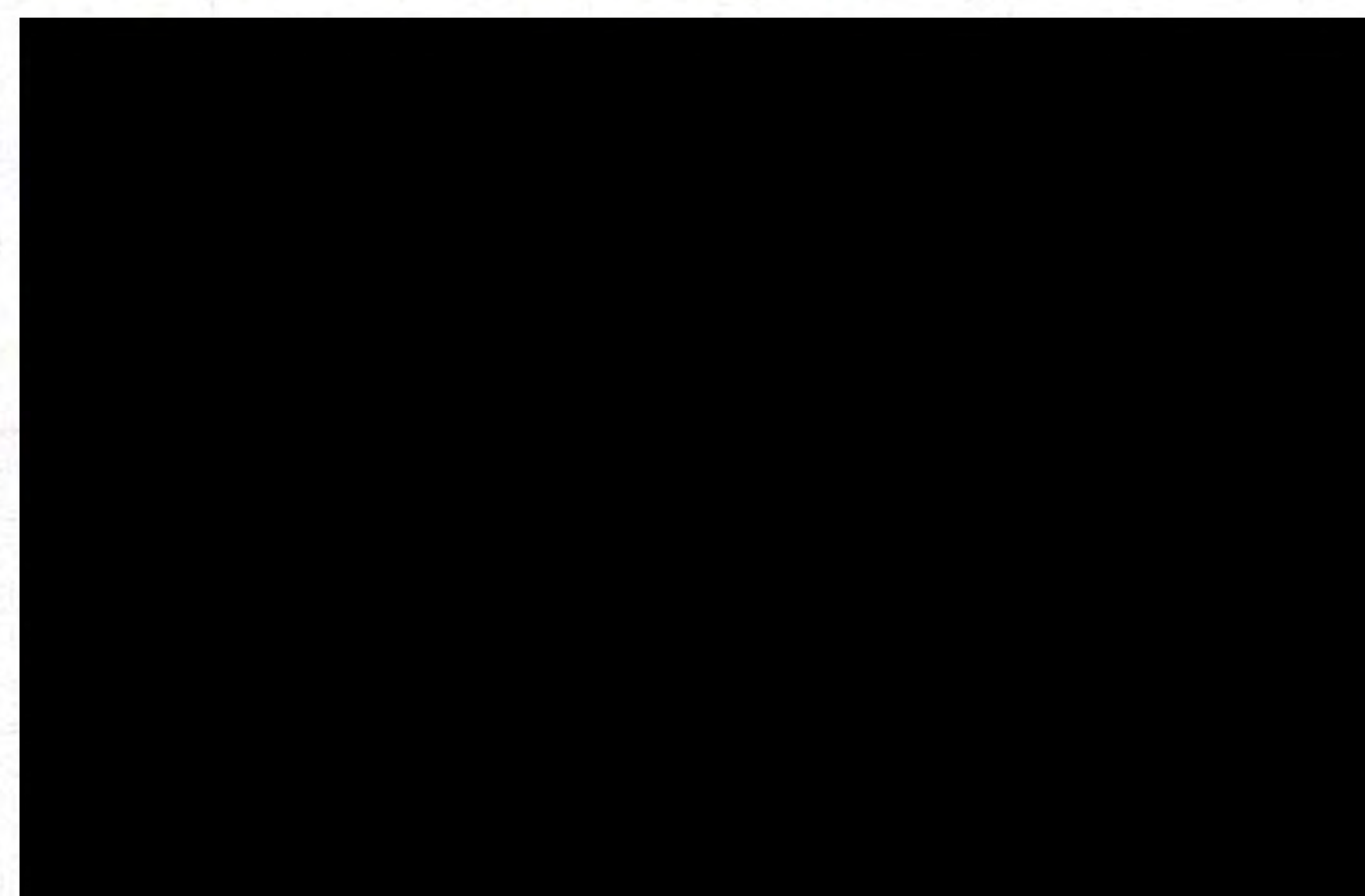
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity name

UIST + BARLA FOOD BANK

Registered charity number

SC 047999

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Period start date

Day

Month

Year

to

Period end date

Day

Month

Year

01

01

2023

31

12

2023

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeks 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 view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

in order to enable a proper

Signed:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

07/06/2024

*Please delete the words in the bracket following page.

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