

Stratford-upon-Avon Foodbank
Registered charity number 1153297

Report by Chairman of Trustees April 2020

Charity Commission Report

There have been considerable developments for our Foodbank since the last report. Last year we outlined our strategy in relation to the high level vision of our supporting charity The Trussell Trust - "To end hunger and poverty in the UK". To help with this we confirmed our wish to do more than just provide emergency food. So our strategy was described as - "while continuing with and improving our current service, we will work towards the ability to identify and help improve the causes of the emergency need."

To support this strategy it was clear that we would require additional resources and a better venue where we would have space to interact with clients and involve additional services. We were then pleased to report that we had been able to employ our part time manager, Marion Homer, in a full time position. We have now been able to confirm a new venue - we will join in a new local "Housing Plus" venture to be called "The Fred Winter Centre". This is an excellent fit with our strategy in that in addition to providing greatly increased space, it provides co-location with several other relevant services. We should be able to move into this town centre venue in early 2021 following building works.

We ended our financial year in November 2019 in a satisfactory financial position with £27,585 of funds, thanks to grants from the Town Trust, The Trussell Trust ASDA fund, Municipal Charities, Warwickshire CC and generous donations from local companies and individuals. During the year we provided 3178 emergency food parcels (32% of which went to children) - an increase of 22% over the previous year.

Nick Barter Chairman of Trustees
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