# FEAST WITH US

# TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1172884





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# **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

#### Trustees

Helen Burgess - Chair (appointed Mar 2023) Hannah Style - Founder & Trustee (Chair from May 2017 to Sept 2022) Simon Style - Treasurer Tarryn Gorre - Trustee (appointed Feb 2022) Daniel Heller - Trustee (appointed Aug 2022) Anna Prag - Trustee (appointed May 2023) Jane Wilson - Trustee (appointed May 2023) Kara Anderson - Trustee (resigned Nov 22)

#### **Senior Personnel**

Caroline Monkhouse Flower - CEO (appointed Mar 2023, previously Chair from Sept 2022 - Mar 2023)

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# OUR VISION: FEEDING & EMPOWERING ALL SUSTAINABLY TOGETHER

#### **OUR MISSION:**

# 1. Improve the nutrition & health of those vulnerable to food poverty & insecurity

Our mission is to empower individuals to make informed choices and improve dietary behaviours by meeting their nutritional needs through regular access to nutritious community meals, aligned with Eatwell Guide recommendations. Further supporting this goal, our 'Healthy Eating on a Budget' programme helps upskill people supporting them on their journey out of food poverty. Additionally, our pioneering research, investigating the nutritional needs of vulnerable individuals, will allow us to make evidence-based dietary programme recommendations to inform food policy-makers.



# 2. Build community & create opportunities to socialise

We invite people to cook with and for others in inclusive and informal settings, fostering a sense of equality while dining together. Using existing infrastructure and resources, we build and sustain local community partnerships to facilitate social interactions between diverse members of society creating awareness of our services for vulnerable individuals experiencing food poverty providing opportunities and skills training through our 'Healthy Eating on a Budget' programme.

#### 3. Reduce food & packaging waste

Adopting a reduce, reuse, recycle approach to minimise waste in our operations, we source and redirect food surplus to cook nutritious meals with food that would have otherwise ended up in landfill. Additionally, we use recycled, biodegradable food containers for packing our meals delivered to venues for collection.

**OUR VALUES:** 

INCLUSIVE COLLABORATIVE EMPATHETIC EMPOWERING INNOVATIVE



# A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As the Chair of FEAST, I am pleased to present our annual accounts for the year ending 31st December 2022.

Since joining the Board in March 2023, I have been blown away by FEAST and everything it does. Whilst providing regular nutritious meals to people living in food poverty is a core part of our offering, we do so much more. By creating meals from surplus food that otherwise goes to waste, community dining to combat loneliness and break down social barriers, a healthy eating programme to upskill and empower our service users, to pioneering research into the nutritional needs of homeless people, FEAST provides much more than a just a meal.

I am delighted that we were able to provide over 22,000 meals in 2022. It is only through the dedication and hard work of our volunteers, staff, and partner organisations, that this is made possible.

The generous contributions received from our donors have also allowed us to expand our services and reach a wider audience, and we have worked diligently to ensure that every pound donated is utilised effectively to maximise our impact.

On behalf of all Trustees, I would like to thank all of our volunteers, donors and staff for the invaluable contribution to our cause. Together, we can make a lasting impact and bring positive change to the lives of those who need it the most.

With very best wishes,

# HELEN BURGESS CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

# **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of FEAST With Us Charity ("the Charity" or "FEAST") for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - Small Entities.

# Structure, Governance & Management

#### **Governing Document**

The Charity, registration number 1172884, is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered in England on 7 May 2017. The Charity's objects are the relief of financial hardship and the protection and promotion of health amongst vulnerable adults living in the UK by providing such persons with regular nutritious meals, which they could not otherwise afford through lack of means.



# **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

# **Appointment of Trustees**

The Charity is governed by a Board of Trustees which takes all medium and longer term strategic decisions. Day to day running of the Charity is overseen by the CEO, who was appointed on 20 March 2023, and prior to this date, it was overseen by the Operations Manager. Together the Trustees are responsible for the delivery of the long-term strategy approved by them. The names of the Members of the Board of Trustees are shown on page 3 of this report.

The Treasurer takes the lead on all financial matters, including accounting, banking and management of cash and reserves.

The charity carries out regular skills assessments of Trustees and identifies any gaps that may exist. Steps are taken to recruit new Trustees to fill skill gaps when appropriate. In Q1 2022 we undertook a skills audit of trustees to identify the following gaps:

- Fundraising
- Leadership development
- Operations management
- Volunteering

We recruited two new trustees and a Chair between February and August 2022. All new trustees receive a copy of the Governing Document, the latest Annual Accounts, and induction and are asked to sign a Code of Conduct, which the Board has approved.

Each Trustee is appointed by a resolution at a properly convened Trustee Meeting and will have an initial three-year term of office with the option of renewal for a further term of three years by agreement between the Trustee seeking reappointment and the other Trustees, and a further option of renewal after six consecutive years, by agreement between the Trustee seeking reappointment and the other Trustees. Each Trustee must stand down after they have served for nine consecutive years. They may reapply to join the Board but must have been absent from the board for a minimum of one year before doing so.

# **Risk Management**

The Board and CEO / Operations Manager conduct regular reviews of major risks to which the Charity is exposed and maintain a risk register, which is reviewed monthly. Appropriate policies, systems and procedures are identified to mitigate major risks.

# **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

# **Strategy & Activities**

# **Key Highlights**

We have had another very busy year at FEAST, but we were grateful to be able to start to return to our pre-Covid operating model, as London finally came out of lockdown and restrictions were eased on gathering in public. We reintroduced community dining in many of our partner venues, away from a centralised meal production model. During 2022, as well as expanding our nutritious meal services using surplus food prepared by our chefs and volunteers, we launched new projects to provide longer-term support to people experiencing food poverty.

**Expanded meal services** – in Q4 we increased our community meals service at MIND in Camden, from one to two days per week, serving lunch to up to 15 residents, and started a new meal delivery service to the London Irish Centre for up to 50 service users per week.

**Healthy Eating on a Budget Programme (HEP)** – we continued to develop and pilot our interactive food and nutrition education programme. HEP has been designed with and for vulnerable people experiencing food poverty, to gain knowledge, skills, and longer-term nutritional independence. In Q4 we applied for further funding to enable us to roll out the programme to existing and new partners.

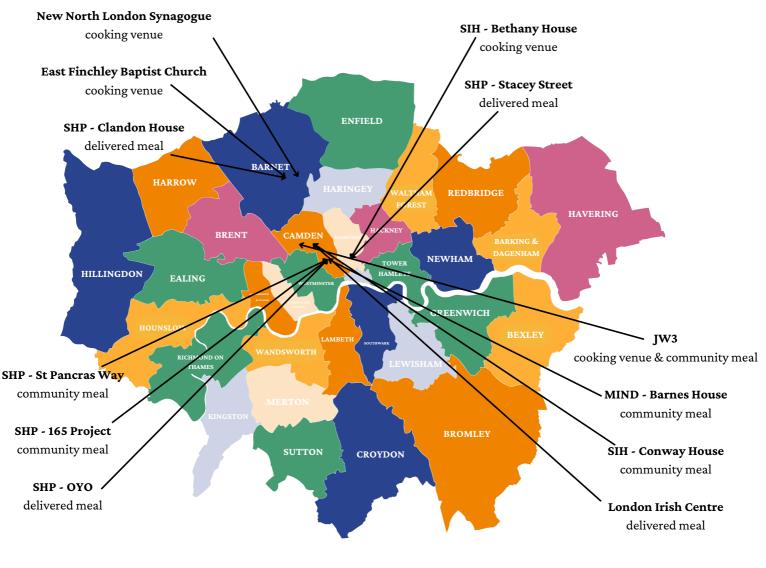
**Camden Food Partnership (CFP)** – working in partnership with the London Borough of Camden, we coordinate the CFP - a network membership of 40 VCS organisations providing free or low-cost food across the borough; sharing best practice and collaborating on joint initiatives to improve food insecurity and work towards the Camden Food Mission - by 2030 everyone eats well every day with nutritious, affordable and sustainable food.

**Clinical nutrition research project** – in partnership with UCL we were awarded funding by the British Dietetic Association (BDA) General and Education Trust (GET) Fund to conduct an 18-month cross-sectional study assessing the nutritional status of homeless adults residing in temporary accommodation. This research is much needed to identify dietary health inequalities and solutions to support this disadvantaged population group who are known to experience food insecurity and likely malnutrition.

Awards and recognition – our founder Hannah Style was a runner-up in the British Nutrition Foundation's Drummond Community Award' in recognition of the excellent community work she has achieved through FEAST in supporting healthier eating in vulnerable groups.

# **PARTNERSHIPS AND SERVICES**

By the end of 2022 FEAST was working with eight partners in 12 different venues preparing, serving and delivering nutritious meals to vulnerable individuals experiencing food insecurity.



Key: SIH - Sapphire Independent Housing SHP - Single Homeless Project

In November 2022, after a series of collaborative workshops involving the Trustees and the operations team, we launched our 2023 strategic objectives and developed an operational work plan:

- Deliver more community meals, more efficiently
- Support more vulnerable groups in the community
- Recruit, develop and retain more volunteers
- Do more than crisis community food provision

# IMPACT





Number of meals provided



Number of volunteers



Number of venues served from and supplied



Surplus food saved



Number of volunteer hours donated\*





Volunteer hours equivalent to London Living Wage\*

\* Recording of volunteer sessions started May 2022. Data collected from May - Dec was used to produce an estimated value for the full year.



# Testimonials

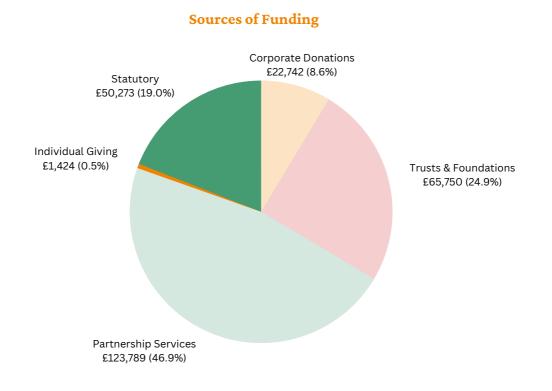
"I'm sleeping better, I'm eating better, I'm thinking better, I'm more motivated, [...] I don't know where I'd be today if it wasn't for someone finding me on the street and bringing me here. The stress is lifted. If you'd asked me in October what I was thinking, I would have liked not to see the winter through. Before, I couldn't see a future, but now I can." - Brian, FEAST service user. "You can make connections with people, it's very gratifying, rewarding; it's a great community for people and it's the diversity aspect that I think is the most important"

- Emile, FEAST service user.

"Most people I volunteer with like Dean the Chef or Demetris seem down to earth and fun to work with [...] that I find helps with mental health" - Anonymous, FEAST service user and volunteer.

# **FUNDRAISING**

In the face of a challenging fundraising environment, throughout 2022 we persevered and achieved remarkable success reaching our highest annual income to date of £264,101. Throughout the year, our fundraising strategy centred on strengthening existing donor and partner relationships, diversifying our income and securing new Trusts & Foundations funding. Emerging from the pandemic, 2022 witnessed a rise in corporate funding through providing volunteer days, offering corporate teams the opportunity to contribute both their time and a donation towards cooking nutritious meals for FEAST's service users. Furthermore, we secured funding from the BDA General and Education Trust Fund to support our pioneering homeless population's nutrition clinical nutrition research project.



# **KEY SOURCES OF INCOME**

#### **Statutory Funding and Partnership Services**

Our partnership with Camden Council has continued to flourish and develop significantly, notably in funding and supporting the Camden Food Partnership (CFP). CFP is a network membership of 40 food service providers and VSC organisations from across the borough who meet to share best practice and collaborate on initiatives to work towards the Camden Food Mission, ensuring everyone eats well every day with nutritious, affordable and sustainable food. Camden Council also funded two Camden Resilience Funds to support our operation costs through the pandemic. Our partnership with Single Homeless Project (SHP) continued to grow supporting the delivery of nutritious meals and community dining services across five SHP locations.

#### **Trusts & Foundations and Corporate Support**

Collectively 12 Trust & Foundations and Corporates awarded FEAST £88,492 in donations and grants. We would like to sincerely thank the funders and donors below for their generously supporting our work.

**Garfield Weston Foundation** The Forrester Family Trust The Stewarts Foundation Camden Giving Benefact Group - Movement for Good awards **Tesco Community Grants** Sainsbury's Amazon Dropbox **Knight Architects Limited** 

# **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

We experienced cost increases due to expanding the size of our team to support our growing operational activities, salary increases to alleviate the impact of cost of living rises, and additional food supply costs as surplus food became more difficult to source consistently as a result of increased demand.

#### Value for Money

From every £1 raised, FEAST spent 92% of our income on charitable activities and 8% on fundraising costs.



	2022	2021
NUMBER OF MEALS	22,346	41,138
INCOME	£264,101	£261,829
TOTAL COSTS	£224,782	£201,943
TOTAL RESERVES AT Y/E (£)	£172,336	£133,017
TOTAL RESERVES (MONTHS)	8	7

£207,232 (92%)

Our reserves policy is to retain total reserves to fund the Charity's core work and delivery of strategic objectives for between six to nine months, based on forecast operating costs.

#### Trustees' annual report For the year ended 31 December 2021

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on 13 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Simon Style

Simon Style Treasurer

Helen Burgess Chair of the Board of Trustees

#### Independent Examiners Report on the Accounts

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st December 2022.

#### **Responsibilities and Basis for Report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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**Jamie Riegal, Accountability Solutions Ltd** 3 Ye Corner Watford Herts WD19 4BS

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# FEAST WITH US INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Income</b> Resources Expended <b>Net movement in funds</b>	264,101 (224,782) 	261,829 (201,943) 59,886
Total funds carried forward	39,319	59,886

# FEAST WITH US STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b> Tangible assets	4	2,418	1,673
<b>Current assets</b> Debtors	5	13,704	2,149
Cash at bank and in hand		159,779	139,011
		173,483	141,160
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(3,565)	(9,816)
Net current assets		169,918	131,344
Net assets		172,336	133,017
Funds			
Other reserves		954	954
Restricted and Unrestricted funds		171,382	132,063
Total funds		172,336	133,017

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Approved by the Trustees on 13 September 2023:

Helen Burgess, Chair of the Board Charity No. 1172884

*Simon Style* Simon Style, Treasurer

# FEAST WITH US NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

#### 1 Statutory information

Feast With Us is a Charity registered in England and Wales, registration number 1172884. The principle address is 2A The Quadrant, Epsom, Surrey, KT17 4RH.

# 2 Compliance with accounting standards

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A Small Entities. There were no material departures from that standard.

# **3** Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have remained unchanged from the previous year, and also have been consistently applied within the same accounts.

# **Basis of preparation**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

#### **Presentation currency**

The accounts are presented in £ sterling.

# Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible assets are included at cost less depreciation and impairment. Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives:

4 Tangible fixed assets	Plant & machinery	Computer equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation	At cost	At cost	
At 1 January 2022	2,206	420	2,626
Additions	-	995	995
At 31 December 2022	2,206	1,415	3,621
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2022	791	162	953
Charge for the year	212	38	250
At 31 December 2022	1,003		1,203
Net book value			
At 31 December 2022	1,203	1,215	2,418
At 31 December 2021	1,415	258	1,673

# FEAST WITH US NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

5 Debtors	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b> Accrued income and prepayments Other debtors	11,555 2,149 13,704	2,149 2,149
6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2022 £	2021 £
Taxes and social security	3,565	9,816

# 7 Average number of employees

During the year the average number of employees was 8 (2021: 6).

# FEAST WITH US DETAILED STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Income	264,101	261,829
Resources ExpendedPurchasesSubcontractor costsDirect LabourOther direct costsWages and salariesStaff training and welfareTravel and subsistenceTelephone and faxStationary and printingSubscriptionsBank chargesInsuranceSoftwareDepreciation	4,183 - 74,086 - 137,588 3,149 2,042 376 51 228 6 157 304 250	8,141 2,036 63,071 1,758 117,133 4,675 302 332 1,291 - - - 224 - 295
Advertising and PR Movement in funds	2,362 	2,685 
Total funds carried forward	39,319	59,886