

Trustee Recruitment Pack



INTRODUCTION FROM THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

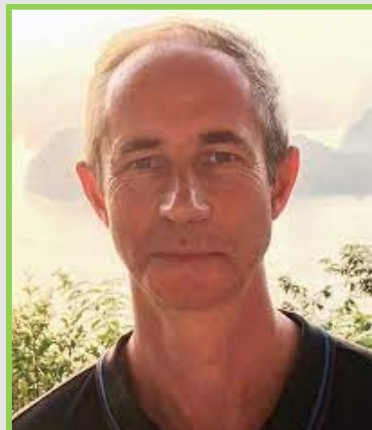
Thank you for your interest in joining the board of trustees at Eastbourne Foodbank. In this pack we give a flavour of what we do, set out our vision and explain the role of our trustees.

Eastbourne Foodbank plays a significant part in the life of our town. Over more than a decade, our staff, volunteers and supporters have enabled us to build a strong reputation locally and nationally. It is a privilege to be a trusted and valued part of the community.

Our trustees, together with our senior management team, provide the vision, direction and ongoing support for our staff and volunteers. We are looking for new trustees who can bring additional expertise, wisdom and enthusiasm to our board. We are keen to recruit a trustee who has a finance background. We provide training and support to help new recruits get up to speed.

If you feel inspired to get involved as a trustee, or want more information about the role, we would love to hear from you. For an informal chat, phone Jess Holliday, CEO, on 07729882609. Come and help us make a difference.

Adrian Butcher
Chair of trustees

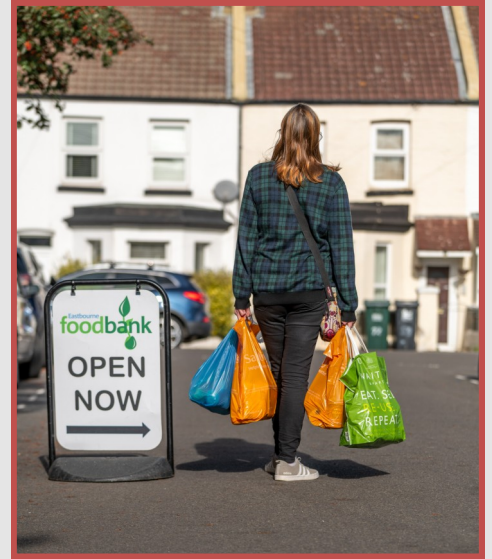


WHAT WE DO

In 2024 we provided emergency food for more than 22,000 people mostly from our five satellite locations around the town. We also provided other essentials such as toiletries. Our team collects this from donors, stores it at our warehouse and distributes it as required.

But this is just part of what we do. We also provide debt advice, advocacy for those needing help with the benefit system, advice with budgeting, baby equipment packs and home start packs for clients moving into temporary accommodation.

We are also involved in advocating and campaigning locally and nationally through our links to Trussell.



Our values

Dignity . Community . Compassion . Justice



OUR VISION

We think it is wrong that people cannot afford their own food. We want to see a time when largescale foodbanks are not needed because poverty is a thing of the past and families and individuals can live on the income they receive. As part of the Trussell Trust network of foodbanks, we have a ten-year plan working towards a time when foodbanks cease to exist. Our campaigning for this is focused on three areas: changing minds, changing communities and changing policies. Click on the links to find out more about [Eastbourne Foodbank](#) and the [Trussell Trust](#).



THE ROLE OF A TRUSTEE

We are looking for enthusiastic, motivated people ideally with either experience at senior level particularly in the charity sector or with personal experience of using foodbanks, who can help us implement our strategic plan. We are keen to recruit a trustee who has a professional background in finance.

Being a trustee at Eastbourne foodbank is not onerous but it does require commitment. The board meets five times a year - on a Monday lunchtime at The View Hotel. We are also planning a half-day together annually for strategic review and planning. Trustees should also spend some time engaging with staff and volunteers particularly in their area of expertise.

As part of their induction, trustees are offered training and will visit all areas of the foodbank's work and meet the senior management team.

Main tasks:

- Understand and support Eastbourne Foodbank's work and aims
- Reflect the organisation's vision, values, strategy and policies
- Work closely with the rest of the board to formulate and review our strategic aims
- Ensure our policies and practices are in line with our aims
- Ensure Eastbourne Foodbank functions within the necessary legal and financial requirements
- Ensure resources are used effectively and efficiently
- Ensure best practice is developed and applied
- Monitor and evaluate the performance of the organisation
- Take part in any relevant training to increase understanding of the organisation
- Make time to read necessary paperwork and other materials
- Attend board meetings and any other in-person meetings
- Use skills, wisdom and contacts to benefit the board and the organisation
- Fulfil other duties as required occasionally by the board

Skills, attributes and experiences

- Commitment to the organisation and the needs of clients experiencing poverty
- Willingness to devote the necessary time and effort
- Strategic vision
- Sound judgement
- Ability to think creatively
- Willingness to speak openly and to listen to others
- Understand and accept the legal responsibilities, duties and liabilities of being a trustee
- Ability to work in a team

Trustees should have a Christian faith or be strongly sympathetic to Christian principles.

How to find out more

If you would like to find out more and arrange a site visit to see the work of the foodbank in action :

Contact : Jess Holliday, Chief Executive

Email : jholliday@eastbourne.foodbank.org.uk

Telephone : 07729882609 or 01323 409925

Website : www.eastbourne.foodbank.org.uk

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