

Community food bank Skye and Lochalsh SC049223

Annual Chairperson's Report 2025

I am pleased to present this year's Chair's Report for the Community Foodbank Skye and Lochalsh. This past year has again demonstrated the strength, compassion, and resilience of our community, even in the face of growing challenges.

Supporting Those in Need

The demand for food support in our area has remained fairly steady. Rising living costs, fuel prices, and the ongoing pressures on household incomes have meant individuals and families have turned to the foodbank for help. Over the past 12 months the number of food bags given out has been roughly the same as previous years in the north end (Portree) but has decreased in the south (Broadford) .

We work in partnership with the Fuelbank Foundation and in the last year have secured 61 vouchers for those experiencing fuel poverty.

Volunteers and Community Spirit

At the heart of the foodbank is a dedicated team of volunteers. Whether collecting donations, packing parcels, coordinating logistics, or offering kindness to those in crisis, our volunteers have shown unwavering commitment. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to every person who has given their time and energy this year. Your work truly makes a difference.

Partnerships and Support

We are incredibly grateful for the support we receive from those who contribute through food donations, fundraising efforts, and financial contributions which are vital to our ongoing work. We also continue to benefit from strong partnerships with local agencies and services who help us reach those most in need and offer wraparound support beyond food aid.

Our local CAB distribute many of our parcels regularly and we are grateful of their support.

As an example of our supportive community, Cafe Cuil provided 67 two course Christmas dinners to recipients of food help. These were delivered on Christmas Eve for re heating the next day.

Looking Ahead

The coming year will bring new challenges, but also opportunities. We are committed to not only meeting immediate needs, but also working towards longer-term solutions to food insecurity. We will endeavour to uphold OSCR requirements and develop our policies and procedures.

In closing, I want to express my thanks to everyone involved in the work of the Community Foodbank Skye and Lochalsh. Together, we continue to show what is possible when a community stands together with compassion and determination.

With sincere thanks,

Kay Alston

Chair, Skye and Lochalsh Community Foodbank

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