

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BREASTFEEDING SUPPORTERS' NETWORK

England & Wales · Charity number 1121337

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [06239404](#)

Registered 2007-10-22

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE AND PROMOTE THE PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH OF MOTHERS AND CHILDREN THROUGH EDUCATION OF THE TECHNIQUES OF AND THE PROVISION OF TRAINING REGARDING BREASTFEEDING IN THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO RAISING THE AWARENESS OF THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF BREAST FEEDING.1 BY THE PROVISION OF PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND PRACTICAL SUPPORT AND INFORMATION TO BREASTFEEDING WOMEN AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AMONG VOLUNTEERS BY THE PROVISION OF RELEVANT TRAINING.2 BY ADVANCING THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC AND ESPECIALLY THOSE CONCERNED WITH THE CARE OF CHILDREN ON THE HEALTH BENEFITS BOTH IMMEDIATE AND LONG TERM OF BREASTFEEDING.3 BY THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PEER SUPPORT GROUPS.4 BY THE PROVISION OF A RESOURCE BODY CO-OPERATING WITH OTHER AGENCIES AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

Activities: Provision of breastfeeding support groups throughout Gloucestershire.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GLOUCESTERSHIRE
- Gloucestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£46,309	£21,850	-	-
2024-05-31	£33,531	£21,956	-	-
2023-05-31	£11,165	£20,872	-	-
2022-05-31	£18,863	£37,377	-	-
2021-05-31	£39,988	£23,692	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kirstie MacLaren Clarke	Chair	2019-02-11
Kate Joy Martin		2022-11-20

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Accounts

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Introduction

This year has been one of progress and exciting changes behind the scenes. We have been lucky to remain in a stable financial position whereby we have comfortably had funds available to cover our expenses and training costs as well as improving our groups.



Objects of the Charity

To advance and promote the physical and psychological health of parents and children through education of the techniques of and the provision of training regarding breastfeeding in the county of Gloucestershire, including but not limited to raising the awareness of the health benefits of breastfeeding

How we achieve our aims

- The provision of information about breastfeeding.
- Campaigning to improve services, facilities and support for breastfeeding families in the county of Gloucestershire.
- The promotion of services including groups and course support services in preparation for breastfeeding and to support breastfeeding.
- The provision of support services for parents who wish to breastfeed by training local peers who have breastfed to enable them to support breastfeeding families.
- The provision of training and information for peer supporters by Qualified Breastfeeding Counsellors.
- The education of those who will become parents and those who are supporting parents.
- The fostering and undertaking research into any aspects of the objects of the Charity and the dissemination of the results of any such research.
- The promotion of good working relationships with others to achieve greater understanding of the benefits of breastfeeding.

BBC "All in The Mind"

This year, GBSN was nominated and placed in the final group for the BBC Radio 4 "All in The Mind" awards.

We provide so much more than just breastfeeding support. The impact of our work on postnatal mental health is huge. We cannot underestimate how much of a difference we make to the lives of the families who walk through our doors.

We were absolutely honoured to be recognised in this way, and to be a voice for the value of breastfeeding support.

Accounts

Please see the balance sheet attached.
In summary:

- Income: **£46,309.08**
- Expenses: **£19,725.14**
- Gross Profit: **£26,583.94**
- Administrative costs: **£2,124.31**
- NET PROFIT: 24,459.63**

Financial Position

We are delighted to report that GBSN found itself in a stable financial position at the end of the accounting year. This is due in no small part to the tireless work of Lisa Cam and Sarah Houghton, who continued to apply successfully for grants, including funding from the National Lottery. We cannot rest on our laurels, and fundraising remains a vital source of income.



Group Highlights

Our main highlight as ever, has been to see families come through the doors of GBSN groups, needing our support, and our helping them to achieve their breastfeeding goals.

Some will leave us after a few visits, but many will stay, and from their time with us, they will forge friendships and even choose to volunteer with us as Peer Supporters or Hostesses.

We are forever grateful to all our volunteers; you make us who we are.

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Future Plans

- Restart our online **Antenatal Preparation for Breastfeeding Workshops**
- Develop our relationship with the NHS trust by providing **in person workshops**, as a pilot through Stroud Maternity Unit
- **Continue to work with** Health Visiting Teams and the Gloucestershire Infant Feeding Support Partnership
- Present **Information for Breastfeeding Parents at Work**, with sessions delivered in the workplace

Statistics

- Number of attendees at groups: **2,344**
- Number of video calls to date: **3,733**
- Number of video calls this year: **251***
- Number of new Peer Supporters trained: **14**

*That's one for almost EVERY weekday in the year!

Changes Ahead

Two Trustees are to retire: Kirstie Clarke and Nicky Wilson

Two Trustees are to be appointed: Elena Mills and Alice Rawstorne

The Charity is to be registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, simultaneously with the appointment of the above named Trustees

Danni Smith is to become the new Chair of the Charity.

Angharad Tebbutt is to become the new Safeguarding Lead



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**GLOUCESTERSHIRE BREASTFEEDING SUPPORTERS' NETWORK
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2025**



**Rebecca
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& Co.**

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Chartered Accountant

**Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network
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Company No. 06239404
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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees

Nicola Bradley
Kirstie Clarke
Rebecca Hooper
Kate Martin
Nicola Wilson

Charity Number

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**Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network
Trustees' Report (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025**

Independent Examiner

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The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Kirstie Clarke

Trustee

27 February 2026

Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network
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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 May 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

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2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Rebecca Benneyworth Chartered Accountant

27 February 2026
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Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	44,314	118	44,432	31,677
Other trading activities	4	1,722	-	1,722	211
Investments	5	273	-	273	152
		46,309	118	46,427	32,040
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	6	(2,910)	1	(2,909)	(1,000)
Charitable activities:	6				
Promotion and support of breastfeeding		(18,940)	-	(18,940)	(18,613)
		(21,850)	1	(21,849)	(19,613)
NET INCOME		24,459	119	24,578	12,427
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		24,459	119	24,578	12,427
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		24,420	4,143	28,563	16,136
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	13	48,879	4,262	53,141	28,563

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network
Comparative Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and legacies	3	31,677	-	31,677
Other trading activities	4	211	-	211
Investments	5	152	-	152
		32,040	-	32,040
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising funds	6	(1,000)	-	(1,000)
Charitable activities:	6			
Promotion and support of breastfeeding		(18,613)	-	(18,613)
		(19,613)	-	(19,613)
NET INCOME		12,427	-	12,427
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		12,427	-	12,427
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		11,993	4,143	16,136
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	13	24,420	4,143	28,563

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Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network
Balance Sheet
As At 31 May 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	9	866	-	866	866
		866	-	866	866
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	10	2,638	-	2,638	2,638
Debtors	11	131	-	131	131
Cash at bank and in hand		46,650	4,262	50,912	26,679
		49,419	4,262	53,681	29,448
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	12	(1,406)	-	(1,406)	(1,751)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		48,013	4,262	52,275	27,697
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		48,879	4,262	53,141	28,563
NET ASSETS		48,879	4,262	53,141	28,563
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Restricted Funds				4,262	4,143
Unrestricted Funds				48,879	24,420
TOTAL FUNDS	13			53,141	28,563

Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network
Balance Sheet (continued)
As At 31 May 2025

For the year ending 31 May 2025 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 27 February 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

Kirstie Clarke

Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

1. General Information

Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 06239404 and registered charity number 1121337. The registered office is .

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Incoming Resources

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised when receivable.

2.3. Resources Expended

Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects comprise those costs incurred by the charity as a result of delivery of its services. Governance costs comprise the costs incurred by the charity in meeting its constitutional and statutory requirements. Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with generating voluntary income.

2.4. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures & Fittings	10 years
Computer Equipment	5 years straight line

2.5. Stocks and Work in Progress

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out method. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

At the end of each reporting period stocks are assessed for impairment. If an item of stock is impaired, the identified stock is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell and an impairment charge is recognised in the statement of financial activities. Where a reversal of the impairment is required the impairment charge is reversed, up to the original impairment loss, and is recognised as a credit in the statement of financial activities.

2.6. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

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3. Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds
	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	10,264	118	10,382
Grants	34,050	-	34,050
	44,314	118	44,432
			2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	14,377	-	14,377
Grants	17,300	-	17,300
	31,677	-	31,677

4. Income from Other Trading Activities

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Income from other trading activities	-	211
Fundraising events	1,722	-
	1,722	211

5. Investment Income

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	273	152

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6. Analysis of Expenditure

	2025		
	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 7)	Total
	£	£	£
Raising funds	2,128	781	2,909
Promotion and support of breastfeeding	17,671	1,269	18,940
	19,799	2,050	21,849
	19,799	2,050	21,849
			2024
	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 7)	Total
	£	£	£
Raising funds	1,000	-	1,000
Promotion and support of breastfeeding	16,568	2,045	18,613
	17,568	2,045	19,613
	17,568	2,045	19,613

7. Support Costs

	2025		
	Raising funds	Promotion and support of breastfeeding	Total
	£	£	£
General administration	781	1,171	1,952
Governance costs	-	98	98
	781	1,269	2,050
	781	1,269	2,050
			2024
			Promotion and support of breastfeeding
			£
General administration			2,045
			2,045

8. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was: NIL (2024: NIL)

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9. Tangible Assets

	Fixtures & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 June 2024	150	1,836	1,986
As at 31 May 2025	150	1,836	1,986
Depreciation			
As at 1 June 2024	-	1,120	1,120
As at 31 May 2025	-	1,120	1,120
Net Book Value			
As at 31 May 2025	150	716	866
As at 1 June 2024	150	716	866

10. Stocks

	2025	2024
	£	£
Stock	2,638	2,638

11. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Due within one year		
Other debtors	131	131

12. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	68
Bank loans and overdrafts	581	858
Accruals and deferred income	825	825
	1,406	1,751

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
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13. Movement in Funds

	As at 1 June 2024	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 May 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	24,420	46,309	(21,850)	48,879
Restricted funds				
MOBS	435	118	1	554
Restricted income fund	3,708	-	-	3,708
Total restricted funds	<u>4,143</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4,262</u>
Total funds	<u>28,563</u>	<u>46,427</u>	<u>(21,849)</u>	<u>53,141</u>

	As at 1 June 2023	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 May 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	11,993	32,040	(19,613)	24,420
Restricted funds				
MOBS	435	-	-	435
Restricted income fund	3,708	-	-	3,708
Total restricted funds	<u>4,143</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,143</u>
Total funds	<u>16,136</u>	<u>32,040</u>	<u>(19,613)</u>	<u>28,563</u>

14. Transactions with Trustees

Nicola Bradley received payment of £1,848.00 during the year for the provision of breastfeeding counselling services.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

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15. Related Party Disclosures

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure, except for those disclosed in the Transactions with Trustees note.

16. Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
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	2025	2024
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Fundraising events	1,722	-
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Investments		
Bank interest receivable	273	152
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	46,427	32,040
EXPENDITURE ON:		
Raising funds		
Staging fundraising events	(1,072)	-
Marketing and advertising costs	(1,056)	(1,000)
Insurance	(782)	-
Sundry expenses	1	-
	(2,909)	(1,000)
Charitable Activities:		
Promotion and support of breastfeeding		
BFC Hourly fee	(11,503)	(11,164)
Room hire for weekly groups	(5,511)	(4,843)
Sundry group expenses	(230)	(361)
Sundry costs	(391)	(200)
Training volunteers	(36)	-
Computer software, consumables and maintenance	-	(129)
Insurance	-	(746)
Accountancy fees	-	(13)
Bank charges	(94)	(290)
Other office costs	(983)	(867)

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Sundry expenses	(94)	-
Companies House fees	(34)	-
DBS check costs	(64)	-
	(18,940)	(18,613)
	(21,849)	(19,613)
NET INCOME	24,578	12,427

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1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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

Rebecca Benneyworth Chartered Accountant

27 February 2026
Valley View The Ridge
Bussage
Stroud
GL6 8HD

Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network
Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Donations and legacies	3	44,314	118	44,432	31,677
Other trading activities	4	1,722	-	1,722	211
Investments	5	273	-	273	152
		<u>46,309</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>46,427</u>	<u>32,040</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Raising funds	6	(2,910)	1	(2,909)	(1,000)
Charitable activities:	6				
Promotion and support of breastfeeding		(18,940)	-	(18,940)	(18,613)
		<u>(21,850)</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>(21,849)</u>	<u>(19,613)</u>
NET INCOME		24,459	119	24,578	12,427
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>24,459</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>24,578</u>	<u>12,427</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		24,420	4,143	28,563	16,136
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	13	<u><u>48,879</u></u>	<u><u>4,262</u></u>	<u><u>53,141</u></u>	<u><u>28,563</u></u>

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network
Comparative Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and legacies	3	31,677	-	31,677
Other trading activities	4	211	-	211
Investments	5	152	-	152
		32,040	-	32,040
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Raising funds	6	(1,000)	-	(1,000)
Charitable activities:	6			
Promotion and support of breastfeeding		(18,613)	-	(18,613)
		(19,613)	-	(19,613)
NET INCOME		12,427	-	12,427
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		12,427	-	12,427
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:				
Total funds brought forward		11,993	4,143	16,136
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	13	24,420	4,143	28,563

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network
Balance Sheet
As At 31 May 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	9	866	-	866	866
		866	-	866	866
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	10	2,638	-	2,638	2,638
Debtors	11	131	-	131	131
Cash at bank and in hand		46,650	4,262	50,912	26,679
		49,419	4,262	53,681	29,448
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	12	(1,406)	-	(1,406)	(1,751)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		48,013	4,262	52,275	27,697
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		48,879	4,262	53,141	28,563
NET ASSETS		48,879	4,262	53,141	28,563
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Restricted Funds				4,262	4,143
Unrestricted Funds				48,879	24,420
TOTAL FUNDS	13			53,141	28,563

Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network
Balance Sheet (continued)
As At 31 May 2025

For the year ending 31 May 2025 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 27 February 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

Kirstie Clarke

Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network
Notes to the Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

1. General Information

Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England & Wales, registered number 06239404 and registered charity number 1121337. The registered office is .

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006.

The charitable company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Incoming Resources

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Interest income is recognised when receivable.

2.3. Resources Expended

Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects comprise those costs incurred by the charity as a result of delivery of its services. Governance costs comprise the costs incurred by the charity in meeting its constitutional and statutory requirements. Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with generating voluntary income.

2.4. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures & Fittings	10 years
Computer Equipment	5 years straight line

2.5. Stocks and Work in Progress

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out method. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

At the end of each reporting period stocks are assessed for impairment. If an item of stock is impaired, the identified stock is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell and an impairment charge is recognised in the statement of financial activities. Where a reversal of the impairment is required the impairment charge is reversed, up to the original impairment loss, and is recognised as a credit in the statement of financial activities.

2.6. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

3. Income from Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025 Total funds
	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	10,264	118	10,382
Grants	34,050	-	34,050
	44,314	118	44,432
			2024
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	14,377	-	14,377
Grants	17,300	-	17,300
	31,677	-	31,677

4. Income from Other Trading Activities

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Income from other trading activities	-	211
Fundraising events	1,722	-
	1,722	211

5. Investment Income

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	273	152

Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

6. Analysis of Expenditure

	2025		
	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 7)	Total
	£	£	£
Raising funds	2,128	781	2,909
Promotion and support of breastfeeding	17,671	1,269	18,940
	19,799	2,050	21,849
	19,799	2,050	21,849
	2024		
	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs (see note 7)	Total
	£	£	£
Raising funds	1,000	-	1,000
Promotion and support of breastfeeding	16,568	2,045	18,613
	17,568	2,045	19,613
	17,568	2,045	19,613

7. Support Costs

	2025		
	Raising funds	Promotion and support of breastfeeding	Total
	£	£	£
General administration	781	1,171	1,952
Governance costs	-	98	98
	781	1,269	2,050
	781	1,269	2,050
	2024		
			Promotion and support of breastfeeding
			£
General administration			2,045
			2,045

8. Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees during the year was: NIL (2024: NIL)

Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

9. Tangible Assets

	Fixtures & Fittings	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
As at 1 June 2024	150	1,836	1,986
As at 31 May 2025	150	1,836	1,986
Depreciation			
As at 1 June 2024	-	1,120	1,120
As at 31 May 2025	-	1,120	1,120
Net Book Value			
As at 31 May 2025	150	716	866
As at 1 June 2024	150	716	866

10. Stocks

	2025	2024
	£	£
Stock	2,638	2,638

11. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Due within one year		
Other debtors	131	131

12. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	68
Bank loans and overdrafts	581	858
Accruals and deferred income	825	825
	1,406	1,751

Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

13. Movement in Funds

	As at 1 June 2024	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 May 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	24,420	46,309	(21,850)	48,879
Restricted funds				
MOBS	435	118	1	554
Restricted income fund	3,708	-	-	3,708
Total restricted funds	<u>4,143</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4,262</u>
Total funds	<u>28,563</u>	<u>46,427</u>	<u>(21,849)</u>	<u>53,141</u>

	As at 1 June 2023	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 May 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	11,993	32,040	(19,613)	24,420
Restricted funds				
MOBS	435	-	-	435
Restricted income fund	3,708	-	-	3,708
Total restricted funds	<u>4,143</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,143</u>
Total funds	<u>16,136</u>	<u>32,040</u>	<u>(19,613)</u>	<u>28,563</u>

14. Transactions with Trustees

Nicola Bradley received payment of £1,848.00 during the year for the provision of breastfeeding counselling services.

No trustee expenses have been incurred.

Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
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15. Related Party Disclosures

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure, except for those disclosed in the Transactions with Trustees note.

16. Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

	2025	2024
	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	10,382	14,377
Grants	34,050	17,300
	44,432	31,677
Other trading activities		
Income from other trading activities	-	211
Fundraising events	1,722	-
	1,722	211
Investments		
Bank interest receivable	273	152
	273	152
	46,427	32,040
EXPENDITURE ON:		
Raising funds		
Staging fundraising events	(1,072)	-
Marketing and advertising costs	(1,056)	(1,000)
Insurance	(782)	-
Sundry expenses	1	-
	(2,909)	(1,000)
Charitable Activities:		
Promotion and support of breastfeeding		
BFC Hourly fee	(11,503)	(11,164)
Room hire for weekly groups	(5,511)	(4,843)
Sundry group expenses	(230)	(361)
Sundry costs	(391)	(200)
Training volunteers	(36)	-
Computer software, consumables and maintenance	-	(129)
Insurance	-	(746)
Accountancy fees	-	(13)
Bank charges	(94)	(290)
Other office costs	(983)	(867)

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Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 May 2025

Sundry expenses	(94)	-
Companies House fees	(34)	-
DBS check costs	(64)	-
	(18,940)	(18,613)
	(21,849)	(19,613)
NET INCOME	24,578	12,427

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BREASTFEEDING SUPPORTERS' NETWORK

England & Wales - Charity number 1121337

Accounts

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE
BREASTFEEDING
SUPPORTERS' NETWORK
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MAY 2024**



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1: REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name: Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network Also known as GBSN

Company number: 6239404

Charity number: 1121337

Address and Registered Office: 125 Summer Street, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL5 1PQ

Trustees:

Kirstie Clarke (Chair)

Nicola Bradley (Vice Chair)

Dr Nicola Wilson

Rebecca Hooper

Kate Martin (Treasurer)

Trustees are also directors for the purposes of company law.

Bankers: National Westminster Bank 31 The Promenade, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL50 1LH

2. STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

Nature of Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 9 May 2007 and registered as a charity on 22 October 2007. The company was established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The Trustee Board must consist of at least four and no more than 12 individuals. The serving trustees can appoint new trustees at any time, although such co-opted trustees hold office only until the next AGM, at which point they may be formally appointed by the Board. There is no set period for which a trustee can serve, but one third of trustees must step down at each AGM.

The current trustees have been recruited from within the GBSN community with a view to achieving, across the trustees, a diverse but complementary range of skills and experience. As a result, the Board is a balanced mix of Breastfeeding Counsellors (BFCs), Peer Supporters and business professionals.

Organisational Structure

The Trustee Board meets approximately every six weeks to decide on matters of policy and other issues arising. To be quorate, each meeting must have at least four trustees in attendance. Every issue is determined by a simple majority of

the votes cast. Each Trustee has one vote, except the Chair of the meeting who has a second casting vote.

Risk Management

The Trustees are aware of the risks to which the Charity is exposed. All GBSN groups work closely with their host organisations, be these community buildings or Children's Centres. GBSN has created policies to cover significant areas including safeguarding children, fair assessment, complaints and malpractice procedures.

3. OBJECTS, AIMS AND ACTIVITIES

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefits when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Purposes of the Charity

The objects of the charity, as set out in the Memorandum of Association are:

To advance and promote the physical and psychological health of parents and children through education of the techniques of and the provision of training regarding breastfeeding in the county of Gloucestershire, including but not limited to raising the awareness of the health benefits of breastfeeding.

a) By the provision of physical, emotional and practical support and information to breastfeeding women and the advancement of education among volunteers by the provision of relevant training. b) By advancing the education of the public and especially those concerned with the care of children on the health benefits, both immediate and long term, of breastfeeding.

c) By the development and maintenance of peer support groups.

d) By the provision of a resource body co-operating with other agencies and health professionals.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the company may achieve its objects by any or all of the following methods:

- 1) The provision of information about breastfeeding.
- 2) Campaigning to improve services, facilities and support for breastfeeding women in the county of Gloucestershire.
- 3) The promotion of services including groups and course support services in preparation for breastfeeding and to support breastfeeding.
- 4) The provision of support services for parents who wish to breastfeed by training local women who have breastfed to enable them to support breastfeeding mothers.
- 5) The provision of training and information for peer supporters by specialist workers. 6) The education of those who will become parents and those who are supporting parents. 7) The fostering and undertaking research into any aspects of the objects of the company and the dissemination of the results of any such research.

- 6) The promotion of good working relationships with others to achieve greater understanding of the benefits of breastfeeding.

How our activities deliver Public Benefit

The charity operates seven, weekly, face to face breastfeeding support groups throughout the county of Gloucestershire. These groups are run by volunteer peer supporters; these are mothers from the local community who have breastfed themselves and who have undertaken a training course, designed and delivered by GBSN, to equip them with the appropriate information and skills to enable them to help women attending our groups. Each group is always attended by a qualified Breastfeeding Counsellor, whose role is to counsel mothers with more complex breastfeeding issues, as well as provide ongoing development to the Peer Supporters. All groups are free to attend and welcome families at every stage of their breastfeeding journey, from pregnancy through to weaning from the breast and beyond, offering a complete universal service.

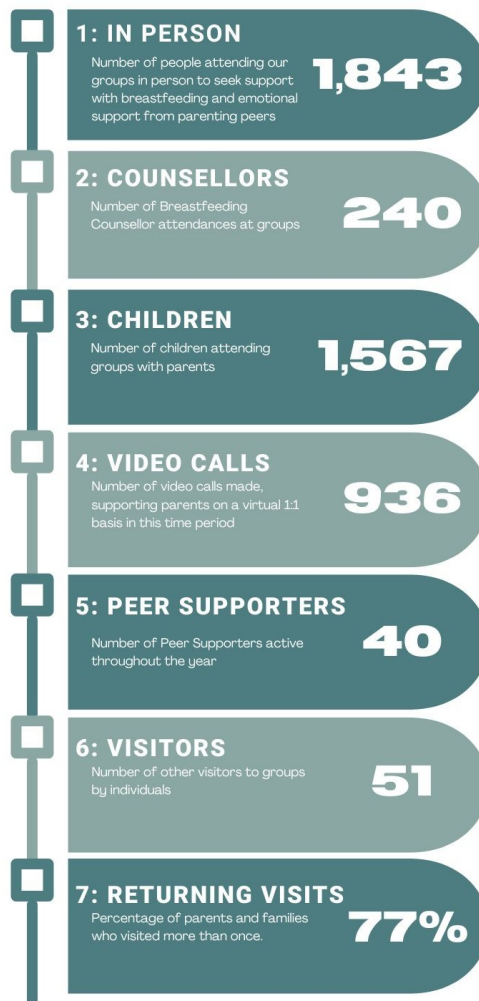
Each group benefits from a library of free-to-borrow books and a catalogue of evidence-based information on all aspects of breastfeeding as well as other common parenting concerns such as birth, sleeping, introducing solids and baby behaviour.

GBSN works closely with other health professionals including midwives, health visitors and family support workers, to identify and reach families who may need breastfeeding information and support.

4. ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

From 31st March 2023 to 1st April 2024, GBSN has offered support nearly three thousand times, through in-person groups and virtual one-to-one sessions with Breastfeeding Counsellors.

Our **ACHIEVEMENTS** *In numbers*



5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial position of the charity started out the year in a somewhat depleted state.

Due to the huge fundraising efforts of our volunteers, in particular Sarah Houghton (Dursley Peer Supporter) we ended the year in a very healthy position.

For the financial year ended 31 May 2024 total income was £33,531 while total expenditure was £21,956. Taking into account our Administrative Costs, our operating profit was therefore £8,925. This is extremely encouraging, given that we made a loss of a similar amount in the previous financial year.

We carry forward total funds of £27,824, of which £25,712 is unrestricted.

Income

The charity is as ever grateful for the donations made by individuals and families attending our groups on a weekly basis. We are also extremely fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers who run cake sales, raffles, quiz nights and fetes on our behalf.

The majority of our income is from grants received, and we have a very successful team, headed by Sarah Houghton, who have managed to raise £17,300 from grant applications in this period.

Expenditure

The Trustees remain committed to providing an exemplary, free of charge, service to the families accessing our services. No significant new costs have been incurred within the timescale of this financial report.

Reserves Policy

To ensure that GBSN can continue to run its services through periods of low income, the Trustees have decided to hold reserves to cover the cost of running the charity at its current level for at least a further six months. This amount gives the Trustees time to secure new sources of funding, should income streams disappear. Our current reserves stand at almost a full year of funding, but we do not intend to amend our policy. The reserves fund can be spent as necessary when decided by the Trustees.

Funding

The charity is continuing to operate on a quarter-to-quarter basis to ensure it does not commit beyond its financial capabilities and to ensure appropriate decisions can be taken in response to changing circumstances. The Trustees receive monthly management reports from our Treasurer, Kate Marting, which enables forecasting. We have access to Online banking, and use our accounting software package Xero to ensure that the Treasurer and Chair are aware of the financial status of the company at any given time.

6. FUTURE PLANS

The Charity plans to continue its hard but rewarding work supporting families across Gloucestershire. It is likely that we will be able to reinstate our popular

“Preparing for Breastfeeding” workshops and introduce a new offering entitled “Returning to Work” over the next 12 months.

We are pleased that there continues to be a stream of wonderful volunteers wishing to take part in our Peer Supporter training.

We have had to say goodbye to Trustee Anna Wood, who has left to pursue other commitments. We are pleased to welcome Danni Grieve and Aleisha Foreman as new Trustees. They are currently attending meetings as observers while we undertake a restructure of the charity’s governance.

The Trustees are grateful to Roxy Khakinia for providing voluntary legal services to the board. With Roxy’s guidance, the governance and legal entity of the charity will be updated to become a *Charitable Incorporated Organisation* over the next year. This will not affect the day-to-day running of the charity, but will remove the somewhat onerous requirement for all Trustees to be Directors of a limited company.

7. TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees’ Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Trustees

Kirstie Clarke

4th December 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Account	Apr 2023-May 2024
Turnover	
Donations	15,840.19
Grants Received	17,300.00
Investments (inc bank interest)	179.76
Other Trading Activities (inc. fundraising events)	211.20
Total Turnover	33,531.15
Cost of Sales	
Admin & Data Collection	991.50
Charitable Activities - BFC Hourly Fee	14,007.60
Charitable Activities - BFC Travel Costs	304.00
Charitable Activities - Group Sundries	577.70
Charitable Activities - Room Hire (Weekly Groups)	5,635.52
Charitable Activities - Volunteer Training	240.00
Material Expenses Item	200.00
Total Cost of Sales	21,956.32
Gross Profit	11,574.83
Administrative Costs	
Advertising & Marketing	1,000.00
Audit & Accountancy Fees	13.00
Bank Fees	1,153.03
General Expenses	33.51
Insurance	271.42
IT Software & Support	178.36
Total Administrative Costs	2,649.32
Operating Profit	8,925.51
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	8,925.51
Profit after Taxation	8,925.51

BALANCE SHEET

	31 May 2024
Account	
Fixed Assets	
	Tangible Assets
	Computer Equipment 1,836.00
	Less Accumulated Depreciation on Computer Equipment (1,120.00)
	Office Equipment 150.00
	Total Tangible Assets 866.00
Total Fixed Assets	866.00
Current Assets	
	Cash at bank and in hand
	Business Current 4,932.78
	Cash in Hand 35.13
	GLOS BREASTFEEDING 219.80
	Reserve Account 21,491.15
	Total Cash at bank and in hand 26,678.86
	Prepayments 130.75
	Stock (Balance Sheet) 2,637.77
Total Current Assets	29,447.38
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
	Accounts Payable 805.56
	Accruals 825.30
	PayPal 858.48
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2,489.34
	Net Current Assets (Liabilities) 26,958.04
	Total Assets less Current Liabilities 27,824.04
	Net Assets 27,824.04
Capital and Reserves	
	Current Year Earnings 12,426.94
	Restricted Income Fund - MOBS S 434.92
	Restricted Income Funds 3,708.00
	Retained Earnings (14,458.80)
	Unrestricted General Fund 25,712.98
Total Capital and Reserves	27,824.04

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity Act 2011, the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015 and as subsequently updated), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). The policies adopted for items which are judged material to the financial statements are as follows:

Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operation existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Recognition of Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably. Voluntary income, including donations under Gift Aid, is therefore recognised as income when received. Where applicable, associated income tax recovery is recognised when the recovery is receivable. Interest is recognised as income when receivable.

Recognition of Expenditure

Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects comprise those costs incurred by the charity as a result of the delivery of its service. Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income. Governance costs comprise those costs incurred by the charity in meeting its constitutional and statutory requirements.

Donated services and facilities

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MAY 2024



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Registered as a Charity in England and Wales No. 1121337 www.gbsn.org.uk

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1: REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name: Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network Also known as GBSN

Company number: 6239404

Charity number: 1121337

Address and Registered Office: 125 Summer Street, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL5 1PQ

Trustees:

Kirstie Clarke (Chair)

Nicola Bradley (Vice Chair)

Dr Nicola Wilson

Rebecca Hooper

Kate Martin (Treasurer)

Trustees are also directors for the purposes of company law.

Bankers: National Westminster Bank 31 The Promenade, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL50 1LH

2. STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

Nature of Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 9 May 2007 and registered as a charity on 22 October 2007. The company was established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The Trustee Board must consist of at least four and no more than 12 individuals. The serving trustees can appoint new trustees at any time, although such co-opted trustees hold office only until the next AGM, at which point they may be formally appointed by the Board. There is no set period for which a trustee can serve, but one third of trustees must step down at each AGM.

The current trustees have been recruited from within the GBSN community with a view to achieving, across the trustees, a diverse but complementary range of skills and experience. As a result, the Board is a balanced mix of Breastfeeding Counsellors (BFCs), Peer Supporters and business professionals.

Organisational Structure

The Trustee Board meets approximately every six weeks to decide on matters of policy and other issues arising. To be quorate, each meeting must have at least four trustees in attendance. Every issue is determined by a simple majority of the votes cast. Each Trustee has one vote, except the Chair of the meeting who has a second casting vote.

Risk Management

The Trustees are aware of the risks to which the Charity is exposed. All GBSN groups work closely with their host organisations, be these community buildings or Children's Centres. GBSN has created policies to cover significant areas including safeguarding children, fair assessment, complaints and malpractice procedures.

3. OBJECTS, AIMS AND ACTIVITIES

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefits when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Purposes of the Charity

The objects of the charity, as set out in the Memorandum of Association are:

To advance and promote the physical and psychological health of parents and children through education of the techniques of and the provision of training regarding breastfeeding in the county of Gloucestershire, including but not limited to raising the awareness of the health benefits of breastfeeding.

a) By the provision of physical, emotional and practical support and information to breastfeeding women and the advancement of education among volunteers by the provision of relevant training. b) By advancing the education of the public and especially those concerned with the care of children on the health benefits, both immediate and long term, of breastfeeding.

c) By the development and maintenance of peer support groups.

d) By the provision of a resource body co-operating with other agencies and health professionals.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the company may achieve its objects by any or all of the following methods:

- 1) The provision of information about breastfeeding.
- 2) Campaigning to improve services, facilities and support for breastfeeding women in the county of Gloucestershire.
- 3) The promotion of services including groups and course support services in preparation for breastfeeding and to support breastfeeding.
- 4) The provision of support services for parents who wish to breastfeed by training local women who have breastfed to enable them to support breastfeeding mothers.
- 5) The provision of training and information for peer supporters by specialist workers. 6) The education of those who will become parents and those who are supporting parents. 7) The fostering and undertaking research into any aspects of the objects of the company and the dissemination of the results of any such research.
- 6) The promotion of good working relationships with others to achieve greater understanding of the benefits of breastfeeding.

How our activities deliver Public Benefit

The charity operates seven, weekly, face to face breastfeeding support groups throughout the county of Gloucestershire. These groups are run by volunteer peer supporters; these are mothers from the local community who have breastfed themselves and who have undertaken a training course, designed and delivered by GBSN, to equip them with the appropriate information and skills to enable them to help women attending our groups. Each group is always attended by a qualified Breastfeeding Counsellor, whose role is to counsel mothers with more complex breastfeeding issues, as well as provide ongoing development to the Peer Supporters. All groups are free to attend and welcome families at every stage of their breastfeeding journey, from pregnancy through to weaning from the breast and beyond, offering a complete universal service.

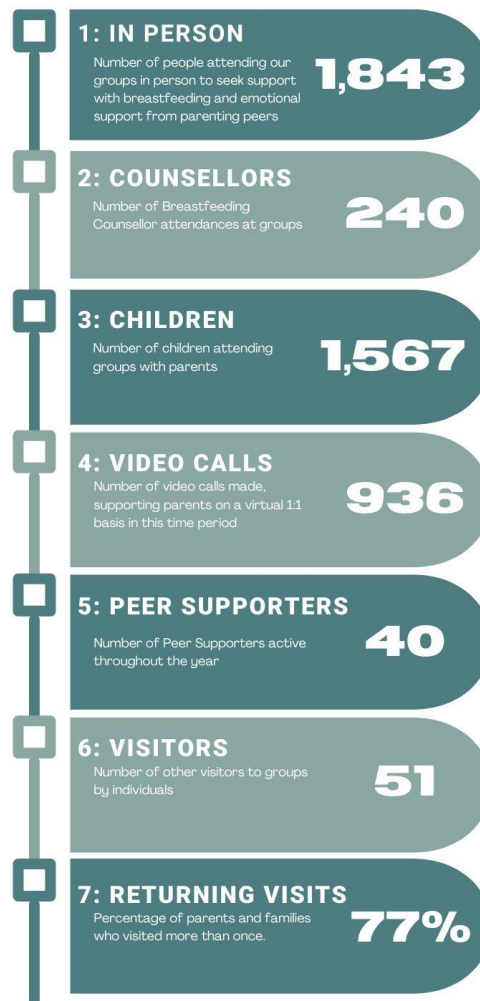
Each group benefits from a library of free-to-borrow books and a catalogue of evidence-based information on all aspects of breastfeeding as well as other common parenting concerns such as birth, sleeping, introducing solids and baby behaviour.

GBSN works closely with other health professionals including midwives, health visitors and family support workers, to identify and reach families who may need breastfeeding information and support.

4. ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

From 31st March 2023 to 1st April 2024, GBSN has offered support nearly three thousand times, through in-person groups and virtual one-to-one sessions with Breastfeeding Counsellors.

Our **ACHIEVEMENTS** *In numbers*



5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial position of the charity started out the year in a somewhat depleted state.

Due to the huge fundraising efforts of our volunteers, in particular Sarah Houghton (Dursley Peer Supporter) we ended the year in a very healthy position.

For the financial year ended 31 May 2024 total income was £33,531 while total expenditure was £21,956. Our operating profit was therefore £8,925. This is extremely encouraging, given that we made a loss of a similar amount in the previous financial year.

We carry forward total funds of £27,824, of which £25,712 is unrestricted.

Income

The charity is as ever grateful for the donations made by individuals and families attending our groups on a weekly basis. We are also extremely fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers who run cake sales, raffles, quiz nights and fetes on our behalf.

The majority of our income is from grants received, and we have a very successful team, headed by Sarah Houghton, who have managed to raise £17,300 from grant applications in this period.

Expenditure

The Trustees remain committed to providing an exemplary, free of charge, service to the families accessing our services. No significant new costs have been incurred within the timescale of this financial report.

Reserves Policy

To ensure that GBSN can continue to run its services through periods of low income, the Trustees have decided to hold reserves to cover the cost of running the charity at its current level for at least a further six months. This amount gives the Trustees time to secure new sources of funding, should income streams disappear. Our current reserves stand at almost a full year of funding, but we do not intend to amend our policy. The reserves fund can be spent as necessary when decided by the Trustees.

Funding

The charity is continuing to operate on a quarter-to-quarter basis to ensure it does not commit beyond its financial capabilities and to ensure appropriate decisions can be taken in response to changing circumstances. The Trustees receive monthly management reports from our Treasurer, Kate Marting, which enables forecasting. We have access to Online banking, and use our accounting software package Xero to ensure that the Treasurer and Chair are aware of the financial status of the company at any given time.

6. FUTURE PLANS

The Charity plans to continue its hard but rewarding work supporting families across Gloucestershire. It is likely that we will be able to reinstate our popular "Preparing for Breastfeeding" workshops and introduce a new offering entitled "Returning to Work" over the next 12 months.

We are pleased that there continues to be a stream of wonderful volunteers wishing to take part in our Peer Supporter training.

We have had to say goodbye to Trustee Anna Wood, who has left to pursue other commitments. We are pleased to welcome Danni Grieve and Aleisha Foreman as new Trustees. They are currently attending meetings as observers while we undertake a restructure of the charity's governance.

The Trustees are grateful to Roxy Khakinia for providing voluntary legal services to the board. With Roxy's guidance, the governance and legal entity of the charity will be updated to become a *Charitable Incorporated Organisation* over the next year. This will not affect the day-to-day running of the charity, but will remove the somewhat onerous requirement for all Trustees to be Directors of a limited company.

7. TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
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The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Trustees

Kirstie Clarke

4th December 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Account	Apr 2023-May 2024
Turnover	
Donations	15,840.19
Grants Received	17,300.00
Investments (inc bank interest)	179.76
Other Trading Activities (inc. fundraising events)	211.20
Total Turnover	33,531.15
Cost of Sales	
Admin & Data Collection	991.50
Charitable Activities - BFC Hourly Fee	14,007.60
Charitable Activities - BFC Travel Costs	304.00
Charitable Activities - Group Sundries	577.70
Charitable Activities - Room Hire (Weekly Groups)	5,635.52
Charitable Activities - Volunteer Training	240.00
Material Expenses Item	200.00
Total Cost of Sales	21,956.32
Gross Profit	11,574.83
Administrative Costs	
Advertising & Marketing	1,000.00
Audit & Accountancy Fees	13.00
Bank Fees	1,153.03
General Expenses	33.51
Insurance	271.42
IT Software & Support	178.36
Total Administrative Costs	2,649.32
Operating Profit	8,925.51
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	8,925.51
Profit after Taxation	8,925.51

BALANCE SHEET

	31 May 2024
Account	
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Fixed Assets	
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	Tangible Assets
	Computer Equipment 1,836.00
	Less Accumulated Depreciation on Computer Equipment (1,120.00)
	Office Equipment 150.00
	Total Tangible Assets 866.00
Total Fixed Assets	866.00
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Current Assets	
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	Cash at bank and in hand
	Business Current 4,932.78
	Cash in Hand 35.13
	GLOS BREASTFEEDING 219.80
	Reserve Account 21,491.15
	Total Cash at bank and in hand 26,678.86
	Prepayments 130.75
	Stock (Balance Sheet) 2,637.77
Total Current Assets	29,447.38
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Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
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	Accounts Payable 805.56
	Accruals 825.30
	PayPal 858.48
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2,489.34
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Capital and Reserves	
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	Current Year Earnings 12,426.94
	Restricted Income Fund - MOBS S 434.92
	Restricted Income Funds 3,708.00
	Retained Earnings (14,458.80)
	Unrestricted General Fund 25,712.98
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2024

Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/directors/members of

Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network

On accounts for the year ended

31 May 2024

Charity no.:	1121337	Company no.:	06239404
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Set out on pages

1 to 16
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31/05/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

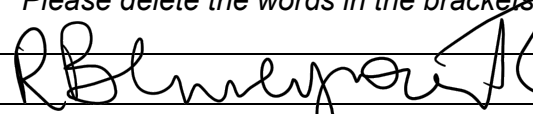
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:  Date: 25/02/2025

Name: Rebecca Benneyworth

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Chartered Accountant
Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address: Valley View
The Ridge, Bussage
Stroud GL6 8HD

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BREASTFEEDING SUPPORTERS' NETWORK

England & Wales - Charity number 1121337

Accounts

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE BREASTFEEDING SUPPORTERS'
NETWORK**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021

1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name	Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network
Also known as	GBSN
Company number	6239404
Charity number	1121337
Address and Registered Office	9 Wards Road Cheltenham GL51 6HS
Trustees	E Mayo (Chair) – appointed 11 February 2019 A Wood (Legal Secretary) – appointed 26 July 2018, reappointed January 2020 C James (Treasurer) – appointed 11 February 2019 N Bradley – reappointed December 2019, reappointed January 2020 Dr N Wilson – appointed 11 December 2018, reappointed January 2020 K Clarke – appointed 11 February 2019 R Hooper – appointed 11 February 2019

Trustees are also directors for the purposes of company law.

Bankers	National Westminster Bank 31 The Promenade Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL50 1LH
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Independent examiner	Timothy Brown FCCA Grosvenor House Avening, Priory Park Tetbury Gloucestershire GL8 8HZ
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2. STRUCTURE, MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE

Nature of Governing Document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 9 May 2007 and registered as a charity on 22 October 2007. The company was established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

The Trustee Board must consist of at least four and no more than 12 individuals. The serving trustees can appoint new trustees at any time, although such co-opted trustees hold office only until the next AGM, at which point they may be formally appointed by the Board. There is no set period for which a trustee can serve, but one third of trustees must step down at each AGM.

The current trustees have been recruited from within the GBSN community with a view to achieving, across the trustees, a diverse but complementary range of skills and experience. As a result, the Board is a balanced mix of Breastfeeding Counsellors (BFCs), Peer Supporters and business professionals.

Organisational Structure

The Trustee Board meets approximately every six weeks to decide on matters of policy and other issues arising. To be quorate, each meeting must have at least four trustees in attendance. Every issue is determined by a simple majority of the votes cast. Each Trustee has one vote, except the Chair of the meeting who has a second casting vote.

Risk Management

The Trustees are cognisant of the risks to which the Charity is exposed. All GBSN groups work closely with their host organisations, be these community buildings or Children's Centres. GBSN has created policies to cover significant areas including safeguarding children, fair assessment, complaints and malpractice procedures.

3. OBJECTS, AIMS AND ACTIVITIES

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefits when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Purposes of the Charity

The objects of the charity, as set out in the Memorandum of Association are:

To advance and promote the physical and psychological health of mothers and children through education of the techniques of and the provision of training regarding breastfeeding in the county of Gloucestershire, including but not limited to raising the awareness of the health benefits of breastfeeding.

- a) By the provision of physical, emotional and practical support and information to breastfeeding women and the advancement of education among volunteers by the provision of relevant training.
- b) By advancing the education of the public and especially those concerned with the care of children on the health benefits, both immediate and long term, of breastfeeding.
- c) By the development and maintenance of peer support groups.
- d) By the provision of a resource body co-operating with other agencies and health professionals.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the company may achieve its objects by any or all of the following methods:

- 1) The provision of information about breastfeeding.
- 2) Campaigning to improve services, facilities and support for breastfeeding women in the county of Gloucestershire.
- 3) The promotion of services including groups and course support services in preparation for breastfeeding and to support breastfeeding.
- 4) The provision of support services for parents who wish to breastfeed by training local women who have breastfed to enable them to support breastfeeding mothers.
- 5) The provision of training and information for peer supporters by specialist workers.
- 6) The education of those who will become parents and those who are supporting parents.
- 7) The fostering and undertaking research into any aspects of the objects of the company and the dissemination of the results of any such research.
- 8) The promotion of good working relationships with others to achieve greater understanding of the benefits of breastfeeding.

How our activities deliver Public Benefit

Prior to March 2020, the charity fulfilled these objects largely through the operation of seven weekly breastfeeding support groups throughout the county of Gloucestershire. These groups were run by volunteer peer supporters; these are mothers from the local community who have breastfed themselves and who have undertaken a training course, designed and delivered by GBSN, to equip them with the appropriate information and skills to enable them to help women attending our groups. Each group was also attended by a qualified Breastfeeding Counsellor, whose role is to counsel mothers with more complex breastfeeding issues, as well as provide ongoing development to the Peer Supporters. Groups were all free to attend and catered for families at every stage of their breastfeeding journey, from pregnancy through to weaning from the breast and beyond, offering a complete universal service.

In addition to the face-to-face support available at the groups, each also benefitted from Padlets and a library of free-to-borrow books and a catalogue of evidence-based information on all aspects of breastfeeding as well as other common parenting concerns such as birth, sleeping, introducing solids and baby behaviour. GBSN worked closely with other health professionals including midwives, health visitors and family support workers, to identify and reach families who may need breastfeeding information and support. GBSN volunteers are able to attend some NHS-run antenatal classes delivering information to expectant parents. GBSN information is available to all expectant mothers at 28 weeks gestation directly from the midwife through the GCC-funded BUMPS project.

And then coronavirus hit! A report of the first part of this ongoing pandemic was in the previous Annual Report. We have not missed a day's supporting of mothers, free of charge to themselves. The virtual one to one support sessions with a Breastfeeding Counsellor were instigated and continue to be run by Anna Wood, a fantastic achievement to have supported nearly 1500 mothers so far. All of these have been funded by National Lottery grants and other grant monies. Preparation for Breastfeeding workshops continue to fill a need, also free of charge as funded by grant monies.

We were able to open groups outside over the summer of 2020 and they proved very popular with families. We moved 6 groups indoors in October (BAPS and GLOBES amalgamed temporarily). These groups continue to run, apart from during the New Year lockdown in 2021.

All of this has taken tremendous commitment from the volunteers, Breastfeeding Counsellors and the strong Board of Trustees.

The BUMPS project, funded by Gloucestershire County Council has been put on hold due to the pandemic.

4. ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

GBSN continues to reach as many women as possible and, despite the current public health challenges, we continue to work hard to keep the service open for families in Gloucestershire. Since March 2020, the start of the pandemic, GBSN has provided support well over 3000 times.

People

Our regular volunteers are the core of our charity and immensely valued for their generosity and commitment often over a long timespan.

Our team of BFCs are highly skilled and experienced and again give such a lot to GBSN.

GBSN ran 2 training courses for 7 new Peer Supporters.

A strong Board of Trustees brings complementary skills that strengthen GBSN.

Collaborative working

GBSN has strived to extend our reach into the wider community services and encourage collaborative partnerships with Health visiting and the commissioning services. GBSN maintains presence on the board of the Gloucestershire Infant Feeding Strategic Partnership to contribute to the shaping of supporting breastfeeding across the county. Nicky Wilson (Trustee) is making huge links with GPs.

Reaching service users

The social media links from each group and the trustees worked diligently to co-ordinate and align our social media presence. As a result, GBSN has hugely built up our social media reach. The website has been updated with softer language to better reflect our model to mothers and Health Professionals. A new website is planned which will be much more mobile phone-friendly.

Operations

We thank Marzena Castle for the data runs and managing the Preparation for Breastfeeding workshops as well as the back office support. Kirsty Bassett gives many hours voluntarily to run our accounts for which we are very grateful.

The Trustees continue to put in many hours of voluntary time which is much appreciated.

Venues

We are so grateful to Children's Centres who offer us rooms free of charge. Also, donations have helped us to meet these large costs.

Service Users

From March 2020 to May 2021 GBSN offered support nearly three thousand times, through in-person groups, online groups, virtual one to one sessions and Preparation for Breastfeeding Workshops.

There were 2042 attendances to in-person and online groups:

- Mothers and expectant mothers made 943 visits to our groups
- 1062 attendances by BFCs and Peer Supporters
- 37 other people such as supporters or visitors attended

Additionally, 1173 visits were made by accompanying children.

Well over 80% of mothers return to the group. This identifies the continued need for breastfeeding support and then the social support thereafter.

Virtual 121s

Our Breastfeeding Counsellors supported mothers via a one-to-one virtual call on 818 occasions in this time period alone.

Preparation for Breastfeeding Workshops were attended by 139 expectant mothers, many of whom were accompanied by their partners.

5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial position of the charity has been stable during the period in review. For the financial year ended 31 May 2021, total income was £39,988 while total expenditure was £23,692. We carry forward total funds of £47,935, of which £27,278 is unrestricted.

Income

During the year, the charity received no children's centre funding for the core services provided at the GBSN groups, although several groups are fortunate to have the use of rooms free-of-charge. We did receive several grants from National Lottery alongside other funders. We are also very grateful to have several regular supporters whose monthly contributions enable the charity to plan with more certainty.

Expenditure

The Trustees remain committed to providing an excellent free of charge service to the families that access our services. No significant new costs have been incurred within the timescale of this financial report. Grant funding covered the online groups and many of the virtual one to one support sessions and Preparation for Breastfeeding Workshops.

Reserves Policy

GBSN currently has committed grant funding for the continuation of virtual services. For a period, this will cover the cost of Breastfeeding Counsellors' time, and the cost of refreshing the skills of the volunteer peer supporters. Once GBSN can start to provide groups services again, there will be considerable ongoing expenditure including breastfeeding counsellors' time and travel costs, hall hire, insurance and administration. Instead, the charity relies on donations – of funds, time, and room hire – and fundraising events and activities.

To ensure that GBSN can continue to run its services through periods of low income, the Trustees have decided to hold reserves to cover the cost of running the charity at its current level for a further six months. This amount gives the Trustees time to secure new sources of funding.

Funding

The charity is continuing to operate on a quarter to quarter basis to ensure it does not commit beyond its financial capabilities and to ensure appropriate decisions can be taken in response to changing circumstances. The Trustees receive monthly management reports which enables forecasting.

6. FUTURE PLANS

GBSN continues to support mothers, adapting quickly as the pandemic requires. It is hard to plan much into the future as the pandemic ebbs and flows.

7. GBSN'S RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS

Trustees were able to act very swiftly as we were very sure of GBSN values and philosophy which have guided us throughout. The Trustees would like to thank the BFCs so much for stepping up to increased workloads and providing hours of their time. Also, to our amazing volunteers who have continued to support GBSN.

8. TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements company with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Trustees



E Mayo
Chair

29 November 2021

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BREASTFEEDING SUPPORTERS' NETWORK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating an income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021

	Notes	2021			2020		
		Unrestricted General Fund £	All Restricted Income Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted General Fund £	All Restricted Income Funds £	Total Funds £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	11,578	27,294	38,872	16,034	8,266	24,300
Charitable activities – sales		196	-	196	1,456	-	1,456
Other trading activities – fundraising		917	-	917	3,223	-	3,223
Investments		3	-	3	34	-	34
Total Income		12,694	27,294	39,988	20,747	8,266	29,013
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities:							
Costs of goods sold		98	-	98	371	-	371
Support groups and one-to- one support	3	6,048	13,638	19,686	12,353	8,031	20,384
Governance cost allocation	4	2,263	787	3,050	2,087	-	2,087
		8,409	14,425	22,834	14,811	8,031	22,842
Raising funds		858	-	858	1,180		1,180
Total Expenditure		9,267	14,425	23,692	15,991	8,031	24,022
Net income (expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year		3,427	12,869	16,296	4,756	235	4,991
Reconciliation of funds;							
Total Funds brought forward		23,851	7,788	31,639	19,095	7,553	26,648
Total funds carried forward		27,278	20,657	47,935	23,851	7,788	31,639

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BREASTFEEDING SUPPORTERS' NETWORK

(Company number 6239404)

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MAY 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	7	1,016	-
Current assets			
Stocks	8	2,843	2,941
Debtors	9	21	-
Cash at bank and in hand		47,369	30,911
		<u>50,233</u>	<u>33,852</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(3,314)	(2,213)
Net current assets		<u>46,919</u>	<u>31,639</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>47,935</u>	<u>31,639</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		-	-
The total net assets of the charity		<u>47,935</u>	<u>31,639</u>
Represented by:			
Funds of the charity:	11		
Unrestricted general fund		27,278	23,851
Restricted income funds		20,657	7,788
		<u>47,935</u>	<u>31,639</u>

For the year ending 31 May 2021, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on **29 November 2021**.



E Mayo
Chair

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BREASTFEEDING SUPPORTERS' NETWORK

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity Act 2011, the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015 and as subsequently updated), the *Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)* and the Companies Act 2006.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). The policies adopted for items which are judged material to the financial statements are as follows:

Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operation existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

Recognition of Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably. Voluntary income, including donations under Gift Aid, is therefore recognised as income when received. Where applicable, associated income tax recovery is recognised when the recovery is receivable. Interest is recognised as income when receivable.

Recognition of Expenditure

Costs of activities in furtherance of the charity's objects comprise those costs incurred by the charity as a result of the delivery of its service. Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income. Governance costs comprise those costs incurred by the charity in meeting its constitutional and statutory requirements.

Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised when received and measured on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in the expenditure in the period of receipt.

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised. The trustees' annual report contains more information about their contribution.

Stock

Stocks consist of goods for resale and are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BREASTFEEDING SUPPORTERS' NETWORK
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2021

Financial instruments (including debtors and trade creditors)

The charity has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments held are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value, based on the amortised cost and effective interest methods. Financial assets comprise cash as bank and in hand, together with other debtors. Financial liabilities comprise trade creditors.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised when the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Funds

Restricted funds are donations which that donor has specified are to be solely used for a specified group or specific projects being undertaken by the charity. Unrestricted funds are funds which can be utilised at the discretion of the trustees.

2. Donations and legacies

	2020-21			2019-20		
	Unrestricted General Fund £	Restricted Income Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted General Fund £	Restricted Income Funds £	Total £
Donations	9,878	2,576	12,454	11,720	6,266	17,986
Grants	-	24,302	24,302	-	2,000	2,000
Donated facilities and services	1,700	416	2,116	4,314	-	4,314
	<u>11,578</u>	<u>27,294</u>	<u>38,872</u>	<u>16,034</u>	<u>8,266</u>	<u>24,300</u>

Donations include £416 in respect of donated facilities to four of the charity's groups providing a venue for the weekly sessions. The charity is also grateful to its bookkeeper and independent examiner who have both donated their services this year totalling £1,700.

In addition to volunteering their time for their support roles, our peer supporters have donated many further hours – raising funds for our continued work and raising awareness of the support we provide. The Trustees also continue to put in many hours of voluntary time. The Charity is hugely grateful to all our volunteers who donate their time so generously.

3. Expenditure on charitable activities - groups

	2020-21			2019-20		
	Unrestricted General Fund £	Restricted Income Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted General Fund £	Restricted Income Funds £	Total £
Group worker	3,172	10,241	13,413	4,315	5,983	10,298
Group worker travel costs	831	429	1,260	1,725	179	1,904
Room hire (including donated facilities of £416)	1,049	1,159	2,208	4,136	744	4,880
Group sundries (including refreshments)	233	332	565	396	1,125	1,521
Network training	136	476	612	773	-	773
Network support	627	1,001	1,628	1,008	-	1,008
	<u>6,048</u>	<u>13,638</u>	<u>19,686</u>	<u>12,353</u>	<u>8,031</u>	<u>20,384</u>

4. Support costs and allocation

Total support costs incurred during the period were £4,678 and consist of network support costs of £1,628 (note 3) and governance costs as follows:

	2020-21			2019-20		
	Unrestricted General Fund £	Restricted Income Funds £	Total £	Unrestricted General Fund £	Restricted Income Funds £	Total £
Independent Examination	500	-	500	300	-	300
Bookkeeper	1,200	-	1,200	400	-	400
Insurance	-	670	-	670	-	670
IT software & support	563	117	680	717	-	717
	<u>2,263</u>	<u>787</u>	<u>3,050</u>	<u>2,087</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,087</u>

Governance costs have been allocated to charitable activities, on the basis that any allocation to fundraising activities would not be significant, and any benefits of greater accuracy would be outweighed by the costs of selecting a method of apportionment. All governance costs have been allocated to unrestricted funds as restricted funds were donated for spending on specific purposes.

5. Trustee remuneration and employee information

No Trustees received any remuneration or received any other benefit or expenses from employment with GBSN during the year.

Please refer to note 13 for details of related party transactions with trustees N Bradley, C James and E Mayo.

6. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

7. Tangible fixed assets

	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or revaluation		
At 1 June 2020	-	-
At 31 May 2021	<u>1,524</u>	<u>1,524</u>
Depreciation and impairment		
At 1 June 2020	-	-
At 31 May 2021	<u>508</u>	<u>508</u>
Net book values		
At 31 May 2021	<u>1,016</u>	<u>1,016</u>
At 31 May 2020		

8. Stock

	2021 £	2020 £
Bras	<u>2,843</u>	<u>2,941</u>

9. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments	<u>21</u>	<u>-</u>

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors	2,326	1,673
Accrued expenditure	989	540
	<u>3,314</u>	<u>2,213</u>

11. Movements in funds

Name of fund	Opening balance £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Closing balance £
Restricted income funds re local groups				
Breastfeeding Encouragement and Support Team (BEST)	4,744	416	(1,662)	3,498
Mothers Offering Breastfeeding Support – Dursley (MOBS D)	1,066	275	(397)	944
Mothers Offering Breastfeeding Support – Stroud (MOBS S)	678	720	(135)	1,263
	6,488	1,411	(2,194)	5,705
Restricted income funds for projects				
Antenatal project	847	-	-	847
Gloucestershire County Council – Coronavirus Emergency Response	453	-	(453)	-
National Lottery – Covid 19		6,768	(6,768)	-
National Lottery – Local Connections		2,356	(2,356)	-
National Lottery – Awards for All		9,602	-	9,602
Gloucestershire County Council – Communities		1,098	(605)	493
Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc		1000	(1,000)	-
Tewkesbury Borough Council		308	(308)	-
Barnwood Trust		320	(320)	-
Stroud Town Council		500	(421)	79
Stroud District Council – Covid 19		1,000	-	1,000
Stroud District Council – Community Resilience		1,000	-	1,000
Renishaw plc		350	-	350
Training		1,581	-	1,581
	1,300	25,883	(12,231)	14,952
Total Restricted income funds	7,788	27,294	(14,425)	20,657
Total Unrestricted income funds	23,851	12,694	(9,267)	27,278
Total Income funds	31,639	39,988	(23,692)	47,935

12. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted General Fund £	2020-21 Restricted Income Funds £	Total £
Fixed assets	1,016	-	1,016
Current assets	29,576	20,657	50,233
Current liabilities	(1,798)	(1,516)	(3,314)
	28,794	19,141	47,935

13. Related Party Transactions

N Bradley (Trustee) received £2,164 for her work as a Breastfeeding Counsellor and £294 for travel to the groups where she provided support and training.

C James (Trustee) received £2,553 for her work as a Breastfeeding Counsellor and £422 for travel to the groups where she provided support and training. C James also received £476 for her work training peer supporters.

E Mayo (Trustee) received £1,131 for her work as a Breastfeeding Counsellor and £240 for travel to the groups where she provided support and training.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE BREASTFEEDING SUPPORTERS' NETWORK

A report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Gloucestershire Breastfeeding Supporters' Network for the year ended 31 May 2021 consisting of Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and related notes.

Respective responsibilities of trustee and examiner

The Charity Trustees (also Directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The Trustees consider that an audit is not required under section 144(2) of the Act.

Having satisfied myself that an audit is not required under company law and is eligible for independent examination, my responsibilities are as follows:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- Follow the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the Act;
- To report whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination includes a review of accounting records and a comparison of them to the accounts presented with those records. Consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanation from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for any audit, and consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have no concerns and have come across no other matter in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn.

This gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material aspect, the following requirements have been met in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached:

- I. To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act;
- II. Accounts have been prepared which accord with the accounting records.



Timothy William Brown FCCA – Independent Examiner
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This report was signed on **29 November 2021**