



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2023 **Period start date** **To** 31 March 2024 **Period end date**

Charity name: Baby Bank Network

Charity registration number: 1165381

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>a. The prevention or relief of poverty in the UK in particular by providing items and services to families with young children and/or to charities or other organisations who also work to prevent or relieve poverty amongst families with young children; and</p> <p>b. for the public benefit, the advancement of health of women who are pregnant or who are mothers of young children and of children in particular by providing advice and support in relation to pregnancy, birth, post-natal health and breast feeding</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Providing second hand baby and child items to families in need (e.g. families on low incomes, refugees and asylum seekers, victims of domestic violence). We also supply some new items which we buy, such as mattresses and bottle teats (which cannot be passed on second hand).</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The trustees have had regard to, and discussed in meeting, the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>We have approximately 40 volunteers who are key to providing our service. They not only help sort and pack up donated items for the families we help, but also help with administration, social media etc.</p> <p>We have four members of staff: a CEO, an office manager, service manager and a part time fundraiser.</p>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>In terms of the numbers of families helped per week, we have seen an increase in demand for our services. We anticipate this will continue as a result of the cost of living crisis, socioeconomic pressures</p> <p>We helped 1798 families in 2023/24 with over 82,000 items</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Receipts of £135,706 and expenditure of £106,106
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	At the end of FY23/24, we held £52,666 in unrestricted funds equivalent to 7.2 months core running costs (£7,344 per month excluding all project costs). Our core running costs will increase over the next financial year due to introducing a new service with new staff. We are building our unrestricted reserves accordingly to comply with our minimum reserves policy. We have £31,691 in restricted reserves towards project costs such as the delivery service and mattress costs. The remaining £45,884 is designated for projects supporting our growth and development key to achieving our strategic goals (e.g. launching a second arm to our service, improving our premises and hiring more staff).
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£130,201 (£52,666 unrestricted £77,535 restricted funds}
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Grants, community events and individual donors.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy		

adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	New trustees are required to complete an application form and are interviewed to assess their suitability.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees receive an induction pack on joining.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	

Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Baby Bank Network
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1165381
Charity's principal address	Ground Floor, Unit 5, Stoke View Business Park, Stoke View Road, Bristol BS16 3AE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

		Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
	1	Rosanna James	Chair		
	2	Stephanie King		From Nov 23	
	3	Eva Fernandes			
	4	Anna Zawada	Treasurer		
	5	Morena Staiano			
	6	Cristiana Ruocco		From Nov 23	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

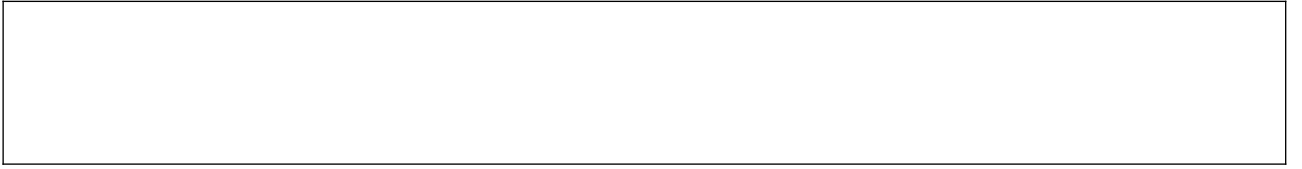
	Type of adviser	Name	Address
	Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information



Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	Signature(s)	
	Full name(s)	Rosanna James
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair
	Date	10/12/25



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Baby Bank Network

No 1165381

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1-Apr-23

To

Period end date
31-Mar-24

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts - Donations, grants, other funding					
Grants	15,254	87,707	-	102,961	68,033
Crowdfunding	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	14,464	-	-	14,464	22,647
Fundraising Activities	13,271	-	-	13,271	5,263
Other Earned Income	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	5,010	-	-	5,010	53
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	47,999	87,707	-	135,706	95,996
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
not applicable	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	47,999	87,707	-	135,706	95,996
A3 Payments					
Staff	37,756	29,032	-	66,788	36,165
Governance Costs	2,434	-	-	2,434	2,825
Office / Premises Costs	1,135	12,171	-	13,306	12,277
Running Costs	1,695	-	-	1,695	1,846
Volunteer Costs	423	14	-	436	111
Project Activity	562	17,414	-	17,975	14,183
Fundraising Costs	118	-	-	118	48
Capital Items	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expenditure	272	3,082	-	3,354	-
Sub total	44,394	61,712	-	106,106	67,455
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
not applicable	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	44,394	61,712	-	106,106	67,455
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,605	25,995	-	29,600	28,541
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	49,061	51,540	-	100,601	72,060
Cash funds this year end	52,666	77,535	-	130,201	100,601

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Balance at end of period	73,058	77,535	-
	less payments made but not processed	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	73,058	77,535	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))		Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Accounts payable and deferred income on grant	393,58	20,000	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

Jon Stephens*Professional Accounting Support for the Voluntary Sector***26 Nutgrove Ave Victoria Park Bristol BS3 4QE**Tel mb 07906 856263 e-mail jstephs@yahoo.co.uk21st November 2024**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Babybank charity**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Babybank (the Charity) for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.
4. 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.
5. I have kept a record of my examinations and any meetings and documents obtained from the charity or from trustees.
6. Lastly, I think the charity has kept good records and has a very good control over their finances and has built up a reasonable amount of funds to continue on a sound basis.

Signed



Name Jon Stephens

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Date 21st November 2024