PELICAN PARCELS

England & Wales · Charity number 1179866

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2018-09-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PROVIDING SUCH ITEMS FOR BABIES AND CHILDREN AS THE TRUSTEES DEEM APPROPRIATE.

Activities: We collect pre-loved and new item donations for babies, children and their families and gift them to those who need them via various existing family services in Brighton & Hove and Sussex.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Brighton And Hove
- East Sussex
- West Sussex

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£444,728	£342,474	-	-
2024-03-31	£190,398	£124,092	-	-
2023-03-31	£90,499	£92,053	-	-
2022-03-31	£74,938	£51,802	-	-
2021-03-31	£36,813	£24,769	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JAMES RICHARD BENNETT	Chair	2018-06-01
CARLA PANNETT		2018-06-01
DEBORAH JOY NORRIS		2024-02-07
Sarah Mann		2023-05-22
Shelley Louise Bennett		2018-06-01

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Annual Report and Accounts

April 2024 – March 2025

Registered charity (no. 1179866)



OUR VISION

Pelican Parcels' vision is a community in which families and carers have the essentials for their children.

OUR CHARITABLE OBJECIVES

To relieve financial hardship for the public benefit by providing such items for babies and children as the trustees deem appropriate.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to alleviate poverty by providing new and preloved children's essentials to babies and children in Brighton & Hove (and neighbouring parts of Sussex).

Pelican Parcels is based on a simple concept – we take items from families that no longer need them and gift them to families that do.

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OUR IMPACT SINCE WE BEGAN

As we present our annual report and impact for this financial year, we'd also like to take a moment to reflect on the meaningful impact we've made during our first six full years of operations as a charity.

Whilst the items distributed can be small - clothes, shoes, bottles, nappies - the positive and consequential impact for the families receiving this support can be enormous.

We are committed to delivering our service and parcels of support with dignity, respect, and, most importantly, with love and compassion. Our hope being that whilst we provide certain essential items we also give families a tangible reminder that they are valued and seen. Above all, it shows that their well-being, and the well-being of their children, really matter in our community.



These accounts represent our 6th full year as a charity.

In those 6 years we have:

- supported over 30,000 children and their families
- regularly have 33 volunteers supporting our work weekly giving over 5,500 hours annually
- worked with 75 local businesses
- grown our team to 5 members of part time staff.
- work with over 60 referral partners

OUR WORK

Pelican Parcels works to recycle pre-loved essential items for babies and primary school aged children up to the age of 12. We take them from families who no longer need them and give them to those who do. We are the only baby bank working up to the age of 12 in the city.

We continue to support local families where the ongoing cost of living crisis often means they can't afford the basics. The focus of our work is predominantly in Brighton & Hove and surrounding areas in East Sussex. However, we would not restrict our help if other support isn't on offer and we joined the Baby Bank Alliance to ensure families right across the UK are able to access support.

Whatever the size, the parcel makes a big difference. We collect items, receive referrals and distribute them to those in need.



Collect

We have regular open sessions where people drop off items. Our base of operations was Unit 9 Industrial House, Conway Street, Hove, BN3 3LW, we then moved in May 2025 to our new bigger premises.

The new operational address is Units 1-2 Manor Industrial Estate, Newtown Road, Hove, BN3 7BA.

Referral

Once referrals and requests for items are received from partners, our volunteers process and package them. Donations are carefully sorted, with love and care by our hard-working team, helping to ensure they are ready to be gifted to a new family in beautiful condition.

Distribution

Our parcels are distributed free of charge by our partners at scheduled visits, through children's centres, foodbanks, schools and charity networks. Partners collect the parcels from our warehouse or we take them to their places of work.

Our 6 main projects are:

1. Parcels of Essential Items - clothing and toys, buggies, nappies & more.
2. A Good Night's Sleep project – beds, bedding and bedlinen.
3. Foodbank Partnerships – nappies, wipes and formula provision.
4. School Uniform project – uniform including PE kit and new shoes.
5. Celebrations project – new gifts for key moments such as birthdays, Christmas and Eid.
6. Play and Learn project – providing nurseries books for children to keep.





WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

We don't accept self referrals from families as we believe in working in partnership and not replicating existing services.

By working on a referral basis only it ensures that families are receiving other support – such as working with a foodbank to help feed them, or a housing officer or debt and welfare officers, or the Family Information Service to signpost them to relevant support and services in the city.

We work hard to foster and develop partnerships with local organisations and key workers; charities, schools, family hubs, health and social care workers, midwives and hospital staff, in order to be able to reach and support local families needing the essential items that we can provide.

As part of the national Baby Bank Alliance we are connected to other similar organisations and through this network we are able share and pool knowledge and working practices. Also by sharing statistics we can portray a national picture of the essential nature of our work.

Partnerships and developing our referral network is crucial to enable Pelican Parcels to reach families and deliver support in the city.

We work in a collaborative way and as such have a wide array of referral partners:

- 26 charities and community organisations
- 14 primary schools
- 5 council nurseries
- 3 Brighton Hospitals: Royal Alexandra; Brighton General; and Royal Sussex County hospitals; supporting NHS professionals in perinatal, midwives, health visitors, GPs and Nursery Nurses
- 4 Family Hubs across Brighton in Moulsecoomb, Whitehawk, Hangleton and Portslade, and Central Brighton,
- 2 Family Hubs in Peacehaven and Adur Shoreham
- 10 Brighton & Hove City Council teams including those working in asylum, health and adult social care, housing ethnic minority achievement service, health visitors, midwives, local discretionary social fund, Front Door for Families, EPAP and social workers teams across the city
- 1 MP referral.

SUMMARY OF OUR IMPACT IN 2024 – 2025

We distributed 71,486 items which would have potentially cost our families £182,748 if purchasing mostly preloved.

These items weighed 20,877kg which might otherwise have gone to landfill – that's the equivalent of over 2,900 pelicans!

- Impacted 7,337 children and their families, supplying parcels directly to 4136 children.
- 445 families using foodbanks for support were given a week's worth of nappies and/or formula.
- 385 children were given school uniform parcels including 4,258 items of clothing, shoes and filled PE bags.
- 3544 Celebration parcels were gifted to mark Christmas, Eid and birthdays.
- 417 books were given to nurseries supporting 139 children to have books to take home and keep.
- Worked with over 65 referral partners.



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

We have given parcels to 4136 children and 91 pregnant mums and their families providing them with 71,486 items. That includes:

7,337
Children and families helped.

1,261
Referrals.

4,136
Babies and children were given a parcel of support.

445
Families visiting foodbanks were given a week's worth of nappies and/or formula.

385
Children were given chool uniform parcels.

3,556
Celebration parcels were gifted to mark Christmas, Eid and birthdays.

417
Books were given to nurseries supporting 139 children to have books to take home and keep.

£182,748
Worth of goods to families was given out, that they might otherwise have had to buy.

20.88
Tonnes of children's items that might otherwise have gone to landfill.



STAFF TEAM GROWTH

We have doubled our staff team from two to four part-time members of staff and are in the process of recruiting fifth. Increasing our staff and investing in the charity's capacity gives us the ability to keep growing in line with demand.

The two new roles added to our Head of Operations and Administrator are an Operations Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator.

The Operations Coordinator, appointed in November 2024, predominantly works to support the preparation and packaging of referrals, overseeing quality control and tasking and training the volunteers in the warehouse to sort, check and process donations.

Our Volunteer Co-ordinator, appointed in December 2024, works on recruiting and supporting our volunteers as well as developing our volunteer programme to offer a great experience for everyone helping our service, and ultimately helping our supported families.

In March 2025 we appointed a new Fundraising Manager who will start work in the next financial year.

DIGITALISATION OF REFERRALS

We have invested in and developed a new bespoke online referrals system with Salesforce which will move our whole referrals process into a digital format.

The system allows us to

- process, track and ultimately distribute our referrals more easily
- have a quick snapshot overview of all current and completed activities
- access our data and reporting in real time, as previously we had this in paper format which had then to be input manually by a volunteer
- track the monetary cost of items that we are giving out, based on buying the equivalent items in the local preloved marketplace
- track the weight of our parcels and estimate how many kilograms we've saved from local landfill, helping us talk about the impact of our recycling and developing further our 'green' credentials.

This investment in our systems was possible thanks to a grant by CriSeren Foundation.



NEW NEST

We have finalised a lease and moved to a new warehouse in May 2025 – doubling our storage and administrative space. This significant move will enable the charity to grow and develop our service programme yet further. It will be an important next step for Pelican Parcels and is an exciting way to end / start our financial year!



The campaign raised £42,017 from 188 supporters



CROWDFUNDER CAMPAIGN JUNE – JULY 2024

Impact of the crowdfunder campaign:

- **Media:** we were thrilled the campaign was covered on ITV news, BBC news, BBC Sussex Radio and in Sussex World and The Argus.
- **Supporters:** local companies donated gifts and experiences as rewards or gave financial support such as One Family, Galloway Accounting and Asda.
- **Trust and Foundations:** matchfunding given by Enjoolata Foundation, Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust and The Homity Trust.
- **Events:** Mumbop Dance Party, Zoe Fernay Swimathon, Jim Bob Art Auction, Bupa bake sale.

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Trusts, Foundations and Grants

- Sussex Community Foundation
- Brighton & Hove City Council Household Support Grant
- 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust
- Postcode Society Trust
- East Brighton Trust
- The Chalk Cliff Trust
- Garfield Weston Foundation
- Bupa Foundation
- Enjoolata Foundation
- Focus Foundation
- Gallus Trust
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- The Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust
- The Crucible Foundation
- Baby Bank Alliance
- The Romulus Trust
- Soiree Rotary
- Norah and Leslie Prince Charitable Trust
- Dervia Foundation
- TK Maxx and Homesense Foundation

Thank you to everyone in our community who has organised a range of events from car boot sales and book auctions to toy-exchanges and cake sales.

Companies

A huge thank you to the companies that have supported us with donations of money, in-kind stock, come and volunteered and run collections for us, it has made a big difference to our impact and profile locally, including:

- Bird and Blend Tea
- Bupa
- City Partnership Housing
- Dunelm Shoreham
- Galloways Accounting
- Gamely Games
- IKEA
- Meg and Milo
- MGAC Brighton
- Pelicano Café
- Timeless Toys
- Whirligig

Community Fundraising

- Mumbop
- Komedia fundraising comedy night
- Curious Histories event with Stu Mitchell
- Synagogue fundaiser - Liberal And donation - Kol Nidre
- Lancing Prep PTA
- JimBob art auction
- Gill Freret family collection
- Julie Hales
- Marlon Mohroyan



WHY WE ARE NEEDED

Children are consistently the highest section of the UK population living in poverty: 4.5 million children are growing up in poverty – that's 30% of all children. Locally in Brighton and Hove, after housing costs the percentage of children in poverty was 28% in 2023/2024 – that's approximately 9 children in every classroom being affected by poverty.

The portion of children receiving free school meals varies considerably across the city but reaches over 63% in some areas. This has grown over 17% since the pandemic and the numbers are still rising.

Poverty and destitution are impacting families' abilities to meet basic physical needs like staying warm, dry, clean and fed. This has deep and profound impacts on health, mental health and people's prospects . Consequently, the need for Pelican Parcels is still growing and our support is essential.

> "Baby banks do more than support families in crisis – they reduce pressure on public services and help cut carbon through item reuse."
>
> **Dani Adams**
> **BBA Executive Lead**



BABY BANK ALLIANCE

We are proud to be a member of the Baby Bank Alliance, a network connecting over 225 baby banks across the UK.

Insights from the Baby Bank Alliance Annual Impact and Membership Survey combining data provided by 180 baby banks, showed that in 2024, baby banks:

- Supported 216,000 children and babies (up 9% from 2023).
- 118,000 families (up 25% from 2023)
- Distributed 3.2 million essential items (151% more than 2023) including;
  - 144,000 clothing bundles
  - 196,000 books
  - 35,000 infant sleeping bags.
- Actioned 155,000 referrals - up 35%, continuing a year-on year rise since 2021.
- Volunteer hours rose by 82% in 2024, while paid staffing grew by just 31%..
- 38,000 tonnes of carbon emissions were prevented through item reuse.

Regionally baby banks in the South East supported over 60,000 children and 30,000 families in 2024.

OUR MAIN PROJECTS

We have continued to grow and develop our six main strands of work.

We are very fortunate to have a very generous community. Most of what is given to families is donated from other families. Last year we distributed about 20.9 tonnes of items to families, which might otherwise have gone to landfill.



1. Essential Parcels

Poverty can mean that a family has very little disposable income and may struggle to fund essential items for their babies and children. Families referred to our service may need beds, buggies and highchairs, clothing packs and shoes, nappies and toiletries, books, toys and games and other key essentials.

Some of our parcels are small containing perhaps just a bag of toys to help stimulate a child's imagination, learning and development, whereas others are big including all the key things a pregnant mum will need for a new baby to be clothed, transported, to sleep and to play.

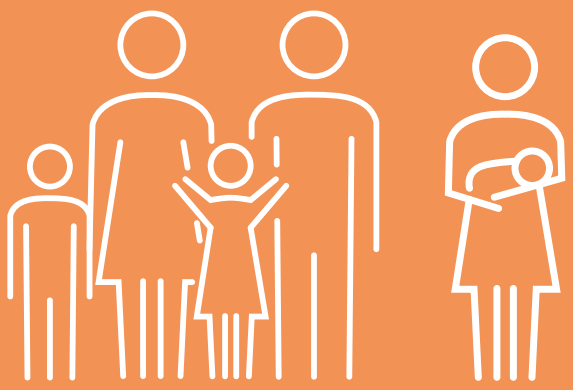
Whatever the size of items gifted, the parcel makes a big difference.

845,000 children miss school due to hygiene poverty.
(Statistic supplied by InKind Direct research)

> "I just wanted to say what an amazing package you have put together for our family in need. The child was extremely excited by all the unicorns and "pretty clothes". You are so important to the local community and make such a difference to the lives of the children and families you support."
>
> **Gemma Turner, Brighton Women's Centre**



This year we have given out:



897
clothing packs with a week's worth of clothes, so a child can look and feel ready to start the day – whether that's a child going to the park to play – or a baby warm and ready to play
That's 29,000 individual items of clothing!

805
pairs of footwear, so a child is ready to put its best foot forward – whether that's jumping in muddy puddles – or putting on a comfy pair of slippers after a busy day in their school shoes

245
prams and baby carriers, enabling families to get out and about, be that to the supermarket, to the park, or to a medical appointment.
That's nearly 5 a week!

3575
toiletry items,
with 106 baby baths and inserts, plus 406 towels as hygiene poverty severely affects health and wellbeing

68
highchairs and weaning sets to support as children move onto solid food

309
items to support breastfeeding or tubs of formula to help ensure that babies are fed the right amount and in a healthy, safe way

3,205
toys and games ensuring children's imaginations can be stimulated so they can engage in creative play

1,914
books supporting reading and learning right from board books through to the likes of Harry Potter!



The safest place for your baby to sleep for the first 6 months is in a clear safe sleeping space, such as a cot or moses basket.

NHS

2. A Good Night's Sleep Project

272
beds were given out

213
new mattresses were given out

1,916
items of bedlinen were given out

Families with very little disposable income often aren't able to afford a cot and so a baby or child sleeps in the parent's bed or on the sofa or floor or they can't afford to replace or repair unsuitable beds or bedding, for example bedding that has gone mouldy.

By offering a cot or bed we increase safe sleeping, welfare and wellbeing. Recent research shows that 41% of families on low incomes have struggled to afford beds or key items for their household and 11% of children have had to share a bed or sleep on the floor in the last 12 months, an estimated 894,000 children.

We supply moses baskets, cots, toddler beds and single beds. Every safe sleeping space is provided with a new mattress and bedding and bedlinen if required.

The increase in demand for beds continues to increase unabated and we are now supplying on average 5 beds every week of the year.





3. Foodbank Partnership Project

We work to supply local foodbanks with weekly or monthly orders of nappies, wipes and formula to give out to families they are seeing. We help ensure they are always stocked with the right size nappy and the right type of formula to accompany a weekly food parcel.

We have worked closely again this year with several local foodbank services who reach some of the most vulnerable in our community including the refugee foodbank at Voices in Exile, Moulsecoomb Community Market and Brighton Foodbank.

We have been able to continue this work with foodbanks thanks to the support from the Brighton & Hove City Council's Household Support Grant, which is part of the UK Government's Household Support Fund to support families and those struggling to afford to pay for essential items.

439
packs of nappies were given out

126
packs of wipes were given out

6
tubs of formula were given out

445
children were supported





"One of our client's mother came to our food bank on behalf of her as her daughter had to take care of her 3 weeks old newborn baby at that time. They really appreciated the nappies and baby wipes from Pelican Parcels so they could save money for buying other stuff."

Brighton Food Bank Team





4. School Uniform Project

Providing school uniforms can be an effective way to ensure that children in families experiencing poverty have the right kit, look smart and are ready for a school day every day.

Each uniform parcel contains non-branded uniform items, new school shoes, new PE trainers plus children are given a filled PE bag as some teachers mentioned how children don't have their own school bag to take their items to/from school. The PE bag is given with a new water bottle, stationery, and other items for use at home such as books and notepads.

This year we have added four more school partners so we're now working with 13 local schools and 6 council nurseries to provide uniform parcels to children at school and those about to transition from nursery to reception.

4,258 items of school uniform were distributed to children & families

385 children were given school uniform parcels

729 pairs of socks or winter tights

525 polo shirts

141 PE bags with filled pencil case, water bottle and books

233 pairs of new school shoes and PE trainers

"We would like to sincerely thank you for your generosity in providing smart new uniforms, free of charge, to many of our families in need. The children themselves are beaming with pride – one even came to my office to proudly show off their new 'pelican' shoes! Your kindness is deeply appreciated."

Gill Foan, Headteacher, St Joseph's Catholic Primary school

We partnered with two other charities to help deliver a stock of key items: Sals Shoes who provided five boxes of brand new school shoes and PE trainers and Smarter Uniforms who joined us at some of our pop up events..



5. Celebrations Project
Christmas and Eid presents

3,556
Christmas, Eid and birthday present parcels were given out

We want to help families celebrate special moments in the calendar, be that Christmas or Eid or other key moments such as birthdays.

Our 'Secret Santa' Christmas campaign and Eid Gift campaign offers presents for the children, any older siblings in the household and up to 2 parents/carers (who otherwise might not get anything). Each parcel is given out with wrapping paper, gift tags and cellotape as it's important to us that the parents/carers can have the dignity of wrapping their own children's gifts. The parents are given items in gift bags, so they also have something to enjoy and to make them feel important.



We worked again this year in partnership with local toy shops to encourage our community to shop locally at Christmas and were delighted to have the support of Meg & Milo, Timeless Toys, Whirligig and new this year was Dunelm in Shoreham whose Christmas tree tags were an enormous success!

> On behalf of our school, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you for the 10 Christmas parcels you so generously provided. The thoughtful and much-needed contents brought immense joy to our families, who are already sharing their gratitude and appreciation with us. Your kindness has made a real difference, and we are so grateful for your ongoing support.
>
> **Gillian Foan, St Joseph's C of E Primary school**

Approximately 18,000 brand new items were gifted in total, which we estimate to have a retail value of around £50,000!

> "Thank you so much for the presents you have gifted to the families I work with. It's lovely that there such thought is put into them and that families can see that they are valued. Gifts for parents is so thoughtful."
>
> **Lesley Lewis, Family Hub Keyworker**



> "Thank you, thank you very much! My sons really liked the Eid gifts they received. They spent hours playing with the toys and looking at the books"



6. Play and Learn Project

We work with six Council nurseries supplying books on a monthly basis that children can take home and keep. This helps ensure pre-school children have access to books at home to stimulate their learning and development.

It's estimated that approximately 1 million children do not have a single book of their own at home and children who receive free school meals are twice to be in this category.

One nursery has been able to set up a lending library area with our books and is encouraging children to regularly take books home.

417
books were given to nurseries supporting approximately 139 children



WHO WE ARE

Pelican Parcels is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, controlled by its governing document CIO constitution dated 10 September 2018 updated 18 October 2024.

Trustees

Pelican Parcels is overseen by 6 Trustees each with a specialism;

- Shelley Bennett (Leadership, Strategy, Partnerships and Operations)
- James Bennett (Chair, Governance/Risk)
- Carla Pannett (Fundraising)
- Lucy Stone (Trusts and Foundations fundraising) resigned 26.09.25
- Sarah Mann (Operations and Safeguarding)
- Debby Norris (Treasurer)

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the strategic direction of the charity and meets quarterly to review progress, plus a strategic away day, to ensure the charity is on track to meet its objectives and to consider the future direction for the charity. Different Trustees will also meet to discuss and plan fundraising, operations, governance and risk matters to ensure the charity is properly controlled and managed, both operationally and financially.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no financial benefits from the charity.

Recruitment of new trustees involves a skills gap analysis to ensure necessary areas of expertise are covered. In the event of skillset being reduced due to retirement or resignation, individuals are approached to offer their expertise, or an advertisement would be placed across local community boards and platforms, as well as on our own social media channels.

New trustees are then inducted via a tour and introduction to our operations as well as being provided with relevant printed materials to cover:

- The obligations of Management Committee members.
- The operational framework for the charity including the Memorandum and Articles.
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts.
- Our current business plan including future plans and objectives.



Staff team and volunteers

In 2024-25 our small team of part-time staff doubled from 2 to 4 with another addition imminent.

Our Head of Operations Elaine Bailey leads work within the warehouse to manage and deliver our projects is now supported by an Operations Coordinator Lucy Prudden.

Our Administrator Donna Hall focuses on managing our referrals and communicating with our partners.

Our Volunteer Coordinator Hannah Woodin helps support and grow our roster of volunteers and develop our volunteering programme.

We recruited our first Fundraising Manager (who will start next financial year) who will support the trustees who are currently responsible for all fundraising activity.

We also supported an Operations Internship through the summer providing 300 hours of work to a University of Sussex business student to support our school uniform programme. This position was funded by the University of Sussex.

Our dedicated 33 regular volunteers and 6 trustees are the beating heart of Pelican Parcels and an essential part of the charity. The charity simply couldn't function without this collective effort, our volunteers absolutely being at the very centre of everything we do.

At Pelican Parcels we aim to provide an excellent volunteering experience for everyone and are proud to see our team enjoying their time and giving their best for our families. The work in the warehouse ranges from safety checking equipment, washing and cleaning, sifting and sorting donations, to making pre-made packs of clothing and other items to fulfilling referral orders. We also have volunteers supporting as delivery drivers and in administrative roles helping with graphic design and social media.





"It was really great to connect with my colleagues whilst doing something worthwhile and supporting the local community"

Vanessa, Bupa volunteer

Across the 12 months of 2024 our volunteers gave 6501 volunteer hours which saw 5,900 people supported. Almost every hour given means another parcel distributed!







"I can spend a few hours at the warehouse and feel I have actually achieved something worthwhile. Where that be sorting through donations or assisting with packs to go to families. There is always a great atmosphere at Pelican. The team and fun to 'work' with and are supportive of each other."

Jenny, Pelican Parcels Volunteer

Students have also been a key part of the collective this year with groups from LSV Hassocks and Ardingly College coming into the warehouse to help as well as children from Brighton College running community collections and decorating Christmas and Eid bags for our families.

We are also proud to have worked again this year with Team Domenica charity to provide volunteering opportunities for their young people with learning disabilities and have now hosted six candidates since the partnership began. In total students in 2024 contributed 102 hours.

We also work with Brighton Housing Trust to support those who have experienced homelessness to volunteer and gain valuable experience to support their return to work.

Our corporate volunteering days have been a huge success this year and we've been delighted to welcome teams from a wide range of local companies who come with lots of energy to experience our work for a single day. This extra volunteer manpower enables us to get extra cleaning and sorting done whilst providing a lovely team building experience. In 2024 corporate volunteers contributed 216 hours to Pelican Parcels' output.



"At Pelican we speak a lot about working to build the community that we want to live in and be part of, about giving people dignity and about showing people they matter by the care and attention we put into parcels. I'm so very proud of the work that we're doing and love being a part of this extraordinary team."

Shelley, Co-Founder and Trustee

OUR FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Pelican Parcels has been fortunate to continue to receive generous financial support in securing a mix of private donations, corporate sponsors and grant funders. We have raised the full amount of the planned budget and further built our reserves to support our planned expenditure with staff and premises cost increases.



We ran a successful Crowdfunder campaign this year to support the development of our individual giving, business connections and profile. This was match funded by Homity Trust, Enjoolata Foundation and Ernest Kleinwart Charitable Trust and was successful in raising over £42k.

We have been pleased to also develop our multi-year funding from a number of Trusts and Foundations plus one off grants from the trusts listed below.

We received a grant from The National Lottery Community Fund Cost of Living fund and also continued to receive Household Support Grant funding from Brighton & Hove City Council.

In order to remain resilient and grow, we will continue to focus energy on a spread of fundraising .

Key expenditure for the charity includes the premises costs, utilities, salaries, insurances and new/ replacement items for families all of which currently are growing in line with income.

Pelican Parcels is a member of the Fundraising Regulator and we understand our duty to protect vulnerable people, people's privacy and to not engage in intrusive methods of fundraising.

Pelican Parcels has assessed the risks and opportunities of the year ahead, and based on these factors, the Trustees approved our reserves policy to hold £70,000 based on 3 months' costs. The policy will be approved annually, taking into consideration any new risks or opportunities.

Notwithstanding this position, at the year end 24/25 in the accounts show reserves at £225,011. This material increase in reserves is to help ensure a secure financial position for moving premises (in April 2025) and recruiting more staff. The new building is three times the rent of our current premises. Consequently, the charity needs sufficient budget to complete a move, whilst also allowing for any emergency unforeseen expenditure, given we will take on a liability for the building. Some of the additional reserves will then be allocated for this contingency, with a designated £50,000 towards the move and associated costs.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that financial statements are compliant.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

Charity 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity 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 in the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice 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 presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable group 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:
- There is no relevant information of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware.
- The Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The Trustees' annual report has been approved by the Trustees on 05 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Shelley Bennett
Co-founder and Trustee



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Pelican Parcels			Charity No	1179866
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	01-Apr-24	To	31-Mar-25	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total funds £ F04	Prior year funds £ F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	S01	383,763	53,359	-	437,122	182,276
Charitable activities	S02	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	S03	6,088	-	-	6,088	8,123
Investments	S04	1,518	-	-	1,518	-
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	-	-	-	-	-
Total	S07	391,369	53,359	-	444,728	190,398
Resources expended (Note 6)						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	S08	19,458	1,034	-	20,492	10,813
Charitable activities	S09	267,594	54,388	-	321,982	113,279
Separate material item of expense	S10	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S11	-	-	-	-	-
Total	S12	287,052	55,422	-	342,474	124,092
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	S13	104,317	- 2,063	-	102,254	66,307
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S14	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	S15	104,317	- 2,063	-	102,254	66,307
Extraordinary items	S16	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	S17	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S18	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S19	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	S20	104,317	- 2,063	-	102,254	66,307
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	S21	120,693	2,063	-	122,757	56,450
Total funds carried forward	S22	225,011	-	-	225,011	122,757

Section B Balance sheet

	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Fixed assets						
Intangible assets (Note 15)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets (Note 14)	B02	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets (Note 16)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments (Note 17)	B04	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	B05	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets						
Stocks (Note 18)	B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 19)	B07	6,250	-	-	6,250	12,500
Investments (Note 17.4)	B08	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 24)	B09	227,743	-	-	227,743	112,497
Total current assets	B10	233,993	-	-	233,993	124,997
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 20)	B11	8,982	-	-	8,982	2,240
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B12	225,011	-	-	225,011	122,757
Total assets less current liabilities	B13	225,011	-	-	225,011	122,757
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 20)	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	B16	225,011	-	-	225,011	122,757
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds (Note 27)	B17	-			-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 27)	B18		-		-	2,063
Unrestricted funds	B19	225,011	-	-	225,011	120,694
Revaluation reserve	B20				-	
Total funds	B21	225,011	-	-	225,011	122,757

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
Debby Norris	D NORRIS	05/01/2026

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Section C Notes to the accounts

Note 1 **Basis of preparation**

***This section should be completed by all charities*.**

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

• and with*	✓	the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 1 January 2019
• and with*	✓	the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

• and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.*	Yes

* -Tick as appropriate

1.2 Going concern

If there are material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, please provide the following details or state "Not applicable", if appropriate:

An explanation as to those factors that support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern;	*Not Applicable*
Disclosure of any uncertainties that make the going concern assumption doubtful;	*Not Applicable*
Where accounts are not prepared on a going concern basis, please disclose this fact together with the basis on which the trustees prepared the accounts and the reason why the charity is not regarded as a going concern.	*Not Applicable*

1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in note { }.

Yes*		* -Tick as appropriate
No*	✓	

Please disclose:

(i) the nature of the change in accounting policy;	
(ii) the reasons why applying the new accounting policy provides more reliable and more relevant information; and	
(iii) the amount of the adjustment for each line affected in the current period, each prior period presented and the aggregate amount of the adjustment relating to periods before those presented, 3.44 FRS 102 SORP.	

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes*		* -Tick as appropriate
No*	✓	

Please disclose:

(i) the nature of any changes;	
(ii) the effect of the change on income and expense or assets and liabilities for the current period; and	
(iii) where practicable, the effect of the change in one or more future periods.	

1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes*		* -Tick as appropriate
No*	✓	

Please disclose:

(i) the nature of the prior period error;	
(ii) for each prior period presented in the accounts, the amount of the correction for each account line item affected; and	
(iii) the amount of the correction at the beginning of the earliest prior period presented in the accounts.	

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Note 2 Accounting policies

Please complete this note when first reporting under FRS2102. Section 35 of FRS102, requires 3 reconciliations to be presented, if all are applicable.

2.1 RECONCILIATION WITH PREVIOUS GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRACTICE

Please provide a description of the nature of each change in accounting policy	

Reconcilation of funds per previous GAAP to funds determined under FRS 102

	Start of period	End of period
	£	£
Fund balances as previously stated		
Adjustments:		
Fund balance as restated		

Reconcilation of net income/(net expenditure) per previous GAAP to net income/(net expenditure) under FRS 102

	End of £
Net income/(expenditure) as previously stated	
Adjustments:	
Previous period net income/(expenditure) as restated	

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Note 2 Accounting policies

2.2 INCOME

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those ticked "No" or "N/a". Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

		Yes	No	N/a
Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: • the charity becomes entitled to the resources; • it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and • the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.	✓		
Offsetting	There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.	✓		
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).	✓		
	In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).	✓		
Legacies	Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.			✓
Government grants	The charity has received government grants in the reporting period	✓		
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.	✓		
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.	✓		
Donated goods	Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.	✓		
	Donated goods are valued at the market value on the day of transfer. Income is recorded as a donation and a corresponding cost is applied to match against this figure. There were no items donated which were new in this financial year. All donated goods are used items, clothing and products, whose market value is nil at the point of transfer. An estimated cost based on website market prices for similar goods and items has been assigned where applicable based on the condition of the item donated.	✓		
	Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.			✓
	Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.	✓		
	Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.			✓
Donated services and facilities	Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.			✓
	Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.			✓
Support costs	The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.	✓		
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.	✓		
Income from interest, royalties and dividends	This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.	✓		
Income from membership subscriptions	Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.			✓
	Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.			✓
Settlement of insurance claims	Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.			✓
Investment gains and losses	This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.			✓

2.3 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

		Yes	No	N/a
Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.	✓		
Governance and support costs	Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.	✓		
	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.	✓		
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.			✓
Grants payable without performance conditions	Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.			✓
Redundancy cost	The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.	✓		
Deferred income	No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.	✓		
Creditors	The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts	✓		
Provisions for liabilities	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date	✓		
Basic financial instruments	The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 11.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.	✓		

2.4 ASSETS

		Yes	No	N/a
Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year.			
	They are valued at cost.	✓		
	The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.2.			
Intangible fixed assets	The charity has intangible fixed assets, that is, non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are identifiable and are controlled by the charity through custody or legal rights. The amortisation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.5			✓
	They are valued at cost.			✓
Heritage assets	The charity has heritage assets, that is, non-monetary assets with historic, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture. The depreciation rates and methods used as disclosed in note 9.6.1.4.			✓
	They are valued at cost.			✓
Investments	Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.			✓
	Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments			✓
Stocks and work in progress	Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value.			✓
	Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.			✓
	Work in progress is valued at cost less any foreseeable loss that is likely to occur on the contract.			✓
Debtors	Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.			✓
Current asset investments	The charity has has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.			✓
	They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.			✓

POLICIES ADOPTED ADDITIONAL TO OR DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ABOVE

Not applicable

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Note 3 Analysis of income

	Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	149,815	12,009	-	161,824	140,541
	Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	General grants provided by government/other charities	51,200	41,350	-	92,550	41,735
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	-	-	-	-	
	Donated goods, facilities and services	182,748	-	-	182,748	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	
	Total	383,763	53,359	-	437,122	182,276
Charitable activities:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities:	Events and Community	6,088	-	-	6,088	8,123
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	6,088	-	-	6,088	8,123
Income from investments:	Interest income	1,518	-	-	1,518	-
	Dividend income	-	-	-	-	-
	Rental and leasing income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	1,518	-	-	1,518	-
Separate material item of income:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other:	Conversion of endowment funds into income	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a tangible fixed asset held for charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a programme related investment	-	-	-	-	-
	Royalties from the exploitation of intellectual property rights	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		391,369	53,359	-	444,728	190,398

Other information:

All income in the prior year was unrestricted except for: (please provide description and amounts)	Please see Notes 27.2 for clarification on income and where funds were generated from, plus their categorisation between unrestricted and restricted income. Please see Note 4 explaining government grants received and their purpose.
Where any endowment fund is converted into income in the reporting period, please give the reason for the conversion.	Not applicable
Where any endowment fund is converted into income in the prior period, please give the reason for the conversion.	Not applicable
Within the income items above the following items are material: (please disclose the nature, amount and any prior year amounts)	Not applicable

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Note 4 Analysis of receipts of government grants

	Description	This year £
Government grant 1	Household Support Grant	12,100
Government grant 2		-
Government grant 3		-
Other		-
	Total	12,100

	Description	Last year £
Government grant 1	Household Support Grant	8,000
Government grant 2	Brighton and Hove City Council grant	8,000
Government grant 3		-
Other		-
	Total	16,000

	This year	Last year
Please provide details of any unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attaching to grants that have been recognised in income.	None	None

	This year	Last year
Please give details of other forms of government assistance from which the charity has directly benefited.	None	None

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Note 5 Donated goods, facilities and services

	This year £	Last year £
Seconded staff	-	-
Use of property	-	-
Other	182,748	-
	182,748	-

	This year	Last year
Please provide details of the accounting policy for the recognition and valuation of donated goods, facilities and services.	Donated goods and services are valued at the market value on the day of transfer. Income is recorded as a donation and a corresponding cost is applied to match against this figure. There were items donated which were new in this financial year for the Christmas and Eid celebrations. These donated goods were provided through a third party wishlist which identified the cost at the time of donation. All other donated goods are used items, clothing and products, whose market value is estimated based on like goods being sold through online market websites. Donated services in the financial year were valued at nil. Professional services donated are valued at their cost to the professional providing the service.	Donated goods and services are valued at the market value on the day of transfer. Income is recorded as a donation and a corresponding cost is applied to match against this figure. There were no items donated which were new in this financial year. All donated goods are used items, clothing and products, whose market value is
Please provide details of any unfulfilled conditions and other contingencies attaching to resources from donated goods and services not recognised in income.	None	None
Please give details of other forms of other donated goods and services not recognised in the accounts, eg contribution of unpaid volunteers.	None	None

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Note 6 Analysis of expenditure

Analysis	This year				Last year			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
Expenditure on raising funds:				£				£
Incurred seeking donations	2,219	-	-	2,219	1,137	-	-	1,137
Incurred seeking legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Incurred seeking grants	-	-	-	-				-
Operating membership schemes and social lotteries	-	-	-	-				-
Staging fundraising events	-	-	-	-				-
Fundraising agents	8,024	-	-	8,024	9,676			9,676
Operating charity shops	-	-	-	-				-
Operating a trading company undertaking non-charitable trading activity	-	-	-	-				-
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	9,214	1,034	-	10,248	-	-	-	-
Start up costs incurred in generating new source of future income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Database development costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-				-
Investment management costs:	-	-	-	-				-
Portfolio management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cost of obtaining investment advice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment administration costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intellectual property licencing costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rent collection, property repairs and maintenance charges	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure on raising funds	19,458	1,034	-	20,492	10,813	-	-	10,813
Expenditure on charitable activities:								
Charity running and administration costs	8,922	2,166	-	11,088	4,850	4,937	-	9,787
Premises Costs	17,100	13,750	-	30,850	23,460	5,964	-	29,424
Staff and Volunteer Expenses	23,375	17,963	-	41,338	19,018	13,470	-	32,488
Service Costs and Delivering to the Community	218,197	20,509	-	238,706	16,173	25,407	-	41,580
Total expenditure on charitable activities	267,594	54,388	-	321,982	63,501	49,778	-	113,279
Separate material item of expense								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other								
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	287,052	55,422	-	342,474	74,314	49,778	-	124,092

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Note 7 Extraordinary items

Please explain the nature of each extraordinary item occurring in the period.

	Description	This year £	Last year £
Extraordinary item 1		-	-
Extraordinary item 2		-	-
		-	-
Extraordinary item 3		-	-
Extraordinary item 4		-	-
Total extrordinary items		-	-

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Note 8 Funds received as agent

8.1 Please complete this note if the charity has agreed to administer the funds of another entity as its agent. Note: If a charity is acting as an agent, it should not recognise the income in the Statement of Financial Activities or the Balance Sheet.

Description/name of party	Related party (Yes or No)	Amount received		Amount paid out		Balance held at period end	
		This year	Last year	This year	Last year	This year	Last year
		£	£	£	£	£	£
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

8.2 Where a consortia or similar arrangement exists whereby 2 or more charities co-operate to achieve economies in the purchase of goods or services, please discose details of any balances outstanding between any participating members.

Description/name of party	Balance held at period end	
	This year	Last year
	£	£
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
Total	-	-

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Note 9 Support Costs

Please complete this note if the charity has analysed its expenses using activity categories and has support costs.

This year

Support cost (examples)	Raising funds	Charitable Activities	Grand total	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	(Describe method)
Governance	-	1,148	1,148	Proportion of the activity costs against the total costs of activities and services to the community
Office Expenses	-	9,941	9,941	
Total	-	11,088	11,088	

Last year

Support cost (examples)	Raising funds	Charitable Activities	Grand total	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	(Describe method)
Governance	-	1,472	1,472	Proportion of the activity costs against the total costs of activities and services to the community
Office Expenses	-	8,315	8,315	
Total	-	9,787	9,787	

Please provide details of the accounting policy adopted for the apportionment of costs between activities and any estimation techniques used to calculate their apportionment.

Costs are apportioned on the basis of the cost of products and items purchased for each charitable activity.

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Note 10 Details of certain items of expenditure

10.1 Fees for examination of the accounts

Please provide details of the amount paid for any statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by your independent examiner. If nothing was paid please enter '0' in the appropriate box(es).

	This year £	Last year £
Independent examiner's fees	1,000	900
Assurance services other than audit or independent examination	-	-
Tax advisory fees	-	-
Other fees (for example: financial advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner	-	-

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Note 11 Paid employees

Please complete this note if the charity has any employees.

11.1 Staff Costs

	This year £	Last year £
Salaries and wages	34,513	22,497
Social security costs	-	40
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	358	332
Other employee benefits	-	-
Total staff costs	34,870	22,868

This year:

Please provide details of expenditure on staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party

None

Last year:

Please provide details of expenditure on staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party

None

Please give details of the number of employees whose total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) fell within each band of £10,000 from £60,000 upwards. If there are no such transactions, please enter 'true' in the box provided.

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

None

Band	Number of employees	
	This year	Last year
£60,000 to £69,999	-	-
£70,000 to £79,999	-	-
£80,000 to £89,999	-	-
£90,000 to £99,999	-	-
£100,000 to £109,999	-	-

	This year £	Last year £
Please provide the total amount paid to key management personnel (includes trustees and senior management) for their services to the charity. For specific amounts paid to trustees, see Note 28.	-	-

11.2 Average head count in the year

	This year Number	Last year Number
The parts of the charity in which the employees work		
Fundraising	-	-
Charitable Activities	3	2
Governance	-	-
Other	-	-
Total	3	2

11.3 Ex-gratia payments to employees and others (excluding trustees)

Please complete if an ex-gratia payment is made.

Please explain the nature of the payment	This year	None
	Last year	None
Please state the legal authority or reason for making the payment	This year	None
	Last year	None

	This year £	Last year £
Please state the amount of the payment (or value of any waiver of a right to an asset)	-	-

11.4 Redundancy payments

Please complete if any redundancy or termination payment is made in the period.

	This year £	Last year £
Total amount of payment	-	-
The nature of the payment (cash, asset etc.)		
The extent of redundancy funding at the balance sheet date	-	-
Please state the accounting policy for any redundancy or termination payments		

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Note 12 Defined contribution pension scheme or defined benefit scheme accounted for as a defined contribution scheme.

12.1 Please complete this note if a defined contribution pension scheme is operated.

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Amount of contributions recognised in the SOFA as an expense	358	332

Please explain the basis for allocating the liability and expense of defined contribution pension scheme between activities and between restricted and unrestricted funds.	Pension contributions by the employer are charged to unrestricted funds.	Pension contributions by the employer are charged to unrestricted funds.

12.2 Please complete this section where the charity participates in a defined benefit pension plan but is unable to ascertain its share of the underlying assets and liabilities.

Please confirm that although the scheme is accounted for as a defined contribution plan, it is a defined benefit plan.	Not applicable
Please provide such information as is available about the plan's surplus or deficit and the implications, if any, for the reporting charity for this year and last year, if different	

12.3 Please complete this section where the charity participates in a multi-employer defined benefit pension plan that is accounted for as a defined contribution plan.

Describe the extent to which the charity can be liable to the plan for other entities' obligations under the terms and conditions of the multi-employer plan. If this is different for last year, provide details	Not applicable
Provide an explanation of how any liability arising from an agreement with a multi-employer plan to fund a deficit has been determined. If this is different for last year, provide details	

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Note 13 Grantmaking

Please complete this note if the charity made any grants or donations which in aggregate form a material part of the charitable activities undertaken.

This year:

13.1 Analysis of grants paid (included in cost of charitable activities)

Analysis	Grants to institutions	Grants to individuals	Support costs	Total
			£	£
Activity or project 1	-	-	-	-
Activity or project 2	-	-	-	-
Total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**

Please enter "Nil" if the charity does not identify and/or allocate support costs.

13.2 Grants made to institutions

My charity has made grants to particular institutions that are material in the context of its grantmaking. Details of the institution supported, purpose of the grant and total paid to each institution is available on the charity's web site.	***Yes***	***Please provide details of charity's URL.***
	No	***Provide details below***

Names of institution	Purpose	Total amount of grants paid £
		-
		-
Total grants to institutions in reporting period		**-**
Other unanalysed grants		-
TOTAL GRANTS PAID		-

Last year:

13.3 Analysis of grants paid (included in cost of charitable activities)

Analysis	Grants to institutions	Grants to individuals	Support costs	Total
			£	£
Activity or project 1	-	-	-	**-**
Activity or project 2	-	-	-	**-**
Total	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**

Please enter "Nil" if the charity does not identify and/or allocate support costs.

13.4 Grants made to institutions

My charity has made grants to particular institutions that are material in the context of its grantmaking. Details of the institution supported, purpose of the grant and total paid to each institution is available on the charity's web site.	***Yes***	***Please provide details of charity's URL.***
	No	***Provide details below***

Names of institution	Purpose	Total amount of grants paid £
		-
Total grants to institutions in reporting period		**-**
Other unanalysed grants		-
TOTAL GRANTS PAID		-

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Note 14 Tangible fixed assets

Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets

14.1 Cost or valuation

	Freehold land & buildings £	Other land & buildings £	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
At the beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	-	-

14.2 Depreciation and impairments

**Basis	SL or RB (Straight Line or Reducing Balance)	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB
** Rate					
At beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	-	-

14.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	-	-	-

14.4 Impairment

This year: Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.	
Last year: Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.	

14.5 Revaluation

If an accounting policy of revaluation is adopted, please provide:	This year	Last year
the effective date of the revaluation		
the name of independent valuer, if applicable		
the methods applied and significant assumptions		
the carrying amount that would have been recognised had the assets been carried under the cost model.	-	-

14.6 Other disclosures

	This year £	Last year £
(i) Please state the amount of borrowing costs, if any, capitalised in the construction of tangible fixed assets and the capitalisation rate used.	-	-
(ii) Please provide the amount of contractual commitments for the acquisition of tangible fixed assets.	-	-
(iii) Details of the existence and carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment to which the charity has restricted title or that are pledged as security for liabilities.		

** The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.*

*** Please indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also please indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, what is the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, what is the percentage annual deduction.*

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Note 15 Intangible assets

Please complete this note if the charity has any intangible assets

15.1 Cost or valuation

	Research & development £	Patents and trademarks £	Other £	Total £
At beginning of the year	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	-

15.2 Amortisation and impairments

****Basis**	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	Straight Line ("SL") or Reducing Balance ("RB")
**** Rate**					
At beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	
Disposals	-	-	-	-	
Amortisation	-	-	-	-	
Impairment	-	-	-	-	
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	
At end of year	-	-	-	-	

15.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	-
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	-	-

15.4 Accounting policy

Please disclose the accounting policy for intangible fixed assets including:

Reasons for choosing amortisation rates	
Policies for the recognition of any capital development	

15.5 Impairment

This year:

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Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.	

Last year:

Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.	

15.6 Revaluation

If an accounting policy of revaluation is adopted, please provide:

	This year	Last year
the effective date of the revaluation		
the name of independent valuer, if applicable		
the methods applied		
the carrying amount that would have been recognised had the assets been carried under the cost model.		

15.7 Other disclosures

(i) If your intangible asset was acquired by way of grant, provide value on initial recognition and carrying amount of the asset.		
(ii) Details of the carrying amounts of any intangible assets to which the charity has restricted title or that are pledged as security for liabilities.		
(iii) Please provide the amount of contractual commitments for the acquisition of intangible assets.		
(iv) State the amount of research and development expenditure recognised as expenditure in the year.		
(v) Please detail the headings in the SOFA in which a charge for amortisation of intangible assets is included.		
(vi) For any material intangible assets, please provide a description, its carrying amount and any remaining amortisation period.		

** The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.*

*** Please indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also please indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, what is the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, what is the percentage annual deduction.*

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Note 16 Heritage assets

Please complete this note if the charity has heritage assets

16.1 General disclosures for all charities holding heritage assets

	This year	Last year
(i) Explain the nature and scale of heritage assets held.		
(ii) Explain the policy for the acquisition, preservation, management and disposal of heritage assets.		

16.2 Cost or valuation

	Heritage asset 1 £	Heritage asset 2 £	Heritage asset 3 £	Heritage asset 4 £	Total £
At beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	-	-

16.3 Depreciation and impairments

			Straight Line ("SL") or Reducing Balance ("RB")		
****Basis**					
**** Rate**					
At beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-
At end of year	-	-	-	-	-

16.4 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	-	-	-

16.5 Impairment

This year

Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.

Last year

Please provide a description of the events and circumstances that led to the recognition or reversal of an impairment loss.

16.6 Revaluation

If an accounting policy of revaluation is adopted, please provide:

	This year	Last year
the effective date of the revaluation		
the name of independent valuer, if applicable		
qualifications of independent valuer		
the methods applied and significant assumptions		
any significant limitations on the valuation		

16.7 Analysis of heritage assets by class or group distinguishing those at cost and those at valuation

	At valuation Group A £	At cost Group B £	Total £
Carrying amount at the beginning of the period	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation/impairment	-	-	-
Revaluation	-	-	-
Carrying amount at the end of period	-	-	-

16.8 Heritage assets (where heritage assets are not recoignised on the balance sheet)

	This year	Last year
(i) Explain the reason why heritage assets have not been recognised on the balance sheet.		
(ii) Describe the significance and nature of heritage assets.		
(iii) Disclose information that is helpful in assessing the value of heritage assets.		
(iv) Explain the reason why it is not practicable to obtain a valuation of heritage assets.		

16.9 Five year summary of heritage assets transactions

	2015 £	2014 £	2013 £	2012 £	2011 £
Purchases					
Group A	-	-	-	-	-
Group B	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-				
Donations					
Group A	-	-	-	-	-
Group B	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total additions	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for impairment					
Group A	-	-	-	-	-
Group B	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total charge for	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals					
Group A - carrying amount	-	-	-	-	-
Group B - carrying amount	-	-	-	-	-
Group C	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total disposals	-	-	-	-	-

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Note 17 Investment assets

Please complete this note if the charity has any investment assets.

17.1 Fixed assets investments (please provide for each class of investment)

	Cash & cash equivalents	Listed investments	Investment properties	Social investments	Other	Total
Carrying (fair) value at beginning of period	-	-	-	-	-	-
Add: additions to investments during period*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Less: disposals at carrying value	-	-	-	-	-	-
Less: impairments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Add: Reversal of impairments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Add/(deduct): transfer in/(out) in the period	-	-	-	-	-	-
Add/(deduct): net gain/(loss) on revaluation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carrying (fair) value at end of year	-	-	-	-	-	-

***Please specify additions resulting from acquisitions through business combinations, if any.**

Please note that Fair Value in this context is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowlegable and willing parties in an arm's length transaction. For traded securities, the fair value is the value of the security quoted on the London Stock Exchange Daily Official List or equivalent. For other assets where there is no market price on a traded market, it is the trustees' or valuers' best estimate of fair value.

17.2 Please provide a breakdown of investments shown above agreeing with the balance sheet row B04 differentiating between those held at fair value and those held at cost less impairment.

This year:
Analysis of investments

	Fair value at year end	Cost less impairment
	£	£
Cash or cash equivalents	-	-
Listed investments	-	-
Investment properties	-	-
Social investments	-	-
Other investments	-	-
Total	-	-
Grand total (Fair value at year end+Cost less impairment)		-

Last year:
Analysis of investments

	Fair value at year end	Cost less impairment
	£	£
Cash or cash equivalents	-	-
Listed investments	-	-
Investment properties	-	-
Social investments	-	-
Other investments	-	-
Total	-	-
Grand total (Fair value at year end+Cost less impairment)		-

17.3 If your charity holds investment properties, please complete the following note:

	This year	Last year
(i) Explain the methods and significant assumptions in determining the fair value of investment property held by the charity		
(ii) Name or independent valuer, if applicable, and relevant qualifications		
(iii) Provide details of any restrictions on the ability to realise investment property or on the remittance of income or disposal proceeds		
(iv) Explain any contractual obligations for the purchase, construction or development of investment property or for repairs, maintenance or enhancements		

17.4 Please provide a breakdown of current asset investments, if applicable, agreeing with the balance sheet.

Analysis of current asset investments	This year	Last year
	£	£
Cash or cash equivalents	-	-
Listed investments	-	-
Investment properties	-	-
Social investments	-	-
Other investments	-	-
Total	-	-

17.5 Guarantees

	This year	Last year
Please provide details and amount of any guarantee made to or on behalf of a third party		
Name of the entity or entities benefitting from those guarantees		
Please explain how the guarantee furthers the charity's aims		

17.6 Concessionary loans

Amount of concessionary loans made (***Multiple loans made may be disclosed in aggregate provided that such aggregation does not obsure significant information***).	*Description*	This year £	Last year £
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-

Amount of concessionary loans received (***Multiple loans received may be disclosed in aggregate provided that such aggregation does not obsure significant information***).	*Description*	This year £	Last year £
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-

	This year	Last year
Terms and conditions eg interest rate, security provided		
Value of any concessionary loans which have been committed but not taken up at the reporting date		
Amounts payable within 1 year		
Amounts payable after more than 1 year		
Amounts receivable within 1 year		
Amounts receivable after more than 1 year		

17.7 Additional information

	This year	Last year
Please provide information about the significance of investments to the charity's financial position or performance eg. terms and conditions of loans or the use of hedging to manage financial risk.		
For all investments measured at fair value, the basis for determining the value, including any assumptions applied when using a valuation technique.		
Where a charity has provided financial assets as a form of security, the carrying amount of the financial asset pledged as security and the terms and conditions relating to its pledge.		

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Note 18 Stocks

Please complete this note if the charity holds any stock items

18.1 Please state the carrying amount of stock and work in progress analysed between activities.

	Stock		Donated goods		Work in progress
	For distribution	For resale	For distribution	For resale	
	£	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities:					
Opening	-	-	-	-	-
Added in period	-	-	-	-	-
Expensed in period	-	-	-	-	-
Impaired	-	-	-	-	-
Closing	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities:					
Opening	-	-	-	-	-
Added in period	-	-	-	-	-
Expensed in period	-	-	-	-	-
Impaired	-	-	-	-	-
Closing	-	-	-	-	-
Other:					
Opening	-	-	-	-	-
Added in period	-	-	-	-	-
Expensed in period	-	-	-	-	-
Impaired	-	-	-	-	-
Closing	-	-	-	-	-
Total this year	-	-	-	-	-
Total previous year	-	-	-	-	-

	This year	Last year
	£	£
18.2 Please specify the carrying amount of any stocks pledged as security for liabilities		

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Note 19. Debtors and prepayments

Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.

19.1 Analysis of debtors

	This year £	Last year £
	-	-
Trade debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	6,250	12,500
Other debtors	-	-
Total	6,250	12,500

Please complete 19.2 where a material debtor is recoverable more than a year after the reporting date.

19.2 Analysis of debtors recoverable in more than 1 year (included in debtors above)

	This year £	Last year £
Trade debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	-	6,250
	-	-
Total	-	-

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Note 20 Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

20.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Accruals for grants payable	-	-	-	-
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	6,398	1,279	-	-
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	2,000	900	-	-
Taxation and social security	486	-	-	-
Other creditors	98	61	-	-
Total	8,982	2,240	-	-

20.2 Deferred income

Please complete this note if the charity has deferred income.

Please explain the reasons why income is deferred.

This year	Last year

Movement in deferred income account

	This year £	Last year £
Balance at the start of the reporting period	-	19,907
Amounts added in current period	-	-
Amounts released to income from previous periods	-	- 19,907
Balance at the end of the reporting period	-	-

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Note 21 Provisions for liabilities and charges

Please complete this note if you have included in charity expenditure any provisions. A provision is made when the charity has a liability of uncertain timing or amount.

21.1 Movements in recognised provisions and funding commitment during the period

	This year £	Last year £
Balance at the start of the reporting period	-	-
Amounts added in current period	-	-
Amounts charged against the provision in the current period	-	-
Unused amounts reversed during the period	-	-
Balance at the end of the reporting period	-	-

21.2 Please provide:

	This year	Last year
- a brief description of any obligations on the balance sheet and the expected amount and timing of resulting payments;		
- an indication of the uncertainties about the amount or timing of those outflows; and		
- the amount of any expected reimbursement, stating the amount of any asset that has been recognised for that expected reimbursement.		

	This year	Last year
21.3 For any funding commitment that is not recognised as a liability or provision, provide details of commitment made, the time frame of that commitment, any performance-related conditions and details of how the commitment will be funded (with contracts for capital expenditure separately identified).	At 31 March 2025, the charity was negotiating a new premises lease. This was confirmed on 4th April 2025. The lease is for 5 years and ends on 3rd April 2030. The initial rent for the first quarter was paid on this completion date of 4th April 2025 at 82/365 of the annual rent of £62,000pa + VAT. A rental deposit of £37,200 representing 6m of rent has also been paid on this date.	At 31 March 2024, there was a commitment of £15,625 due within one year for premises rent.
21.4 Where unrestricted funds have been designated to a fund commitment, please disclose the nature of any amounts designated and the likely timing of that expenditure.	Within unrestricted reserves, there is a designated amount set aside for the premises lease upfront payments and the costs of the move, plus the costs associated with equipment and furnishings needed to accommodate activities within the new premises and set up of operations. At 31 March 2025, this was costed at £72,500 towards the premises lease and deposit; and £25,000 towards moving costs and associated equipment and furnishings.	

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Note 22 Other disclosures for debtors, creditors and other basic financial instruments

	This year	Last year
22.1 Please provide information about the significance of financial instruments (eg. debtors, creditors, investments etc) to the charity's financial position or performance, for example, the terms and conditions of loans or the use of hedging to manage financial risk.		
22.2 If the charity has provided financial assets as a form of security, the carrying amount of the financial assets pledged as security and the terms and conitions related to its pledge should be given here.		

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Note 23 Contingent liabilities and contingent assets

23.1 Contingent liabilities

Where the charity has contingent liabililities, please complete the following section unless the possibility of their existence is remote.

This year

Description of item including its legal nature. Please describe any security provided in connection to the liability.	Estimate of financial effect

Last year

Description of item including its legal nature. Please describe any security provided in connection to the liability.	Estimate of financial effect

23.2 Contingent assets

Where the charity has contingent assets, please complete the following section when their existence is probable

This year

Description of item	Estimate of financial effect

Last year

Description of item	Estimate of financial effect

23.4 Other disclosures for contingent assets and/or liabilities

Please provide the following information where practicable:

	This year	Last year
Explain any uncertainties relating to the amount or timing of settlement; and the possibilty of any reimbursement		
Where it is not practical to make one or more of these disclosures, please state this fact		

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Note 24 Cash at bank and in hand

	This year £	Last year £
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)	-	-
Short term deposits	71,518	-
Cash at bank and on hand	156,224	112,497
Other	-	-
Total	227,743	112,497

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Note 25 Fair value of assets and liabilities

	This year	Last year
25.1 Please provide details of the charity's exposure to credit risk (the risk of incurring a loss due to a debtor not paying what is owed) , liquidity risk (the risk of not being able to meet short term financial demands) and market risk (the risk that the value of an investment will fall due to changes in the market) arising from financial instruments to which the charity is exposed at the end of the reporting period and explain how the charity manages those risks.		
25.2 Please give details of the amount of change in the fair value of basic financial instruments (debtors, creditors, investments (see section 11, FRS 102 SORP)) measured at fair value through the SoFA that is attributable to changes in credit risk.		

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Note 26 Events after the end of the reporting period

Please complete this note events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting

	This year	Last year
Please provide details of the nature of the event	At 31 March 2025, the charity was negotiating a new premises lease. This was confirmed on 4th April 2025. The lease is for 5 years and ends on 3rd April 2030. The initial rent for the first quarter was paid on this completion date of 4th April 2025 at 82/365 of the annual rent of £62,000pa + VAT. A rental deposit of £37,200 representing 6m of rent has also been paid on this date.	
Provide an estimate of the financial effect of the event or a statement that such an estimate cannot be made	Within unrestricted reserves, there is a designated amount set aside for the premises lease upfront payments and the costs of the move, plus the costs associated with equipment and furnishings needed to accommodate activities within the new premises and set up of operations. At 31 March 2025, this was costed at £72,500 towards the premises lease and deposit; and £25,000 towards moving costs and associated equipment and furnishings.	

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Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

Note 27 **Charity funds**

27.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

Please give details of the movements of material individual funds in the reporting period together with a balancing figure for 'Other funds'. The 'Total funds' figure below should reconcile to 'Total funds' in the blanace sheet.

**** Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendible endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U - unrestricted funds***

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted	R	CRM for documenting products received and delivered	2,063		(2,063)	-	-	- 0
Restricted	R	Supported gifts, blankets, Pjs and bedding	-	7,159	(7,159)	-	-	-
Restricted	R	Supported work in East Brighton	-	750	(750)	-	-	-
Restricted	R	Baby Formula	-	100	(100)	-	-	-
Restricted	R	Internship Funding for 3 month appointment	-	3,600	(3,600)	-	-	-
Other funds	R	Charitable activities	-	400	(400)	-	-	-
Community Grant delivered by The National Lottery Community Fund.	R	Support for Core operations and Support costs to deliver the frontline services of supporting families through the cost of living period	-	29,250	(29,250)	-	-	-
Brighton and Hove City Council	R	Household Support Grant 6	-	12,100	(12,100)	-	-	-
Other funds	UR	Unrestricted	120,694	391,369	(287,052)	-	-	225,011
		Total Funds	122,757	444,728	(342,474)	-	-	225,011

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Note 27 **Charity funds (cont)**

27.2 Details of material funds held and movements during the PREVIOUS reporting period

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Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted	R	CRM for documenting products received and delivered	-	7,000	(4,937)	-	-	2,063
Restricted	R	Supporting Payrolled staff positions	1	14,907	(14,908)	-	-	-
Restricted	R	Supporting School Uniform Project	-	9,970	(9,970)	-	-	-
Restricted	R	Supported gifts, blankets, Pjs and bedding	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-	-
Restricted	R	Supported work in East Brighton	-	750	(750)	-	-	-
Restricted	R	Baby Formula	-	250	(250)	-	-	-
Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund delivered by The National Lottery Community Fund.	UR	Support for Core operations and Support costs to deliver the frontline services of supporting families through the cost of living period	-	25,735	(25,735)	-	-	-
Government Grants - Brighton and Hove City Council	R	Household Support Grant	-	8,000	(8,000)	-	-	-
Government Grants - Brighton and Hove City Council	UR	Supporting the rent of the premises 2023-24	-	8,000	(8,000)	-	-	-
Government Grants - Brighton and Hove City Council	R	Supporting the rent of the premises 2022-23	5,963	-	(5,963)	-	-	-
Other funds	UR	Unrestricted	50,486	110,786	(40,579)	-	-	120,693
		Total Funds	56,450	190,398	(124,092)	-	-	122,757

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Note 27 Charity funds (cont)

27.3 Transfers between funds

This year

	Reason for transfer and where endowment is converted to income, legal power for its conversion	Amount
Between unrestricted and restricted funds		
Between endowment and restricted funds		
Between endowment and unrestricted funds		

Last year

	Reason for transfer and where endowment is converted to income, legal power for its conversion	Amount
Between unrestricted and restricted funds		
Between endowment and restricted funds		
Between endowment and unrestricted funds		

27.4 Designated funds

This year

Planned use	Purpose of the designation	Amount
2025/26	Move to a new premises. To cover the cost of undertaking the new lease, legal fees, plus the fit out and costs to manage the move.	50,000
Until required	Contingency reserve valuing three month's of operating support costs	50,486
Until required	Increasing impact and increased age range of support when moved to new premises	82,127

Last year

Planned use	Purpose of the designation	Amount
2025/26	Move to a new premises. To cover the cost of undertaking the new lease, legal fees, plus the fit out and costs to manage the move.	50,000
Until required	Contingency reserve valuing three month's of operating support costs	20,000
July/August 2025	The Homity Trust 10th Anniversary grant to match fund the Crowdfunder campaign towards the premises move in 2025 for fit out costs.	10,000

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Note 28 Transactions with trustees and related parties

If the charity has any transactions with related parties (other than the trustee expenses explained in guidance notes) details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "True" in the box or "False" if there are transactions to report.

28.1 Trustee remuneration and benefits

This year

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)	TRUE

In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value				
		Remuneration	Pension contribution	Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia	Other	TOTAL
		£	£	£	£	£
None		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

Please give details of why remuneration or other employment benefits were paid.	N/a
Where an ex gratia payment has been made to a trustee, provide an explanation of the nature of the payment.	N/a

Last year

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity (True or False)	TRUE

In the period the charity has paid trustees remuneration and benefits. Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.

Name of trustee	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value				
		Remuneration	Pension contribution	Redundancy (including loss of office)/ex gratia	Other	TOTAL
		£	£		£	£
None		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-

Please give details of why remuneration or other employment benefits were paid.	N/a
Where an ex gratia payment has been made to a trustee, provide an explanation of the nature of the payment.	N/a

28.2 Trustees' expenses

If the charity has paid trustees expenses for fulfilling their duties, details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "True" in the box below. If there are transactions to report, please enter "False".

No trustee expenses have been incurred (True or False)	*TRUE*

Type of expenses reimbursed	This year	Last year
	£	£
Travel	-	-
Subsistence	-	-
Accommodation	-	-
Other (please specify):	-	-
	-	-
TOTAL	-	-

Please provide the number of trustees reimbursed for expenses or who had expenses paid by the charity	None	None

28.3 Transaction(s) with related parties

Please give details of any transaction undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a related party has a material interest, including where funds have been held as agent for related parties. If there are no such transactions, please enter 'true' in the box provided.

This year

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)	*FALSE*

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£
Trustees	Founder and Trustee	Donation	202	202	-	-

In relation to the transactions above, please provide the terms and conditions, including any security and the nature of any payment (consideration) to be provided in settlement.	N/a
For any related party, please provide details of any guarantees given or received.	N/a

Last year

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period (True or False)	*FALSE*

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	Amount	Balance at period end	Provision for bad debts at period end	Amounts written off during reporting period
			£	£	£	£
Trustees	Founder and Trustee	Donation	5,000	5,000	-	-

In relation to the transactions above, please provide the terms and conditions, including any security and the nature of any payment (consideration) to be provided in settlement.	N/a
For any related party, please provide details of any guarantees given or received.	N/a

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Note 29 Additional Disclosures

The following are significant matters which are not covered in other notes and need to be included to provide a proper understanding of the accounts. If there is insufficient room here, please add a separate sheet.

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ACCOUNTANTS AND REGISTERED AUDITORS

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Pelican Parcels (Charitable Incorporated Organisation-number 1179866)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Pelican Parcels (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants which is one of the listed bodies.

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 of the 2011 Act; or
(2) the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
(3) the financial statements 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.

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 financial statements to be reached.

Signed: *Michelle Westbury FCCA*

Michelle Westbury FCCA
West & Berry Limited
Nile Street, Nile House,
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OUR VISION

Pelican Parcels' vision is a community in which families and carers have the essentials for their children.

OUR CHARITABLE OBJECIVES

To relieve financial hardship for the publiic benefit by providing such items for babiesand children as the trustees deem appropriate.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to alleviate poverty by providing new and preloved essentials to babies and children in Brighton & Hove (and neighbouring parts of Sussex). Pelican Parcels is based on a simple concept – we take items from families that no longer need them and give them to families that do.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the strategic direction of the charity and have had regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives.

THE NATIONAL NEED

Child poverty is a growing problem affecting more than 4 million children in the UK. This situation has worsened since the pandemic with the cost-of-living crisis.

The related outcomes are stark: the impact of poverty on children's health and educational outcomes is well documented. Lifetime earnings for children raised in poverty are significantly lower, as are their prospects for employment. Children brought up in poverty are more likely to raise their own children in poverty.

In 2023, the Joseph Rowntree Foundation published a report showing levels of destitution have risen sharply over the past three years.

- Approximately 3.8 million people experienced destitution in 2022, including around 1 million children.
- The number of children experiencing destitution since 2017 has almost tripled with an increase of 186% to October 2022.
- Since the last survey in 2019, the number of people experiencing destitution has increased by 61%
- 55% of children in single parent families with a child under 5 are in poverty.
- 40% of children in families with a child under 5 and a disabled parent are in poverty.

> "urgent action is needed to address the detrimental impact of living in destitution and prevent more people experiencing the most severe form of material hardship"

Joseph Rowntree Foundation
'Destitution in the UK 2023

THE LOCAL NEED

End Child Poverty estimated in 2021 that between 22.3% and 31.3% of children in Brighton and Hove were living in poverty after housing costs. The portion of children receiving free school meals varies considerably across the city but reaches over 62% in areas. This has grown over 17% since the pandemic (Citizens Advice).

The cost-of-living crisis and the increasing numbers of refugees fleeing war arriving in our city with nothing continue to impact our community.





Overall, this means Pelican Parcels is

- managing an ever-increasing number of referrals for support packages
- frequently supplying beds and cots as part of these referrals, to families that have children sleeping on the floor
- giving nappies and wipes via local foodbanks to help ensure that babies don't go without
- supplying formula, where deemed essential by our referral partners, so babies have the right nutrition where otherwise they might go hungry
- gifting school uniform and school shoes (including sports wear) to children so they can dress in age and size appropriate clothes and importantly so they can feel the same as all the other children.
- ensuring refugee children and families arriving in our city are given the essential items they need as quickly as possible thereby supporting a wider network of charitable endeavours to show these individuals we do care.

Through our referral process we can see that 82% of families requesting support are claiming benefits, 12.5% have no recourse to public funds and 3% had applications pending. Some of the most notable additional impacting factors include financial hardship and debt noted in 78% of referrals, housing problems in 47% of referrals; domestic abuse noted in 40% of referrals; mental health issues noted in 40% of referrals; 30% have English as an additional language; and 22.5% have physical health problems.

Wards in Brighton & Hove are in the top 10% most deprived areas in England.





OUR WORK

Pelican Parcels works to recycle preloved essential items for babies and primary school aged children up to the age of 12. We collect them from families who no longer need them and give them to those who do, as a gift. We are the only baby bank working up to the age of 12 in the city.

The focus of our work is predominantly in Brighton & Hove and surrounding areas in East Sussex, however we would not restrict our help if other support isn't on offer. We joined the Baby Bank Alliance to ensure families right across the UK are able to access support.

We collect items, receive referrals and distribute them to those in need.

Collect

We have regular open sessions where people drop off items.

Our base of operations is:
Unit 9 Industrial House
Conway Street
Hove
BN3 3LW

Referral

Once referrals and requests for items are received from partners, our volunteers process and package them. Donations are carefully sorted, with love and care by a hard-working team of volunteers, helping to ensure they are ready to be gifted to a new family in beautiful condition.

Distribution

Our parcels are distributed free of charge by our partners at scheduled visits, through children's centres, foodbanks, schools and charity networks. Partners collect the parcels from our warehouse or we take them to their places of work

Our 6 main projects are:

1. **Parcels of essential items:** clothing & toys, buggies, nappies & essentials.
2. **Good Night Sleep project:** beds, bedding and bedlinen.
3. **Foodbank Partnership project:** nappies, wipes and formula provision.
4. **School Uniform project:** including PE kit and new shoes.
5. **Celebrations project:** Christmas and Eid presents.
6. **Books project:** providing nurseries books for children to keep.



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2023

We have supported approximately **5,900** children, pregnant mums and their families. That includes:

1,597
parcels of essential items were given out

604
foodbanks families were given a week's worth of nappies and/or formula

3,104
Christmas present parcels were given out

248
books were given to nurseries supporting 83 children

387
children were given school uniform parcels

125
Eid parcels were given out

We get positive feedback from families and referrers and if ever something isn't quite right we work hard to fix that immediately to ensure that everyone we're working with knows that our service offers a dependable net of support.

"I recently dropped off a Pelican Parcel to a 10-year-old boy, I am supporting. He was in need of clothing and the family are really suffering from poverty. When he got the parcel he said, "Oh my god, is this all for me?! I got everything I wanted!". He was ecstatic with energy and pure happiness and loved his new coat, he said he is going to wear it "all the time!". The boy was very thankful and wondered who gifted him these wonderful new clothes and a selection of toys for him to play with. His mum was incredibly thankful and tearful at seeing her boy be so happy."
Samanta, social worker



OUR 6 MAIN PROJECTS

We have continued to grow and develop with six main strands of work.

We are very fortunate to have a very generous community. Most of what is given to families is donated from other families. Last year we distributed about 19,000kg (that's the same as a double-decker full of passengers, or over 3,100 pelicans!) of items to families, which might otherwise have gone to landfill.



1. Parcels

Families are referred to our service to receive a parcel of items they need including beds, buggies and highchairs, clothing packs and shoes, nappies and toiletries, books, toys and games and other key essentials.

Poverty means that families can't afford basic and essential items for their babies and children. An increasing number of families are facing destitution. The need for Pelican Parcels is still growing and the impact of delivering parcels of items families urgently need is huge.

1,597
parcels of essential items were given out

Some of our parcels are small containing perhaps just a bag of toys to help stimulate a child's imagination, learning and development, whereas others are big including all the key things a new mum will need for her baby to be clothed, transported, to sleep, and to play.

Referral work was materially interrupted during the first two months of 2023 due a major flood at our warehouse that eventually led to a 7 week closure to new referrals. Despite this event we ended 2023/4 having distributed just 20 less parcels than the year before reflecting the continued increase in demand for our service.



Whatever the size, the parcel makes a big difference.

"Thank you so much. Our families are very happy with all their goods. The family particularly, mum squealed with delight when she saw the little girls shoes. Today she told me that the children had gone to bed a little late as they were enjoying drawing and playing with their new toys. Thanks you so much for all you do. It was so fabulous to see their happiness."

Deborah – Bevendean Primary school

2. Good Night Sleep Project



Poverty may mean families can't afford a cot and a baby sleeps in the parent's bed; or a child who doesn't have a bed needs to sleep on the sofa or floor. By offering a cot or bed we increase welfare and wellbeing. Research shows 30% of families on low incomes struggled to afford beds for their children (Buttle UK 2020).

The rise in demand for beds continues to increase unabated and we are now supplying on average 5-6 beds a week. We supply moses baskets, cots, toddler beds and single beds. Every safe sleeping space is provided with a new mattress, bedding, and bed linen if required.

"I've just been to see the family and they are so grateful for the clothes, toys and bed. The children are over the moon and have enjoyed putting the dolls they received to bed as well! They love the clothes too and it has given the family a real boost. Thanks again for all the work you do." **Helen, Family Hub Keyworker**





3. Foodbank Partnership Project

We work to supply local foodbanks with weekly or monthly orders of nappies, wipes and formula to give out to families they are helping. We help ensure they are always stocked with the right size nappy and the right type of formula to accompany a weekly food parcel.

We have been able to continue this work with foodbanks thanks to the support from the Brighton & Hove City Council's Household Support Grant, which is part of the UK Government's Household Support Fund to support families and those struggling to afford to pay for essential items.

19,775
nappies were given out

219
packs of wipes were given out

39
tubs of formula were given out

604
parcels of essential foodbanks families were given a week's worth of nappies and/or formula





We have worked closely this year with the seven children's centre foodbank services, the refugee foodbank at Voices in Exile and Brighton Foodbank.





4. School Uniform Project

Providing school uniforms can be an effective way to ensure that children in families experiencing poverty do not face additional pressure at school to fit in with their peers.

This year we have added four more school partners so we're now working with 9 local schools and 6 council nurseries to provide uniform parcels to children at school and those about to transition from nursery to reception.

387
children were given school uniform parcels

The uniform parcel contain non-branded uniform items, new school shoes, new PE trainers and a filled PE bag (some teachers mentioned how children don't have their own school bag to take their items to/from school) which contains a water bottle, stationery, and other items for use at home, where we've been informed that often children don't have access to these items.

We partnered with two other charities to help deliver a stock of key items:
- Sals Shoes who provided five boxes of brand new school shoes and PE trainers
- Smarter Uniforms who helped supply a large quantity of preloved uniform items.

"I have just spoken to a mum, who had clothes and school uniform from you last week. She was so appreciative especially for the school shoes, which she said her daughter loves and is very happy to wear which she wasn't with the ones she had for her. Mum said you wouldn't believe the difference it has made. She also said she has some very good quality clothes of her daughter's that she has grown out of and would like to donate them to Pelican Parcels." **Sent via Volunteer and Skills Development Coordinator, Roundabout Children's Centre**

We are so grateful to a number of supporters, especially the Enjoolata Foundation for continuing to fund this project.



5. Celebrations Project
Christmas and Eid presents

At Christmas and Eid we help families celebrate these key moments of the calendar by providing brand new gifts both for the children and for any siblings, plus up to two parents/carers.

3,104
Christmas present parcels were given out

125
Eid parcels were given out

"My families were in such a high need around Christmas time last year, and your gifts were one of the few things that brought them happiness."
Samanta, social worker



Our 'Secret Santa' Christmas campaign offers presents for the children and parents/carers (who otherwise might not get anything). Each parcel is given out with wrapping paper, gift tags and cellotape so the parents/carers can have the excitement of wrapping their own children's gifts. The parents are given items in gift bags, many of which were hand-made by one of our volunteers with beautiful material.

We worked again in partnership with local toy shops to try and encourage our community to shop locally and were delighted to have the support of Meg & Milo, Timeless Toys, Whirligig and TheWorks in Hove who also gave a discount to ensure that anyone purchasing was able to get slightly more for their donation to our campaign.

This year we expanded our 'festive' support to include Eid as we have a significant Muslim population in Brighton & Hove and were able to gift 125 parcels of presents to children in partnership with the Ethnic Minority Achievement Service.

Approximately 18,000 brand new items were gifted in total, which we estimate to have a retail value of around £60,000!

Thank you so much for all the time you spent carefully choosing appropriate gifts and for your continued support to EMAS children and families. Your amazing work is really appreciated."
Christine Booth, Early Years Leader, EMAS

Lovely donations and collections organised by local companies were an incredible support in collecting these gifts for our families. These included books from illustrator Guy Parker Rees, Windmill Dentist, Brighton College boarding houses, Star Properties, Ardingly School, Purple Ladybug, Gamely Games, The Implant Centre and One Green Bottle.



6. Books Project

In November 2023 we began supporting Council nurseries to give out books to pre-school children to ensure they have books at home.

Toys and books are essential to children's learning and development. This knowledge inspired our new service for families; a monthly distribution of books for nurseries to enable pre-school children to take home books, supporting and encouraging all children to have books outside their nursery provision.

One nursery has been able to set up a lending library area with our books and is encouraging children to regularly take books home.

248
books were given to nurseries supporting 83 children



"We are so grateful and plan to post an image on the nursery FB page to highlight the great work your charity does for our children in the city."

Becky Mounter, Nursery Manager – Acorn Nursery, Portslade



Total items given out in 12 months



Sleep:

270 Moses baskets, cots and toddler beds

45 Additional mattresses

1,200 Bedding bundles

630 Blankets

198 Sleeping bags

Travel:

130 Prams and pushchairs

91 Baby carriers

80 changing bags

Play & Learn:

74 Bouncer and rocker chairs

105 Activity mats

3,906 Toys

4,107 Books

Feeding:

55 Pregnancy and feeding pillows

48 Breast pumps

61 Sterilisers

534 Bottle sets

140 Formula tubs

58 Highchairs

56 Weaning sets

Toiletries:

961 Toiletries

85 Changing mats

1,887 Nappy bundles

1,238 Packs of wipes

219 packs of wipes were given out

Clothing:

816 clothing packs

514 Shoe sets

387 children were given school uniform parcels

Bathroom:

152 Maternity and breast pads

232 Baby and childrens towels

47 Potties and toilet seats

Gifts:

3,104 Christmas present parcels were given out

125 Eid parcels were given out



We are now working with over 50 local partner organisations.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

We don't take self referrals from families as we believe strongly in working in partnership and not replicating existing services.

By working on a referral basis only we ensure that families are receiving other support – such as a foodbank to help feed them, or a housing officer or debt and welfare officers, or the Family Information Service to signpost them to relevant support and services in the city.

We work hard to foster and develop partnerships with local organisations and key workers; charities, schools, children's centres, health and social care workers, midwives and hospital staff, in order to be able to support local families needing the basic essential items that we can then look to provide.

We are part of a national Baby Bank Alliance connecting organisations to share and pool knowledge and working practices. The alliance is working towards collective funding and telling a national story about the impact of child poverty and how necessary our work is. We are grateful to be part of this network and to share and learn from similar charities and organisations.

WHO WE ARE

Pelican Parcels is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, controlled by its governing document CIO constitution dated 10 September 2018 updated 18 October 2024.

Trustees

Pelican Parcels is overseen by six Trustees each with a specialism, who all give their time voluntarily and receive no financial benefits from the charity.

- Shelley Bennett (Leadership, Strategy, Partnerships and Operations)
- James Bennett (Chair, Governance/Risk)
- Carla Pannett (Fundraising)
- Lucy Stone (Trusts and Foundations fundraising)
- Sarah Mann (Operations and Safeguarding) joined 22 May 2023
- Debby Norris (Treasurer) joined 7 February 2024
- Sinead Thornley (Treasurer) resigned 22 May 2023

The Trustees meet quarterly to review progress, plus hold a strategic away day, to ensure the charity is on track to meet its objectives and to consider the future direction for the charity. Different Trustees will also meet to discuss and plan fundraising, operations, governance and risk matters to ensure the charity is properly controlled and managed, both operationally and financially.

Recruitment of new trustees involves a skills gap analysis to ensure necessary areas of expertise are covered. In the event of skillset being reduced due to retirement or resignation, individuals are approached to offer their expertise, or an advertisement would be placed across local community boards and platforms, as well as on our own social media channels.

New trustees are then inducted via a tour and introduction to our operations as well as being provided with relevant printed materials to cover:

- The obligations of Management Committee members.
- The operational framework for the charity including the Memorandum and Articles.
- Resourcing and the current financial position as set out in the latest published accounts.
- Our current business plan including future plans and objectives.



Staff and volunteers

Pelican Parcels began in 2023 with one invaluable member of staff; our Head of Operations who leads work within the warehouse to manage and deliver our projects. She was then joined during the year by a new Office Administrator whose focus is to help manage Pelican's growing paperwork and administrative needs. Further into 2023, with fantastic financial support from the National Lottery Cost of Living programme, we have created a Volunteer Co-ordinator role to further develop our volunteer programme.

Our dedicated volunteers are they beating heart of Pelican Parcels and an essential part of the charity. Their tireless work to check and clean the items that we receive means completed orders contain only kind of quality items we would happily put our own children in or give them to play with. The charity simply couldn't function without this collective effort, our volunteers absolutely being at the very centre of everything we do.



"The Mum and her son really appreciated this donation so MASSIVE thank you to you and the volunteers it makes a huge difference to family's lives!" **Family Coach**





Almost every hour given means another parcel distributed!

We're proud to see the staff and volunteers giving their absolute best for our families; checking and rechecking items to ensure that they are happy everything is exactly how it should be – that no small stains sneak through our checking process, or that a buggy is super clean right down to the wheels and ready to make a family feel special when receiving it.

This year our volunteers gave **5,500** volunteer hours which saw **5,900** people supported.



"I started donating and thought what a great charity Pelican Parcels was, and wanted to be able to help more, so when I saw they needed more volunteers I wanted to get involved. It's always a good day when we desperately need something and then suddenly a donation arrives with those items, or when we receive a donation that someone has put the time and care into washing, folding and labelling for us... it is so heartwarming to see how much people care."
Lucy

"The family was so thankful for the donation! They literally had no words! Thank you from us too, we so appreciate your help with this!"
Community Staff Nurse Health Visiting, Roundabout Children's Centre, East Team Family Coach, Integrated Team for Families

OUR FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Pelican Parcels has been fortunate to continue receive generous financial support in securing a mix of private donations, corporate sponsors and grant funders. We have raised the full amount of the planned budget.



We have also been pleased to see some grant funders move from in-year funding to multi-year funding and have been delighted by this support from the Ambergate Charitable Trust, 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust and The Homity Trust. We also received a significant Cost of Living funding from the National Lottery and Household Support Grant funding from Brighton & Hove City Council.

In order to remain resilient and grow, we will continue to focus energy on a spread of fundraising including grants, private donations and community events and are planning a crowdfunder campaign next year to further grow our community of supporters.

Pelican Parcels is a member of the Fundraising Regulator and we understand our duty to protect vulnerable people, people's privacy and to not engage in intrusive methods of fundraising. Key expenditure for the charity includes the premises costs, utilities, salaries, insurances and new/replacement items for families which currently are growing in line with income.

Pelican Parcels has assessed the risks and opportunities of the year ahead, and based on these, the Trustees have agreed our reserves policy. Current reserve policy is to hold £20,000 based on 3 months wind down costs. We will review this policy annually, taking into consideration any new risks or opportunities.

The charity's total income for the year was £190,398 (2023: £90,498) an increase of £99,900 on the previous year. The surplus for the year was £66,307 (2023: deficit of £1,555). Unrestricted funds at the year end were £120,693 (2023: £50,486) and restricted funds at the year end were £2,063 (2023: £5,964).

Reserves at the year end are £122,757of which £2,063 is restricted;

- £50,000 is designated for the premises move;
- £20,000 is contingency representing 3 month's operating costs and
- £10,000 is designated to be spent on activities in the 2024-25 financial year (Homity grant for 25th anniversary and Crowd funder).

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that financial statements are compliant.





THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Trusts, Foundations and Grants

- Sussex Community Foundation
- Brighton & Hove City Council
- 29th May 1961 Charitable Trust
- Postcode Society Trust
- East Brighton Trust
- The Chalk Cliff Trust
- The Homity Trust
- Garfield Weston Foundation
- Bupa Foundation
- Masons
- Ambergate Charitable Trust and Enjoolata Foundation
- Hendy Foundation
- Asda Foundation
- Focus Foundation
- Feed
- Forrester Foundation
- Rosaz Charity
- The National Lottery Cost of Living fund
- CriSeren Foundation.

Private donors

- Andrew Bird
- Yan Foye
- James Bennett

Companies

A huge thank you to the companies that have supported us with donations of money, in-kind stock, come and volunteered and run collections for us, it has made a big difference to our impact and profile locally, including;

- Natwest
- MGAC Brighton
- Tesco Bags of Help
- Bird and Blend Tea Company's North Laine store
- Silverado
- Bang Tidy Property Management
- Gamely Games.

Community Fundraising

- Lancing Prep School PTA
- St Christopher's School PTA
- Ferndale Road Street fundraiser
- Julie Hales, Austin's books car boot
- Wilbury Crescent Street event
- Marlon Mohroyan
- Janet Cupidi, George Payne pub

Thank you to our community who have organised a range of events from car boot sales and book auctions to toy-exchanges and curry lunches, and more!

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

Charity 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity 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 in the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice 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 presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable group 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:
- There is no relevant information of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities
The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The Trustees' annual report has been approved by the Trustees on 22 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by



Shelley Bennett
Co-founder and Trustee



Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Pelican Parcels (Charitable Incorporated Organisation-number 1179866)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Pelican Parcels (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 2011 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 of the 2011 Act; or
(2) the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
(3) the financial statements 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.

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 financial statements to be reached.

Signed: Michelle Westbury FCCA

Michelle Westbury FCCA
West & Berry Limited
Nile Street, Nile House,
Brighton, BN1 1HW

Date: 30/01/2025

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Pelican Parcels			Charity No (if any)	1179866	
Annual accounts for the period					
Period start date	01/04/2023	To	Period end date	31/03/2024	

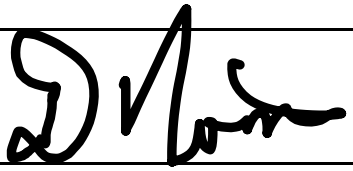
Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Incoming resources (Note 3)		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	S01	136,399	45,877	-	182,276	85,430
Charitable activities	S02	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	S03	8,123	-	-	8,123	5,069
Investments	S04	-	-		-	-
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	-	-	-	-	-
Total	S07	144,521	45,877	-	190,398	90,498
Resources expended (Note 6)						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	S08	10,813	-	-	10,813	1,512
Charitable activities	S09	63,501	49,778	-	113,279	90,541
Separate material item of expense	S10	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S11	-	-	-	-	-
Total	S12	74,314	49,778	-	124,092	92,053
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	S13	70,207	- 3,901	-	66,307	- 1,555
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S14	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	S15	70,207	- 3,901	-	66,307	- 1,555
Extraordinary items	S16	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	S17	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's	S18	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S19	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	S20	70,207	- 3,901	-	66,307	- 1,555
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	S21	50,486	5,964	-	56,450	58,005
Total funds carried forward	S22	120,693	2,063	-	122,757	56,450

Section B Balance sheet

	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Intangible assets (Note 15)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets (Note 14)	B02	-	-	-	-	-
Heritage assets (Note 16)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments (Note 17)	B04	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	B05	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets						
Stocks (Note 18)	B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 19)	B07	12,500	-	-	12,500	12,500
Investments (Note 17.4)	B08	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 24)	B09	110,433	2,063	-	112,497	63,857
Total current assets	B10	122,933	2,063	-	124,997	76,357
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 20)	B11	2,240	-	-	2,240	19,907
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B12	120,694	2,063	-	122,757	56,450
Total assets less current liabilities	B13	120,694	2,063	-	122,757	56,450
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year (Note 20)	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	B16	120,694	2,063	-	122,757	56,450
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds (Note 27)	B17	-			-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 27)	B18		2,063		2,063	5,964
Unrestricted funds	B19	120,693		-	120,693	50,486
Revaluation reserve	B20				-	
Total funds	B21	120,693	2,063	-	122,757	56,450

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
	D Norris	24/01/2025

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Our vision

Pelican Parcels' vision is a community in which families and carers have the essentials for their children.

Pelican Parcels (PP) is a registered charity (no. 1179866) and our objective is the prevention or relief of poverty in UK communities by providing items to individuals in need and/or charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

Our work

Pelican Parcels accepts donations of new and pre-loved items for babies and children up to age 12 – equipment, clothes, furniture, books and toys – and distributes them to disadvantaged and vulnerable families, principally in Brighton and Hove but also on occasion further afield, free of charge.

Donations are carefully sorted, with love and care by a hard-working team of volunteers, helping to ensure they are ready to be gifted to a new family in beautiful condition.

Various factors contribute to a family's need for help and Pelican Parcels is there to offer support at those times. Indeed, we work with a large number of partners across the city to ensure that we are able to reach people most at need, in their time of need. At the heart of what we do is providing items, but it's important that they are given in beautiful condition, so our families know they are cared about and that they matter.

The need

Child poverty is a growing problem affecting more than 4 million children in the UK and the proportion of the population living in poverty continues to grow. This situation has been worsened by the covid pandemic alongside the on-going cost-of-living crisis. The related outcomes are also quite bleak: the impact of poverty on children's health and educational outcomes is well documented. Lifetime earnings for children raised in poverty are significantly lower, as are their prospects for employment. Children brought up in poverty are more likely to raise their own children in poverty.

Children who have lived in persistent poverty during their first seven years have cognitive development scores on average 20% below those of children who have never experienced poverty, according to Child Poverty Action Group,








In April 2022, Little Village presented a report in conjunction with the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. Their report highlighted the scale and depth of poverty faced by families across the United Kingdom:

- Half of the 4.2 million children in poverty in the UK live in a family with a child under the age of five.
- 47% of racial minority families with a child under 5 are in poverty.
- 55% of children in single parent families with a child under 5 are in poverty.
- 40% of children in families with a child under 5 and a disabled parent are in poverty.

They also state that the number of children experiencing destitution since 2017 has almost tripled with an increase of 186% to October 2022.

End Child Poverty estimated in 2018 that between 24% and 32.7% of children in Brighton and Hove were living in poverty after housing costs. Certain boroughs in Brighton & Hove are in the top ten per cent most income deprived areas in England. The portion of children receiving free school meals varies considerably across the city but reaches over 62% in areas. This has grown over 17% since the pandemic.

The cost-of-living crisis has deepened and poverty rates are still increasing. This means we are supporting families that have children sleeping on the floor because they can't afford a bed; supplying formula to ensure that babies don't receive watered down formula when parents can't afford the rising weekly cost of this; giving nappies and wipes to foodbanks to help ensure that babies don't end up with sore bottoms.

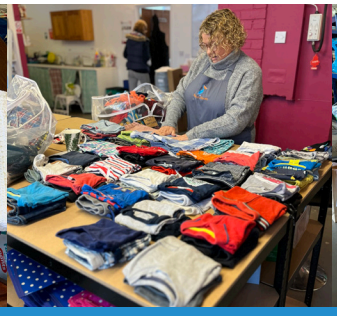
Brighton and Hove also saw a huge increase in numbers of refugees arriving in the city due to the war in Ukraine and other conflicts around the world. We have worked incredibly closely with Care4Calais and supporting agencies to ensure that those children and families arriving in our city, often with just the clothes on their backs, are given the items they need as quickly as possible.

What we do

Pelican Parcels is based on a simple concept – we take and recycle items from families that no longer need them and give them to families that do. However, we have continued to grow and develop this year and now have four strands of work that we deliver:

- Direct referrals – our partner organisations and professionals refer in families to our service to receive a parcel of specific essential items; be that equipment like beds, buggies and highchairs, or other items like clothing packs and shoes, nappies and toiletries, books, toys and games and more that we have available. This is a checklist of items always stocked and put together as requested.




- Foodbank support – with growing demand we work with foodbanks to supply them with a weekly or monthly order of nappies, wipes and formula to give out to families they are helping, to ensure they are always stocked with the right size nappy and the right type of formula to accompany a weekly food parcel.
- School uniform – we are partnered with 6 local schools and 7 council nurseries to provide unbranded school uniform. These all go out with a mix of preloved and new uniform items, new socks, new school shoes and new PE trainers plus a PE bag with little extras such as age appropriate reading books, notepad and filled pencil case, new water bottle and more.
- Christmas and Eid presents – at Christmas and Eid we help families celebrate by providing brand new gifts both for the children and for any siblings, plus this year for the first time we included the parents/carers too, so they also got to experience the festive joy.

Our base of operations is Unit 9 Industrial House, Conway Street, Hove, BN3 3LW.

Achievements this year

We have supported 5,833 children, pregnant mums and their families, a 44% increase on 2021.

That includes:

- 1617 direct referrals for essential items.
- 1807 foodbank families were given a week's worth of nappies and/or formula.
- 447 children were given school uniform parcels.
- 1962 Christmas present parcels were given out.

We work hard to develop partnerships with local organisations and key workers; charities, schools, children's centres, health and social care workers, midwives and hospital staff, in order to be able to support local families needing the basic essential items that we can then look to provide. We are now working with over 50 local partner organisations.

Through all four strands of our work, we pride ourselves on giving the best quality to our families.

We have formed close partnerships with all the children's centres in Brighton & Hove to provide their foodbank service with nappies and formula, and working with their volunteer and skills coordinators to make sure families are getting what they need in times of crisis. With the cost-of-living crisis we are hearing that what should be temporary emergency support with food, budgeting, essential items and advice, that sadly families continue to struggle to afford the basics even after this provision and are often moving into requiring longer ongoing help and support.









"I have had some very good feedback from 2 families who have received cots and clothes recently. They said how lovely the items are and were very impressed with the quality and good service you provide." Volunteer and Skills Development Coordinator, Portslade Children's Centre

We get positive feedback from families and referrers and if ever something isn't quite right we work hard to fix that immediately to ensure that everyone we're working with knows that our service offers a dependable net of support.

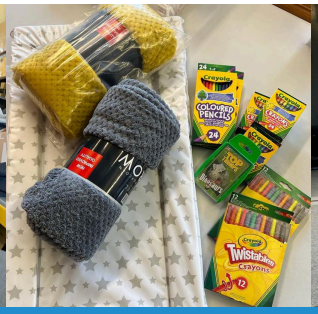
Direct referrals

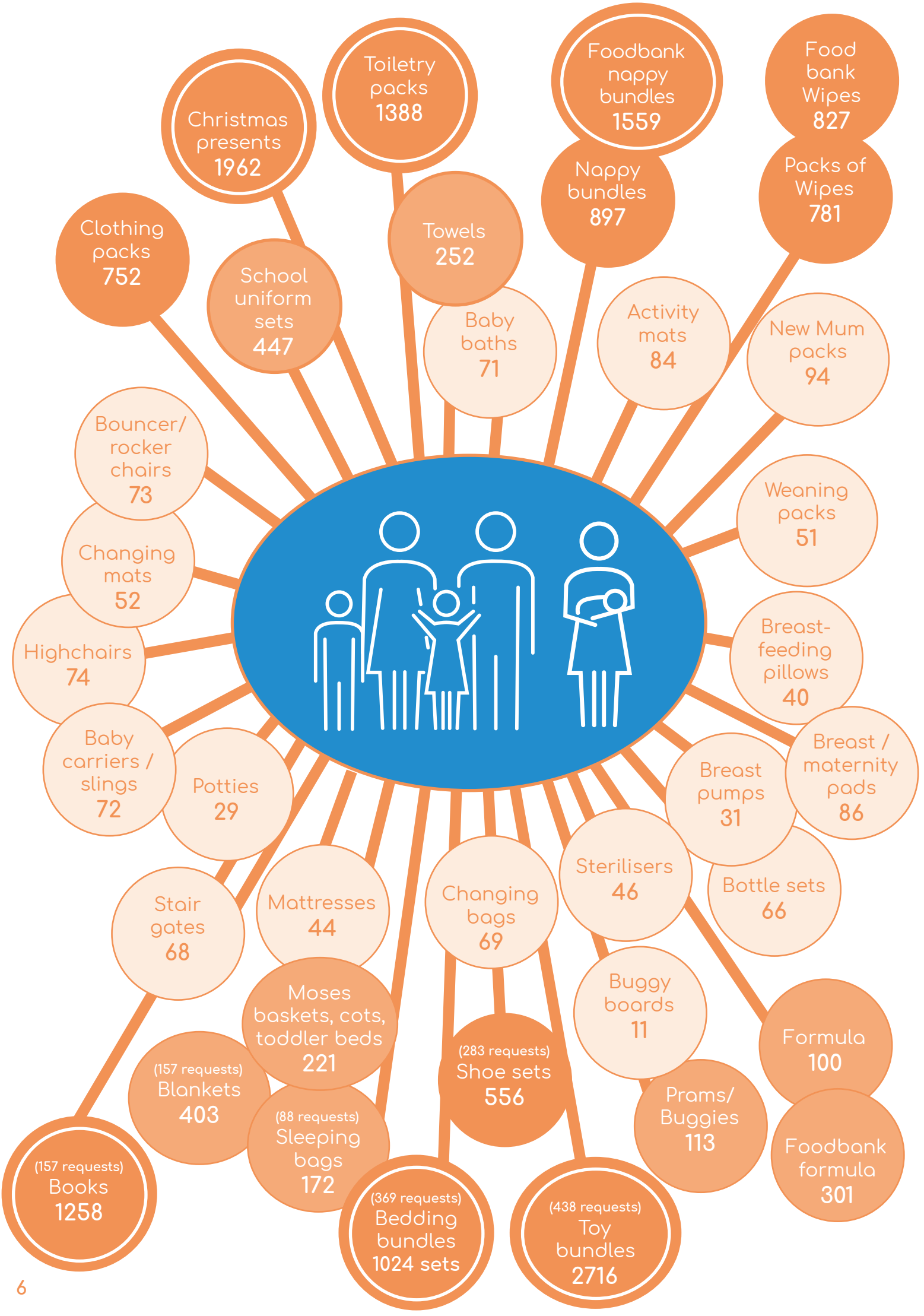
This year we have seen an influx of requests to support refugee families arriving in our city. We have built a strong relationship with Care4Calais and the Council teams in order to support the children in these groups. We have also worked with some local families 'hosting' Ukrainian refugees directly as so much needed to be done in a very quick timeframe. Brighton & Hove hosted several 'refugee hotels' in which those arriving often stayed for many months with 'no recourse to public funding', meaning that ongoing support as their children grew, or indeed were born, was needed.

Some families were housed in the hotel for many months, so in the summer we connected with the Ethnic Minority Achievement Service (EMAS) to help those children enjoy and thrive in our seaside city by supplying their 26 children with beach backpacks for taking their things to beach. Each bag was filled with essentials plus some beach toys were provided for the group to use together including buckets and spades, footballs and volleyballs and other games.

"Shelley and the Pelican Parcels are amazing. I contacted them for help with finding beachwear for 26 children temporarily housed in a hotel with no space to play.
The Pelican Parcels team applied for funding for a brand new backpack for each child filled with a new water bottle, sun cream, a towel and a hat. They also bought lots of fun games for the children to play on the seafront. It was an unbelievable response and the children were delighted.
Pelican Parcels have made such a difference to these families. They respond to the needs of so many families across the city. EMAS are truly grateful for their support."
Christine Booth, Early Years Leader, EMAS





Christmas presents 1962
Toiletry packs 1388
Foodbank nappy bundles 1559
Food bank Wipes 827
Clothing packs 752
School uniform sets 447
Towels 252
Nappy bundles 897
Packs of Wipes 781
Baby baths 71
Activity mats 84
New Mum packs 94
Bouncer/ rocker chairs 73
Weaning packs 51
Changing mats 52
Highchairs 74
Breast-feeding pillows 40
Baby carriers / slings 72
Potties 29
Breast pumps 31
Breast / maternity pads 86
Stair gates 68
Mattresses 44
Changing bags 69
Sterilisers 46
Bottle sets 66
Moses baskets, cots, toddler beds 221
Buggy boards 11
(157 requests) Blankets 403
(283 requests) Shoe sets 556
Formula 100
Prams/ Buggies 113
(88 requests) Sleeping bags 172
Foodbank formula 301
(157 requests) Books 1258
(369 requests) Bedding bundles 1024 sets
(438 requests) Toy bundles 2716

In addition to an increase in refugee support needed, we have also seen a particular increase in requests for beds. We supply from moses baskets, cots and single beds, always with a new mattress. Due to rising demand we are now having to buy a lot more beds, cots and moses baskets, as we can't get enough donated quickly enough. This year we are grateful to both Rotary Soiree Brighton and Brighton Soup, who both gave funding towards our beds project 'Good Nights Sleep'.

Unfortunately, poverty may mean families can't afford a cot and a baby sleeps in the parent's bed, or a child who doesn't have a bed needs to sleep on the sofa or floor; by offering a cot we increase welfare and wellbeing. Research shows 30% of families on low incomes struggled to afford beds for their children (Buttle UK 2020).

'Good Nights Sleep'.

At the end of 2022 we gave out over 100 beds to children in the last 4 months of the year; that's nearly 1 every day! We are giving out 300 parcels a month meaning that around 8% of referrals need beds.

"Thank you, the child has been sleeping on the floor for 3 years and really appreciates receiving a proper bed." Social Worker, Whitehawk.

School uniform

School uniforms can be an effective way to ensure that children in low-income families do not face additional pressure at school to fit in with their peers. This year we have expanded and doubled our uniform provision – in 2021 we provided 199 uniform parcels, in 2022 that rose to 447!

This was achieved by keeping the same school partners in the most deprived areas of Brighton & Hove, but then by children on 30 free hours at Council nurseries in order to provide uniform for children moving from nursery up to Reception at school. Being dressed in the right things and looking smart like all the other children on their first day of school is important to families.

"Your a star for this. I've just started work after being unemployed 6 months, so this month's a low money month. So thank you so much."
Mum helped with uniform

We are so grateful to a number of supporters, especially including Enjoolata Foundation for continuing to fund this project. We also partnered with two other charities to help deliver this project; Sals Shoes who provided six boxes of brand new school shoes and PE trainers; and Brighton charity Smarter Uniforms who helped supply preloved uniform items.







Foodbank partnership project

Close partnerships with foodbanks in our city means that whilst they provide the food for a family for the week along with other social and community support, we are able to bolster their service by helping them with nappies, wipes and formula. We have worked closely this year with the seven children's centre foodbank services as well as the refugee foodbank at Voices in Exile and especially Brighton Foodbank.

Our work with these key partners in 2022 meant giving them 53,883 nappies, 900 packs of wipes and 268 tubs of formula.

We have been able to continue this work with foodbanks thanks to the support from the Brighton & Hove City Council's Household Support Grant, which is part of the UK Government's Household Support Fund to support families and those struggling to afford to pay for essential items.

Christmas and Eid presents

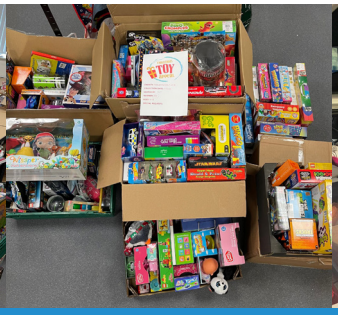
This year for the first time for our 'Secret Santa' Christmas campaign, we extended our offer to include presents for parents/carers who otherwise might not get anything. This offer saw us nearly double our orders from 1071 to 1962, which equates to nearly 6,000 items, which we estimate to have a retail value of around £60,000.

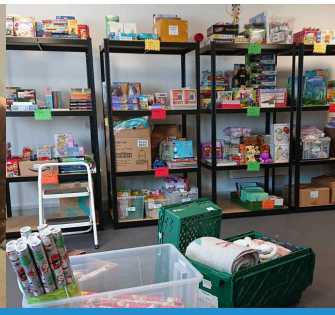
Each parcel was given out with wrapping paper, gift tags and cellotape so the parents/carers could have the excitement of wrapping their own children's gifts. The parents were given items in gift bags many of which were hand-made by one of our volunteers with beautiful material.

We worked in partnership with three local toy shops to try and encourage our community to shop locally and were delighted to work again with Meg & Milo, Timeless Toys and Whirligig, who also gave a discount to ensure that anyone purchasing was able to get slightly more for their donation to our campaign.

"I want to say thank you for presents, you left for us with Henry in the nursery. It was unexpected and very very pleasant. British people and Brighton citizens in particular are so kind and generous to the Ukrainians (all this Christmas season I've been crying a lot). These tears are consequence of your incredible attitude to us, unreal warmth, this huge quantity of presents given to us. You will be our friends and saviours forever in our memory." Christmas presents given via EMAS







Lovely donations from local companies including Ardingly College, Close Brothers, Brighton College boarding houses, Element Kids, The Entertainer, The George Payne Pub, More Radio, MRL Consulting Group, Star Properties and Windmill Dental Practice.

"Thank you so much for all the lovely Christmas presents not only for my son but also for me! I'm blown away by thought and effort you put into everything we have ever received from Pelican Parcels."
Tara, mum supported Dec 2022

In addition to Christmas we are working with the Ethnic Minority Achievement Service to plan the giving of gifts for Eid in April, to ensure that we are celebrating key festive moments for our diverse community.

Who we are

Trustees

Pelican Parcels is overseen by 5 Trustees each with a specialism;

- Shelley Bennett (Chair and Day-to-Day Management)
- James Bennett (Secretary and Governance/Risk)
- Carla Pannett (Fundraising)
- Sinead Thornley (Treasurer and audit)
- Victoria Shead (Marketing) – stepped down July 2022
- Lucy Stone (Trusts and Foundations fundraising) joined March 2022

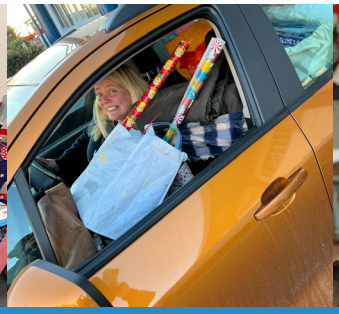
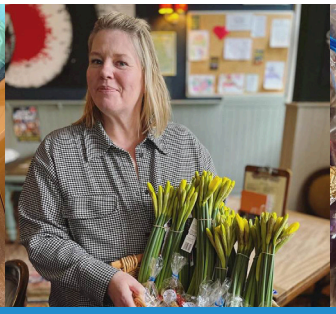
The Board of Trustees is responsible for the strategic direction of the charity and meets quarterly to review progress, plus a strategic away day, to ensure the charity is on track to meet its objectives and to consider the future direction for the charity. The Board also has additional meetings around fundraising, governance and risk to ensure it is controlled and properly managed operationally and financially.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

Staff

We recruited our first part-time members of staff this year which has been a huge development for the charity. We appointed a Head of Operations in May, followed by an Office Manager in July, thanks to key funds raised by players of People's Postcode Lottery.



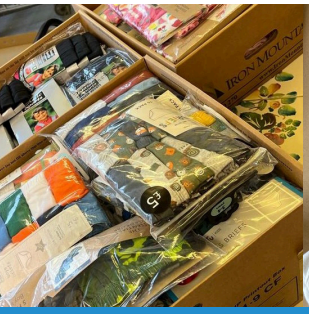

Volunteers

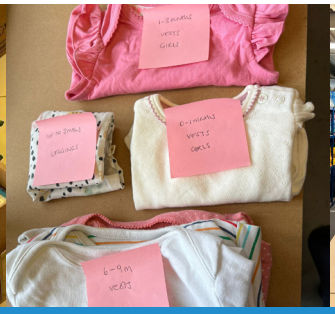
Now that we have bigger premises we have expanded our volunteer programme. These extra volunteers help with sorting and processing donations. We have organised a central sorting table for volunteers to work together creating a fun and inclusive working environment. We have grown to 19 volunteers in total and have plans to recruit more.

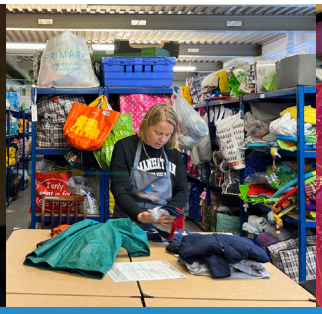
Our dedicated volunteers check everything and clean items to ensure they are the kind of things we would happily put our own children in or give them to play with, the charity simply couldn't function without them, they are at the heart of everything we do. We're proud to see them giving their absolute best for our families; checking and rechecking items to ensure that they are happy everything is exactly how it should be – that no small stains sneak through our checking process, or that a buggy is super clean right down to the wheels and ready to make a family feel special when receiving it.



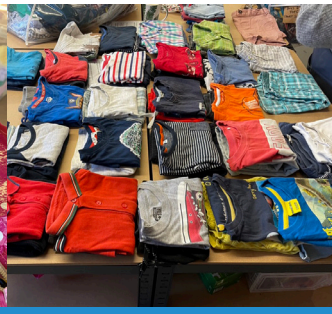
Christmas Party 2022











I love volunteering with Pelican Parcels. Such a lovely, friendly supportive team. They just encourage you to do what you can and as I have a back problem (and teaching experience) I also have the task of sitting and sorting donated books - which I love doing. If anyone is experiencing loneliness at home this is definitely worth trying.
Sheelagh, Pelican Parcels Volunteer

I am a Health Visitor in the Brighton area and I work with very vulnerable families that need a lot of support – including homeless families, families in emergency accommodation and the Brighton Women's Refuge.
I am fortunate to see the difference Pelican Parcels and their generous donations make to these families, which is why I happily offer some spare time each week to help them out. This service is VITAL and has become a complete necessity for families suffering from real hardship. The amount of love and care that goes into each parcel received should never be underestimated and this is fully felt by the recipients.
The atmosphere in the warehouse is always upbeat and lively, with genuinely warm, kind people offering some time for such a special cause. It's a pleasure to be part of such an amazing team. Thank you for all you do! Zoe Fernay , Health Visitor and Pelican Parcels Volunteer

Collaboration

A National Alliance of Baby Banks is evolving and meetings with organisations to share and pool knowledge more regularly have begun. This is being led by Little Village in London and Bristol Babybank with a view to seeing collective funding and telling a national story about the impact of child poverty and how necessary our work is. We are grateful to be part of this network and to share and learn from similar charities and organisations.









Our premises

Moving to a larger building last year enabled us to store larger items. Key reorganisation and expansion of stock means we can hold a variety of items, to respond to families quicker and be ready with beds, highchairs and buggies.

We were also delighted to receive some funding from The Dodgson Foundation for a washing machine and drier, allowing us to finally stop needing volunteers to take bags of washing home with them and return clean items! This is also speeding up our processes as we're not waiting a week for a volunteer to return a much needed item.

Unfortunately, we suffered a major roof leak in our premises across an extended period from November to January. This started as a small drip down a pipe and ended up as a significant flood with us mopping 10+ buckets full of water daily. This put enormous pressure on a stretched team across the Christmas and winter period. However catastrophe really struck as once we closed for two weeks for our annual Christmas break, we came back to realise that we'd been fighting a losing battle and that we simply couldn't reopen and operate safely in January as the leak covered over 50% of our warehouse.

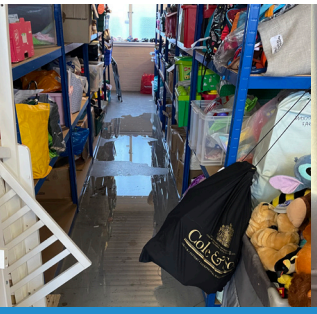
Of course we began planning immediately for reopening, however re-checking every single piece of stock and washing a large amount of items, whilst waiting for the roof, floor and wall damage to be repaired, was a huge and slow process. We had to temporarily close to new referrals for seven weeks. By the end of this financial year we are still awaiting the Council to repair the internal damage to certain areas of the warehouse that remain unuasable.

It is in times of struggle and tribulation, however, that you really appreciate your team; our staff and volunteers were utterly incredible in rechecking every single piece of stock and clothing to ensure it was fit to go to our families. We worked hard to 'catch up' on the backlog whilst accepting new referrals again.

Our financial overview

Pelican Parcels has had a very successful year financially securing a mix of private donations, corporate sponsors and grant funders. We have raised the full amount of planned budget. We have also been pleased to see some grant funders move from in-year funding to multi-year funding and have been delighted by this support from the Ambergate Charitable Trust and The Homity Trust.

In order to remain resilient and grow, we will continue to focus energy on a spread of fundraising including grants, private donations and community events and are planning a crowdfunder campaign next year to further grow our community of supporters.








Key expenditure for the charity includes the premises costs, utilities, salaries, insurances and new/ replacement items for families which currently are growing inline with income.

Pelican Parcels is a member of the Fundraising Regulator and we understand our duty to protect vulnerable people, people's privacy and to not engage in intrusive methods of fundraising.

Pelican Parcels has assessed the risks and opportunities of the year ahead, and based on these, the Trustees have agreed our reserves policy. Current reserve policy is to hold £15,000 based on 3 months wind down costs. We will review this policy annually, taking into consideration any new risks or opportunities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that financial statements are compliant.

Funding and partnerships

Thank you to our supporters including:

- Sussex Community Foundation, Brighton & Hove City Council, players of People's Postcode Lottery, East Brighton Trust, Tesco Bags of Help, The Chalk Cliff Trust, The Homity Trust, Garfield Weston Foundation, Rotary Social Innovation, Brighton Soup, Bupa Foundation, Masonic lodges: Burrel Lodge and Royal Pavilion Chapter 315, Dodgson Foundation, Hall & Woodhouse, Ambergate Charitable Trust, Enjoolata Foundation and Lancing PTA.
- Private donors Andrew Bird and Yan Foye.
- Bird and Blend Tea Company have supported us across this year as their 'Charitea of the quarter'. Silverado who organised a Black Friday donation for every order received. George Payne pub who sold sweets across Christmas and also hosted our volunteer get together.
- A huge thank you to the companies that have supported us with donations of money, in-kind stock, come and volunteered and run collections for us, it has made a big difference to our impact and profile locally.
- Thank you also to our community who have organised a range of events from car boot sales and book auctions to toy-exchanges and curry lunches, and more!








Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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

Charity 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity 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 in the Charities SORP.
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice 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 presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable group. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- There is no relevant information of which the charity's independent examiner is unaware.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The Trustees' annual report has been approved by the Trustees on 18 January 2024 and signed on their behalf by



Shelley Bennett
Co-founder and Chair of Trustees

Receipts and payments Account 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023				
	Unrestricted funds – to the nearest £	Restricted funds – to the nearest £	Total funds – to the nearest £	Last year – to the nearest £
Receipts				
Trusts and Foundations	33,550	11,023		36,950
Local Councils		18,000		16,348
Corporate supporters	12,207			3,902
Fundraising events	4,069	1,000		156
Individual donations	10,650			10,133
Gift aid				4,771
Total receipts	60,476	30,023	90,499	74,938
Payments				
Rent	15,090	10,000	25,090	12,000
Fundraising	1,512		1,512	1,402
Utilities	3,727		3,727	1,020
Insurance	1,638		1,638	
Office expenses	878		878	358
Office maintenance and repairs				493
IT, broadband and phone	1,067		1,067	
Packaging				922
Office equipment and furniture	4,626		4,626	
Staff and volunteer costs	7,647	9,522	17,169	
Volunteer costs	1,329		1,329	
Storage	825		825	441
Purchases of items for families	23,692	10,500	34,192	7,593
Mattresses				1,313
Stairgates and child safety equipment				
Toys and books for parcels				
Clothing and bedding				1,064
Formula and nutririon				432
Nappies, wipes and toiletries				4,783
School uniform project				
Total payments	62,031	30,022	92,053	51,802
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,555	1	1,554	23,135
Cash funds last year end	44,033	5,963	44,033	20,897
Cash funds this year end	42,478	5,964	42,479	44,033

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2023			
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
Cash funds	Bank balance	43,950	19,907
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
Other monetary assets	Rental deposit	6,250	6,250
Investment assets	Details – Not applicable		
Assets retained for the charity's own use	Furniture/ racking/ white goods/ electrical goods	Fund to which asset belongs 1,890	Fund to which asset belongs: 1,835
Liabilities	Details – Not applicable		

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Pelican Parcels		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2023	**Charity no**	1179866

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

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.

Signed:	Amanda Foon	**Date:**	01/12/2023
Name:	Amanda Foon		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Chartered Accountants ANZ		
Address:	41 Hythe Road Brighton BN1 6JR		

PELICAN PARCELS

England & Wales - Charity number 1179866

Accounts



Pelican Parcels

Annual Report

April 2021 – March 2022

Our organisation

Pelican Parcels' vision is a community in which families and carers have the essentials for their children.

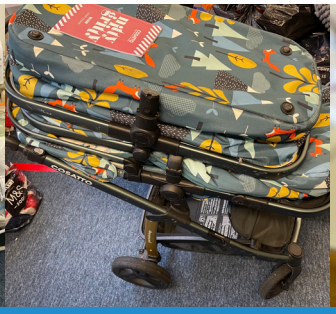
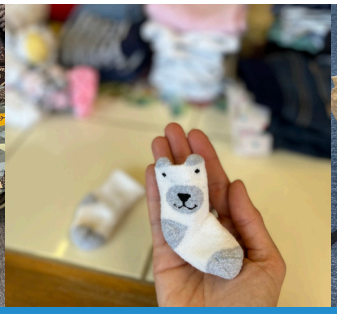
Pelican Parcels (PP) is a registered charity (no. 1179866) and our charitable objective is the prevention or relief of poverty in local UK communities by providing items to individuals in need and/or charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty in Sussex.

Pelican Parcels accepts donations of new and pre-loved items for babies and children up to age 12 – equipment, clothes, furniture, books and toys – and distributes them to disadvantaged and vulnerable families in Brighton and Hove and some wider areas of Sussex, free of charge.

Various factors contribute to a family's need for help and Pelican Parcels is there to support in that time of need.

Child poverty is a growing problem affecting more than 4 million children in the UK and the proportion of the population living in poverty continues to grow. This situation has been worsened by the covid pandemic alongside the cost of living crisis. The impact of poverty on children's health and educational outcomes is well documented. Lifetime earnings for children raised in poverty are significantly lower, as are their prospects for employment. Children brought up in poverty are more likely to raise their own children in poverty.

End Child Poverty estimated in 2018 that between 24% and 33% of children in Brighton and Hove were living in poverty after housing costs. Certain wards in Brighton & Hove are in the top ten per cent most income deprived areas in England. The portion of children receiving free school meals (FSM) varies considerably across the city but reaches over 62% in areas. This has grown over 18% since the pandemic.



Our work

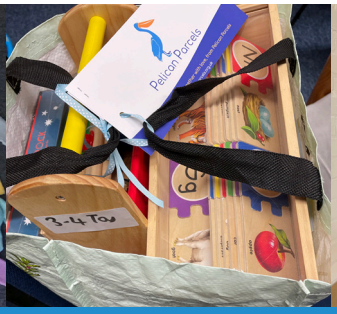
This was the year of emerging from the pandemic and everyone hoping that things would get just a little easier and better for families as the country reopened. It had been an incredibly tough year of restrictions and uncertainties both in terms of health and finance for many people and in particular families. As schools reopened in March and businesses were allowed to operate more fully, Pelican Parcels also began the journey by inviting our volunteers to return in stages and then moving towards to operating more fully.

During the pandemic the demand for our charity's services doubled and we envisaged this would continue as many families were still in crisis. **Our assumptions proved correct as during the 12 months of January to December 2021 we supported 3,966 children and pregnant mums in our community – an increase of 65% compared to those supported in 2020.**

This uplift in the number of children and families we could support was achieved by moving premises and having more space in which to operate and deliver our service, but also by improving and broadening the way we work with local organisations to support disadvantaged children. In particular, we developed our connections with schools and children's centre foodbanks.

The result is that PP now has four 'strands' to our work:

- **Direct referrals:** whereby a professional refers a family for specific items such as a bed, buggy, highchair, clothing pack etc and we put together an order as requested.
- **Foodbank nappies and formula:** here we work to provide local foodbanks, in particular those operating out of the Council Children's Centres, with nappies, wipes and baby milk formula to accompany their weekly food parcels. In 2021 we supported 1495 children with a week's supply of nappies plus gave out 75 tubs of formula.
- **School uniform:** we began a new project to help children with unbranded school uniform.
- **Secret Santa Christmas presents:** this is where we provide brand new Christmas gifts to children and pregnant mums.





Through all four strands of our work, we pride ourselves on giving the best quality to our families. Our volunteers check everything and clean items to ensure they are the kind of things we would happily put our own children in or give them to play with.

We work hard to develop partnerships with local organisations and key workers; charities, health and social care workers, midwives and hospital staff, in order to be able to support local families needing the basic essential items that we can then look to provide. We are now working with over 50 local partner organisations. We get positive feedback from families and referrers and if ever something isn't quite right we work hard to fix that immediately to ensure that everyone we're working with feels that our service is a help.

"I received a donation from yourselves, organised by my midwife. I'm a (mostly) single mother, with lots of complex health needs. It was so lovely to get your donation. When the lady turned up with it all, I burst into tears!! I've now reached the point where I can give back some of the items you donated." Mum supported by Pelican Parcels

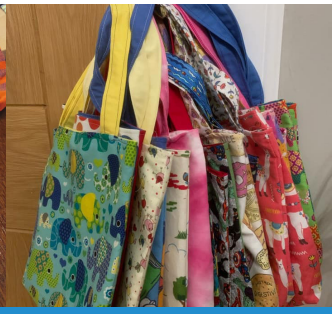
"Thank you so much for the support you give us, you're all amazing!"
Foodbank co-ordinator for nappy support

Our Volunteers

Our team of incredible volunteers help make all this happen. They are an enormously dedicated, good hearted and efficient team who put their heart and soul into sorting donations, checking and rechecking items to ensure that they are happy everything is how it should be, that no small stains sneak through our checking process, or that a buggy is super clean right down to the wheels and ready to make a family feel special when receiving it. Charities can't function without this goodwill of volunteers giving so much of their time for free and they're a fun and energetic group too!







With the warehouse now being so much bigger than our previous premises, volunteers are slowly returning and confidence in our processes of hand sanitising, wearing masks where required, working in small teams and our larger space are allowing us to get our small team of volunteers back up to around 15. The aim is to grow this number next year.

"Supporting PP with volunteering my time and skills ticks all my values boxes. Also we have great team work, lots of laughs, and well supported with copious amounts of tea and biscuits." Julie, volunteer since November 2021

School Uniform

When our own children returned to school post-pandemic we realised that they'd outgrown everything and needed head to toe school uniform as well as new school shoes and PE trainers. The cost of this is significant and led to Pelican Parcels offering school uniform parcels to families for the new school year starting in September. It's so important for children to feel part of a community and to look like everyone else in their uniform as this helps reduce the feeling of being different. They also need to be wearing uniform that fits, with shoes that are comfortable and have a bag to bring their items to and from school in. With all that in mind, we ran a pilot project, working with four schools in the most deprived areas of our city, to provide a preloved and new school uniform pack. The packs included clothing – uniform and PE – brand new shoes and PE trainers and a PE bag filled with some age appropriate phonics books, pre-filled pencil case, notebook and some other 'goodies' to make it feel exciting.

We have been incredibly supported on this project by a number of funders including major funder Enjoolata Foundation and other local funders East Brighton Trust and CHOMP. We also partnered with two other charities to help deliver this project; Sals Shoes who provided six boxes of brand new school shoes and PE trainers; and Brighton charity Smarter Uniforms who helped supply preloved uniform items.








Through the initial trial we supported 199 children from September to December 2021 with uniform packs and learnt a lot – such as 10 year old children can be wearing 14 year old size clothing! Feedback has been incredibly positive and we will look to continue this project next year and explore ways to slowly expand the offer to include more schools given there are 67 primary schools in Brighton & Hove.

"Your a star for this. I've just started work after being unemployed 6 months so this month's a low money month. So thank you so much."
Mum helped with uniform

"All the families that have received their parcels were completely blown away by the quality of the items and the generosity of Pelican Parcels. We cannot begin to thank you and your team for your amazing gifts."
St Marks CE School Headmistress

"Sincerely, your wonderful gifts are not only a godsend to our parents and carers but also strengthens our relationships and communication with them." Home/School Partnership Manager, St Mark's CE (Aided) Primary School

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Secret Santa Campaign

This year, despite having moved just four weeks before Christmas, the team worked incredibly hard to deliver a special Christmas campaign for local families. We partnered with local toy shops Daisy Daisy, Meg & Milo, Timeless Toys, Whirligig








and Wigwam, to encourage families supporting us to shop locally and support our local economy as we recover from the pandemic. These five local toys shops worked with us giving people a chance to buy in store, online and donating a percentage extra on top of all purchases.

Some local companies also supported our campaign, in particular Star Properties whose staff gave generously, plus they helped by offering extra storage for our gifts and collections, whilst we moved premises.

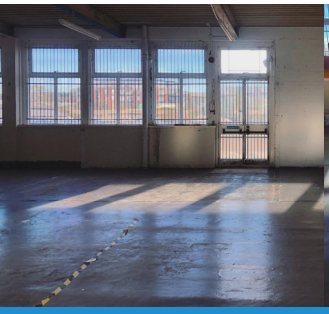
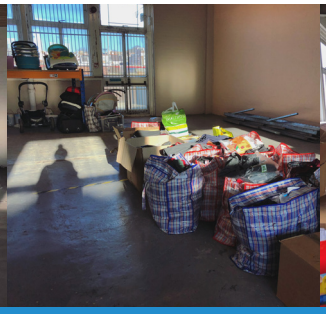
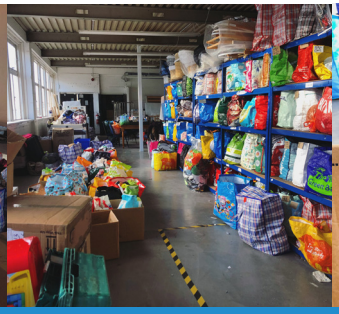
Local support for our Secret Santa campaign enabled us to give out 1071 wonderful Christmas parcels of toys, books and games, totalling around 3,000 items with an estimated retail value of at least £35k.

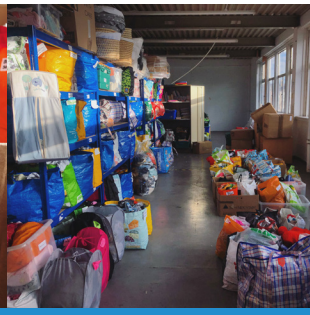
"...me and my son would have really struggled but because of the kind donations we had the best Christmas we have ever had. It made our first Christmas alone more special. My son loved his Spiderman glove toy thingy, he wouldn't take it off!" Family helped via Fresh Start Community Association

"I just wanted to say thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas gifts you gave for a young boy I have been working with, including a gift for Mum too. Mum was absolutely delighted when I gave the presents from you to her and wanted me to pass on her thanks. These gifts will have made a real difference to this family and are much appreciated." School Staff Nurse, Brighton General Hospital

The Big Move

In mid-November 2021 we moved to our new premises and quadrupled our space. It wasn't without complications (5 days with no power!) and moving so close to our Christmas campaign was challenging, but we made it happen and by the March financial year end although still developing, it has taken shape and we can all see the potential.

This new space gives us the opportunities to respond to families' requests more quickly as we will be able to hold more stock – in particular of larger items like beds and buggies and to pre-make more clothing packs. We are looking forward to the possibilities this will offer in 2022.

Our Award







Pelican Parcels trustee and co-founder Shelley Bennett was nominated as a Community Hero at the Sussex Business Awards and won the charity's first award in December. Having our work celebrated and acknowledged by so many businesses in Sussex was a real highlight and a great way to end 2021.



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Our financial overview

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Key expenditure for the charity includes the premises costs, insurances and new/ replacement items for families which currently are growing line with income.

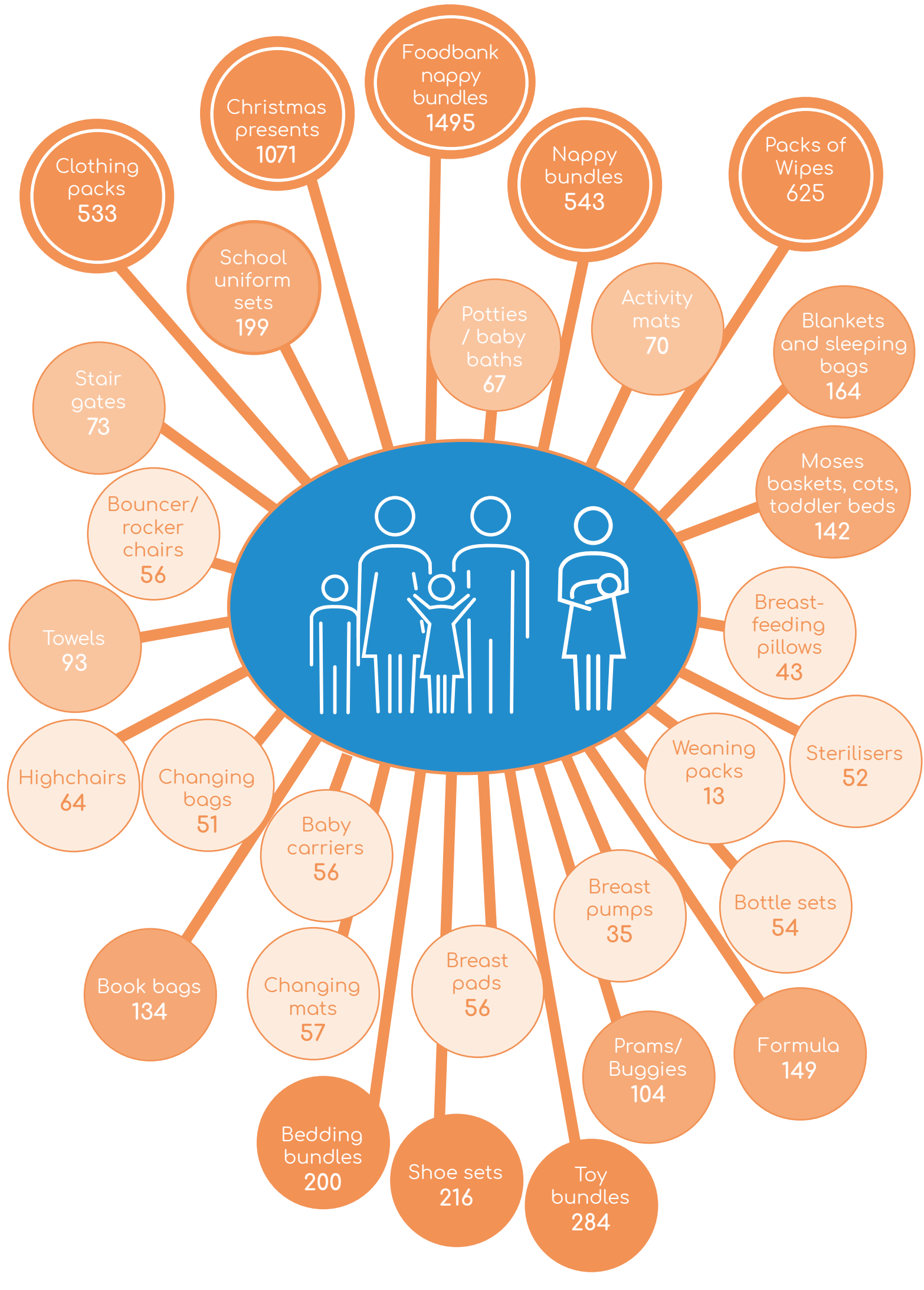







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Receipts				
Trusts and Foundations	23,300	13,650	36,950	4,160
Local Councils	10,000	6,348	16,348	19,000
Corporate supporters	3,902		3,902	1,124
Fundraising events	156		156	
Individual donations	10,133		10,133	12,028
Gift aid	4,771		4,771	
Rent refund	2,678		2,678	
Total receipts	54,940	19,998	74,938	36,312
Payments				
Rent	15,805		15,805	12,000
Additional storage	904		904	441
Fundraising	2,833		2,833	1,402
Utilities and insurance	2,468		2,468	1,020
Office expenses	471		471	358
Office maintenance and repairs	1,278		1,278	493
Packaging (referral bags)	1,188		1,188	922
Moving costs	1,015	1,360	2,375	540
Warehouse equipment and racking	1,890	1,835	3,725	
Volunteer costs	1,032		1,032	
Mattresses	1,718	1,640	3,358	1,313
Stairgates and child safety equipment	854	270	1,124	
Toys and books	597	164	761	
Clothing and bedding	336	394	731	1,064
Formula	415	104	519	432
Nappies, hygiene and wipes	1,999	4,776	6,775	4,783
School uniform project		6,455	6,455	
Total payments	37,767	14,035	51,802	24,768
Net of receipts/(payments)	17,173	5,963	23,135	11,544
Cash funds – last year end	20,897		20,897	9,354
Cash funds – this year end	38,070	5,963	44,033	20,897

Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2022			
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
Cash funds	Bank balance	36,710	7,323
Total cash funds			
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
Other monetary assets	Rental deposit	6,250	6,250
Investment assets	Details – Not applicable		
Assets retained for the charity's own use	Furniture/ racking/ white goods/ electrical goods	Fund to which asset belongs 1,890	Fund to which asset belongs: 1,835
Liabilities	Details – Not applicable		


Foodbank nappy bundles 1495
Christmas presents 1071
Clothing packs 533
Nappy bundles 543
Packs of Wipes 625
School uniform sets 199
Potties / baby baths 67
Activity mats 70
Blankets and sleeping bags 164
Stair gates 73
Moses baskets, cots, toddler beds 142
Bouncer/ rocker chairs 56
Breast-feeding pillows 43
Towels 93
Weaning packs 13
Sterilisers 52
Highchairs 64
Changing bags 51
Baby carriers 56
Breast pumps 35
Bottle sets 54
Book bags 134
Changing mats 57
Breast pads 56
Prams/ Buggies 104
Formula 149
Bedding bundles 200
Shoe sets 216
Toy bundles 284

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Pelican Parcels

I report of the accounts of Pelican Parcels for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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Signed: Amanda F

Name: Amanda Foon, 19 November 2022

Relevant professional qualification or body: Charted Accountants ANZ

Address: 41 Hythe Road Brighton BN1 6JR

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England & Wales - Charity number 1179866

Accounts

Pelican Parcels

Annual Report

April 2020 – March 2021

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Pelican Parcels is a registered charity (no. 1179866) which takes new and pre-loved items for babies and children up to age 10 – equipment, clothes, furniture, books and toys – and distributes them to disadvantaged and vulnerable families in Brighton and Hove free of charge.

Various factors contribute to a family's need for help and Pelican Parcels is there to support in that time of need.

Child poverty is a growing problem affecting more than 4 million children in the UK and the proportion of the population living in poverty continues to grow. This situation has been worsened by the coronavirus pandemic across the last year. The impact of poverty on children's health and educational outcomes is well documented. Lifetime earnings for children raised in poverty are significantly lower, as are their prospects for employment. Children brought up in poverty are more likely to raise their own children in poverty.

End Child Poverty estimated in 2018 that between 24 and 32.7% of children in Brighton and Hove were living in poverty after housing costs. Certain boroughs in Brighton & Hove are in the top ten per cent most income deprived areas in England. The portion of children receiving free school meals (FSM) varies considerably across the city but reaches over 62% in areas.







The ‘pandemic’ year at Pelican Parcels

As the pandemic and first lockdown began it added complications for Pelican Parcels’ operations and many adjustments needed to be made as to how we operated and how we supported our families. During the initial lockdown, we managed to run a reduced service helping purely emergency referrals, then by July were able to reopen in a limited capacity to have limited volunteers rejoin the office to begin to expand the service again.

During the lockdown we changed our operation model to try and support families in new ways.

We received some key funding from National Lottery and also from the Sussex Community Foundation Crisis Fund, which enabled us to develop operations. We were able to work more closely with local foodbanks and home schooling children to support families and children who were really struggling in the pandemic.

“Just a quick note to say thank you for the donation – all our families got the right sized nappies this week! We were also able to respond to an urgent request from a mother and 4 month old who hadn’t eaten for a couple of days...” **Voices in Exiles foodbank**

In addition to working with foodbanks, we reached out to primary schools across Brighton & Hove, to look at what additional support we could help provide to those families home schooling children. Several schools told us that books, writing and drawing materials as well as any arts and craft activities would be useful, as given the sudden nature of children being told to stay home, many families had nothing at home and couldn’t afford these items.

Pelican Parcels put together Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 packs for children and distributed nearly 200 of these. Each pack included 2-3 age appropriate reading books, a selection of pens, crayons, pencils, paper and an arts/craft activity.







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As the charity has gained a strong reputation locally and the pandemic has added to the need locally we have seen our service demand more than double in the last 12 months and that trend seems set to continue. We have continued to work hard to connect with local charities, health and social care workers, midwives and hospital staff in order to be able to support local families needing the basics and are working with over 25 local partner organisations.

"Thank you everyone at Pelican Parcels. -You offer an amazing service. As a midwife I am the person that sees the hope, the reassurance, the belief that people do really care. It means so much more than the material items you provide." **Midwife**

We always pride ourselves on giving the best quality to our families, checking everything and cleaning items to ensure they are the kind of items we would happily put our own children in or give them to play with.

It has been a busy time helping over 3000 children and pregnant mums; 1000 directly through our service, 1000 children have been given a week's worth of nappies via foodbanks and 1028 children were given a Christmas parcel containing 2-3 new gifts.

We get positive feedback from families and referrers and if ever something isn't quite right we work hard to fix that immediately to ensure that everyone we're working with feels that our service is a help.



"Your support is life changing, not just because of the practical things received but because of the message it carries. They know someone cares, there is hope and kindness. For some that message means everything." Moulsecoomb Children's Centre Social Worker

"I would like to say thank you for the parcel – my son is very pleased with it all." Dad, supported

"Thank you sooo sooo much for my pelican parcel today xxx love you all lots." Allie, mum, supported

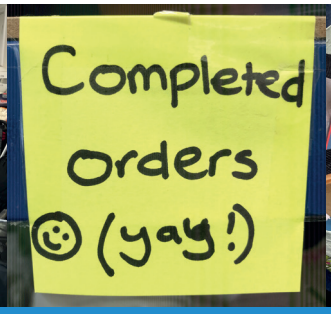
"Hi, I got the things you sent to me. They are awesome. I can't thank you enough for your help so far. You are amazing." Mum, supported

"Thank you so much you are life savers." Mum given a cot for baby

And it's the team of enormously dedicated, good hearted and efficient volunteers who make all this possible, especially when we had to cut back the volunteer numbers to ensure safe working in the office. A charity like ours doesn't work without their generosity and giving so much of their time for free.

"Being part of the team at Pelican Parcels is so rewarding and fulfilling. Every one of us share the same values and work together to achieve our goals of making somebody's life just a little bit better. I feel so proud to be part of an incredible team." Lyn, a volunteer





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Gift Aid	501	0	501	2,313
Total receipts	26,613	10,200	36,813	18,170
Payments				
Rent	12,000		12,000	12,000
Utilities, insurance and office costs	312.4	1,558.84	1,871.24	753
Moving costs		540	540	0
Storage		441.16	441.16	0
Fundraiding	1,401.88		1,401.88	612
Packaging	921.6		921.6	446
Direct support to families			0	0
Nappies, hygiene and wipes		4,783.45	4,783.45	406
Clothing and bedding		1,064.14	1,064.14	35
Formula and nutrition		431.56	431.56	193
Mattresses	228.48	1,084.99	1,313.47	575
Total payments	15,928.5	8,840	24,768.5	15,020
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,684.5	1,360	12,044.5	3,150
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
Cash funds – last year end	9,353.63	0	9,353.63	6,204
Cash funds – this year end	20,038.13	1,360	21,398.13	9,354

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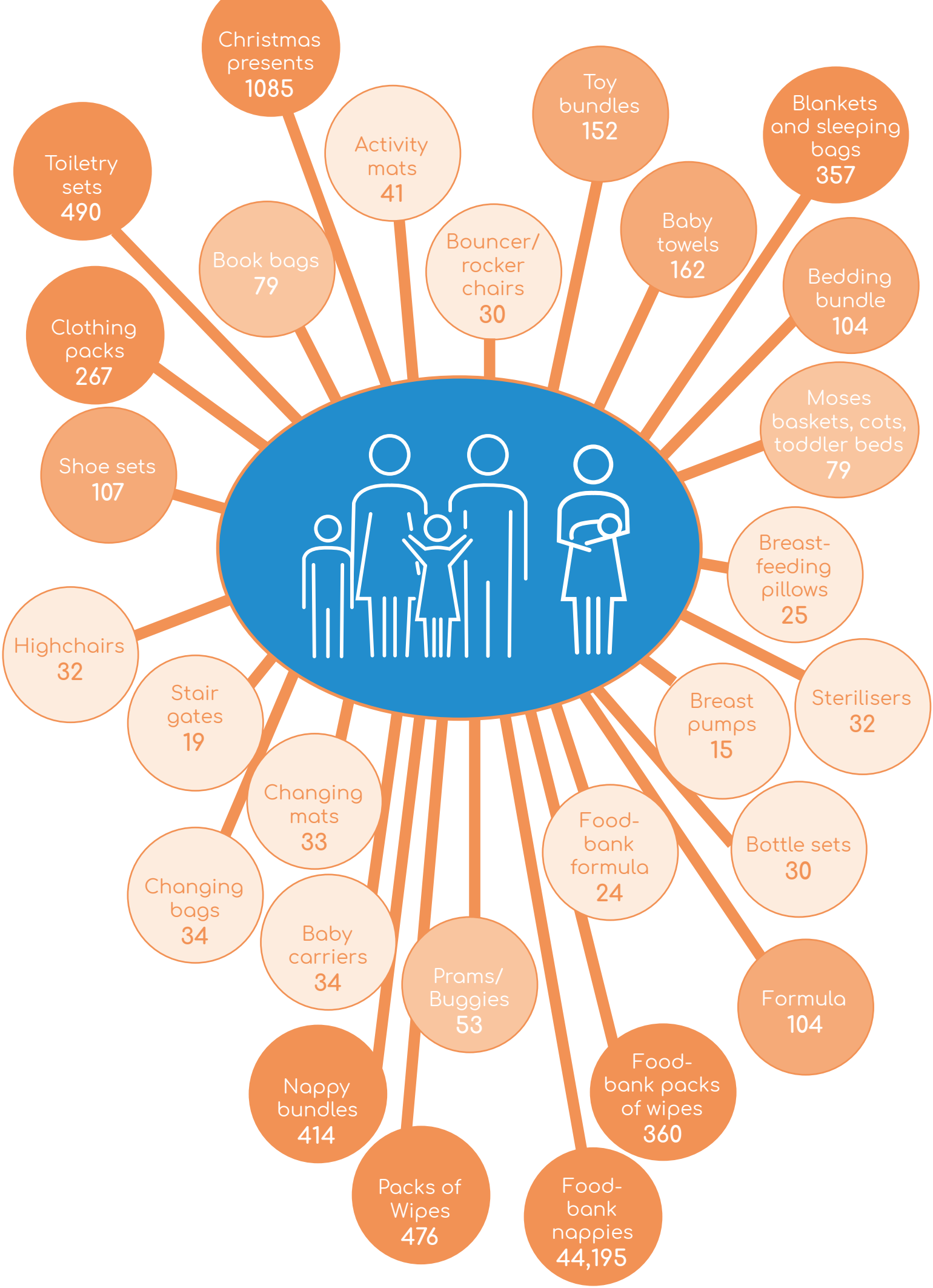
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