

# BABY BANK NETWORK EXETER

England & Wales · Charity number 1180848

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2018-11-26

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY IN THE UK IN PARTICULAR BY PROVIDING ITEMS AND SERVICES TO FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN AND/OR TO CHARITIES OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS WHO ALSO WORK TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY AMONGST FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN.

**Activities:** Baby Bank Network Exeter works to help alleviate child poverty in homes within a 30 mile radius of Exeter; to support families in need at times of financial and emotional stress. The organisation serves to bring together health care professionals, charities, local businesses and members of the public to address the relief of poverty at a local level.

## Classification

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

## Geography

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- Devon

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£59,056	£53,216	-	-
2024-03-31	£59,459	£35,374	-	-
2023-03-31	£20,843	£8,719	-	-
2022-03-31	£9,165	£7,906	-	-
2021-03-31	£12,985	£11,432	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Amanda Fulford		2018-11-12
Melanie Smith		2021-02-09
Stephen Buckell		2022-02-02
Victoria Jane Andrew		2023-05-02

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From April 2024 Period start date To April 2025 Period end date

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## Achievements and Performance

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<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>Now settled into the new work space with greater access to stock and volunteers, our time has been focused on continuing to reach as many families as possible and to provide them with the essential items needed to help their children to thrive. Sadly child poverty is deepening. 4.5 million children in the UK are living in relative poverty after housing costs, that's 31% of all children and rising from 4.3million in 2023.</p> <p>Even with the challenges of rising costs, funding uncertainty and growing demand we are proud that we have been able to accommodate older children much more this year, now we have the storage we can cater for children up to 16 years of age.</p> <p>We have supported 554 children through crisis in 2024, this is a 21.5% increase in the number of families we have helped compared to 2023.</p> <p>We continue to listen to the needs of our community and referral partners and run our projects to align with the changing needs. Our Christmas appeal continues to be a big success with 500+ children receiving gifts in 2024 on top of the essential bundle packs distributed. Likewise School uniforms have been a</p>

	<p>popular request.</p> <p>The number of professionals registering to use our service has increased by a staggering 24.5%.</p> <p>This year has been important in spreading the word about our charity and building relationships to get recognised for the positive impact we are having. We were finalists in The Exeter Sustainability Awards and The Princesshay Christmas Tree display. This recognition of our work has helped raise awareness and built new connections.</p> <p>This year we have invested in a social media manager as we appreciate that these platforms are our means of communicating with our community, bringing in donations and reaching those that need our help.</p> <p>We have built wonderful partnerships with Ikea and Tesco, who support our work by donating stock and we have become charity of the year for companies with more in the pipeline.</p> <p>Our mission to save waste is a vital part of our work and encouraging recycling has been used as lessons with school students and within extra curricular sessions where we have attended groups and led discussions.</p> <p>As we move forwards are plans are to do our best to keep up with demand so that it does not outpace our capacity. This will be focused around building awareness and seeking secure funding opportunities.</p> <p>We will continue to ease pressure on public services and drive sustainability through re-</p>
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<p>Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	
<p>A description of the principal risks facing the charity</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	

Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

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Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	There must be at least three charity trustees. Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a maximum term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	

Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Baby Bank Network Exeter
Other name the charity uses	Baby Bank Exeter
Registered charity number	1180848
Charity's principal address	15 Wiltshire Close, Exeter, Devon, EX4 1LU

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Melanie Smith	Treasurer		
2	Amanda Fulford	Chair		
3	Steve Buckell			
4	Vicki Andrew	Secretary		
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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

### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

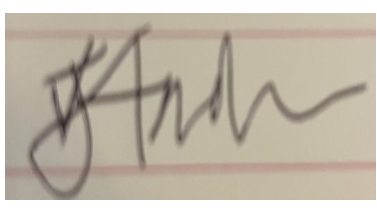
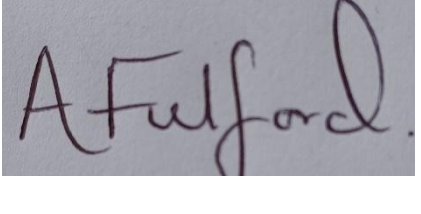
### Other optional information



## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	<b>Signature(s)</b>		
	<b>Full name(s)</b>	Victoria Andrew	Amanda Fulford
	<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Secretary	Chair
	<b>Date</b>	28/09/2025	



## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Apr-24	To	Apr-25
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants	4,300	47,786	-	52,086	41,890
Fundraising	481	-	-	481	336
Donations	4,118	-	-	4,118	14,411
Sponsorship	-	2,080	-	2,080	2,580
Interest	117	174	-	291	242
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>9,016</b>	<b>50,040</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,056</b>	<b>59,459</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>9,016</b>	<b>50,040</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,056</b>	<b>59,459</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Mattresses	-	2,080	-	2,080	202
Rent	974	18,226	-	19,200	15,800
Baby Essentials	41	10	-	51	321
Hub costs	531	192	-	723	940
Insurance	320	534	-	854	710
Bundle packaging	115	-	-	115	244
Storage costs	-	-	-	-	264
Salary costs	-	19,908	-	19,908	11,290
General expenses	890	81	-	971	842
Marketing and social media	1,973	127	-	2,100	900
Utilities	869	247	-	1,116	421
New volunteer costs	-	-	-	-	357
Project costs - Christmas appeal	27	-	-	27	197
Project costs - Small scale refurb	-	5,936	-	5,936	3,414
Events	135	-	-	135	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>5,875</b>	<b>47,341</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,216</b>	<b>35,374</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>5,875</b>	<b>47,341</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,216</b>	<b>35,374</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>3,141</b>	<b>2,699</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,840</b>	<b>24,085</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>26,925</b>	<b>26,688</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,613</b>	<b>29,528</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>30,066</b>	<b>29,387</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,453</b>	<b>53,613</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current account	30,010	1,542	-
	Savings account	-	27,845	-
	Petty cash	55	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>30,065</b>	<b>29,387</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
V.Andrew	Vicki Andrew	28/08/2025
A.Fulford	Amanda Fulford	<b>28/08/2025</b>



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees**

BABY BANK NETWORK EXETER

**On accounts for the year ended**

31 MARCH 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1180848

**Set out on pages**

*(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)*

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

**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**

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) 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.

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

**Signed:**

**Date:**

25/09/2025

**Name:**

Paul Benney

**Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):**

Chartered Accountant

**Address:**

WR Frost, Tourism House, Pynes Hill, Exeter, EX2 5WS

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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

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

[Empty box for disclosure details]

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		<p>Looking ahead to our future plans, we hope to continue to reach more families by building more connections with referral partners across Devon.</p> <p>We have made good progress with our Social Media presence and wish to continue this as it is vital to bringing in the all important donations and raising awareness.</p>
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Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	There must be at least three charity trustees. Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a maximum term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

### Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Baby Bank Network Exeter
Other name the charity uses	Baby Bank Exeter
Registered charity number	1180848
Charity's principal address	15 Wiltshire Close Exeter Devon EX4 1LU

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Melanie Smith	Treasurer		
2	Amanda Fulford	Chair		
3	Steve Buckell			
4	Vicki Andrew	Secretary	02/05/2023	
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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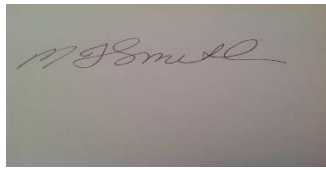
## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Melanie Smith	Amanda Fulford
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Treasurer	Chair
<b>Date</b>	23/09/24	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name <b>Baby Bank Network Exeter</b>	No (if any) 1180848
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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date Apr-23	To	Period end date Apr-24
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants	-	41,890	-	41,890	8,540
Fundraising	336	-	-	336	-
Donations	14,411	-	-	14,411	9,414
Sponsorship	-	2,580	-	2,580	2,880
Interest	242	-	-	242	9
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>14,989</b>	<b>44,470</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,459</b>	<b>20,843</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>14,989</b>	<b>44,470</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,459</b>	<b>20,843</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
	-	202	-	202	1,013
Rent	-	15,800	-	15,800	2,400
Baby Essentials	-	321	-	321	1,028
Hub costs	-	940	-	940	467
Insurance	-	710	-	710	129
Bundle packaging	-	244	-	244	71
Storage costs	-	264	-	264	2,264
Salary costs	-	11,290	-	11,290	490
General expenses	-	842	-	842	342
Marketing and social media	-	900	-	900	-
Utilities	-	421	-	421	-
New volunteer costs	-	357	-	357	-
Project costs - Christmas Appeal	-	197	-	197	515
Project costs - Refurb	-	3,414	-	3,414	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,374</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,374</b>	<b>8,719</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,374</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,374</b>	<b>8,719</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>14,989</b>	<b>9,096</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,085</b>	<b>12,124</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,936	17,592	-	29,528	17,404
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>26,925</b>	<b>26,688</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>53,613</b>	<b>29,528</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account	26,513	12,134	-
	Savings Account	345	14,554	-
	Petty Cash	67	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>26,925</b>	<b>26,688</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

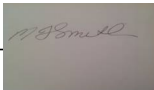
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Melanie Smith	9/10/24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

On accounts for the year ended  Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages  (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) 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.

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

Signed:

Date:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address:

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

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

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

**BABY BANK NETWORK EXETER**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180848

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/22 Period start date To 31/03/23 Period end date

Charity name: Baby Bank Network Exeter

Charity registration number: 1180848

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The prevention or relief of poverty in the UK in particular by providing items and services to families with young children and/or to charities or other organisations who also work to prevent or relieve poverty amongst families with young children.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The Baby Bank is a simple yet effective idea.</p> <p>We collect good quality pre-loved and new baby items donated by members of our community and then re-distribute them to families in need, free of charge, via a referral system through their health visitors, social workers or support workers.</p> <p>The results of our service reduce parental stress, anxiety, reduce financial burden and depression. Improving mental health and allowing parents the ability to focus on other aspects of home life, in turn improves living environments for babies and children, allowing them to thrive.</p> <p>We are aware that re-using items is more environmentally friendly than making new items all the time, so not only are we re-distributing resources from where they are abundant to where they are lacking, we are promoting sustainable living by reducing the volume of items being disposed.</p> <p>We also work closely with organisations like our local cloth nappy &amp; Sling library, supporting the work they do and enabling us to supply cloth nappies &amp; slings safely in our bundles. We support other re-use and recycling projects to ensure best practice and minimal waste like our local food bank and charity shops.</p>

		<p>We continue to have to buy some items from new including mattresses, bottle teats, nappies and toiletries and rely on the support of our community, businesses and funding and grants.</p> <p>We offer a school uniform bank for older siblings. It is so expensive to get a child all set for the start of a new school term, for those in good financial positions, but for those less fortunate it must be an extremely difficult time. Everyone wants to provide for their child and have them in the correct and often strict uniform requirements, to be the same as their friends and not open to possible frightening bullying and peer pressure.</p> <p>Our annual Christmas toy appeal project is a big piece of work that enables every child to enjoy Christmas no matter their families financial struggles. This time of year is a huge pressure and stress for some parents and we can help alleviate this burden a little, freeing up their finances to warm the house or buy the weekly food shop.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The board of trustees meet three times a year and full minutes are recorded. At these meetings trustees agree the main strategy and areas of activity for the charity and review the constitutional objects to ensure we are successfully benefitting the public.</p> <p>All trustees give up their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Baby Bank Exeter is entirely dependent on the commitment of our volunteers, who understand the needs of the local community and who are best placed to manage the daily organisation of the charity. They give their time freely every week, to ensure the charity responds promptly to the needs of local families with</p>

		good quality items. We have increased our volunteer numbers this year to enable us to open our hub for four days a week rather than just two. This offers a greater service and ore volunteering opportunities across the charity. We currently have 17 active volunteers contributing time across the week.
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>As we expected 2022-23 has been impacted by the Cost of living crisis and the Baby Bank have worked hard to continue to meet the referral requests and the need for donations and funding.</p> <p>Our referral rates have increased and as we came to the end of the financial year March 2023 saw our busiest ever month, with over 60 families supported.</p> <p>With an increase in demand and our volunteer capacity increased the Baby Bank has worked hard to manage its stock and storage space to ensure operations continue. The Christmas appeal was testing as we were unable to secure additional storage but as ever with the help of our community we completed the project with over 600 families receiving gifts. This project was a huge success with amazing support from so many including the Devon and Somerset Law Society who enabled us to reach our target.</p> <p><b>“Just wanted to thank you so much for all fantastic Christmas presents that I have distributed to approximately 20 families, They were all thrilled by what they received and cannot believe how well matched the presents are to their particular children’s needs. Not sure how Father Christmas manages this! You even manage to find something for older brothers and sisters so they don’t miss out either. You have really taken the pressure off these families and helped give then a great Christmas.”</b></p> <p>Another successful project is our ‘Sleep Safer’ project and this has seen us gain the support of The ‘Regional Development</p>

Fund' for a second year running to secure enough mattresses to last a year, ensuring every cot, cotbed and moses basket goes out with a brand new mattress.

**“The little boy today was so so happy about his new bed it nearly made me cry! (His old one was covered in mould from damp in their flat)**

**Your team do all the hard work behind the scenes and don't see these special parts and I just wanted to share our gratitude to you all”**

We have worked closely this year with Refugee Support Devon helping those families resettling into the area. With regular bundles being sent out to a local hotel.

**“Thank you a lot and your team for such a beautiful thing for our kids. They are very happy. I really didn't know that they will so happy.**

**Your team's job is fabulous, and fruitful from different points of view.**

**Take care of yourself!**

**Creating from our family and Ukraine!”**

Another trust who have supported our work more than once are the Norman Family Trust, we are very grateful to them for funding is and for believing in the work we do, helping to make a difference to local families.

With 1022 families supported this year by the Baby Bank, 98 new referral partners and over 700 new social media followers our charity is very much in a time of growth. A Strategic Planning meeting has been scheduled for April 2023 and will allow our board of trustees with input from our volunteers and referral partners to look at a five year plan for Baby Bank Exeter, we know times are going to continue to be busy and our service is vital to so many. We anticipate our plan will path the to bringing all of our storage spaces under the one roof, to expand our stock levels, leading to a larger geographical reach across Devon, resulting in more families across Devon being helped through crisis.

**“I have used the babybank a few times as a family support worker. The resources you have provided have been so valuable for the families in need and the quick response to emails and gathering the items has been a**

		<p>godsend. Families I have supported through your great service have had baby baths, stairgates, moses basket, nappies and other goods. These have often prevented families feeling they cannot cope and has boosted their confidence that that community does care in times of need. I have collected items today and these have already been gratefully received. Your staff have always been friendly and helpful which makes your service even more enjoyable to use. Please keep up the good work.”</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Cash at bank on 31/03/23 was £29,528.00 in funds. The main financial risk to the charity is loss of funding from the local businesses, grants and reduced donations
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The funds are held to cover 18 months operational costs in the event of a loss of income and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>We are grateful to the following organisations for supporting our work this year with grants and funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Devon and Somerset Law Society</li> <li>• Normans Family Charitable Trust</li> <li>• The Regional Development Fund</li> <li>• Arnold Clarke</li> <li>• Amicus Law</li> <li>• Exeter Neonatal Unit</li> </ul> <p>We also are thankful to our committed sponsors who help to cover our charities overheads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Muddy Boots Child care</li> <li>• Toddler Sense Exeter</li> <li>• Munchkins Day Nursery</li> <li>• Little Ones childcare</li> <li>• Turtle Tots Exeter</li> <li>• The Baby Room</li> <li>• Thrifty Stork</li> <li>• VWS Exeter</li> <li>• Many Hands Brewery</li> <li>• Exeter Newborn studio</li> </ul>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	

Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution dating back to 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2018. Last reviewed February 2023.
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Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Exeter Baby Bank Network
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	<b>1180848</b>
Charity's principal address	15 Wiltshire Close Exeter Devon EX4 1LU



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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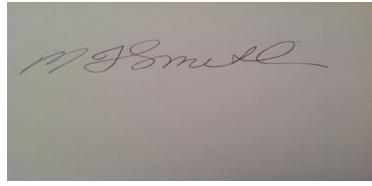
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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s) Melanie Smith

Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

14/11/23



## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

4/1/2022

To

3/31/2023

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants	-	8,540	-	8,540	4,500
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	20
Donations	9,414	-	-	9,414	1,305
Sponsorship	-	2,880	-	2,880	3,340
Interest	9	-	-	9	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>9,423</b>	<b>11,420</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,843</b>	<b>9,165</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>9,423</b>	<b>11,420</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,843</b>	<b>9,165</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Mattress costs	-	1,013	-	1,013	1,789
Rent	-	2,400	-	2,400	2,200
Delivery costs	-	-	-	-	152
Baby essentials	363	665	-	1,028	700
Hub costs	368	99	-	467	305
Insurance	129	-	-	129	126
Bundle packaging	52	19	-	71	54
Storage costs	126	2,138	-	2,264	1,692
Salary Costs	-	490	-	490	520
General expenses	216	126	-	342	202
Petty Cash expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Project costs	196	319	-	515	166
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>7,269</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,719</b>	<b>7,906</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>1,450</b>	<b>7,269</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,719</b>	<b>7,906</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>7,973</b>	<b>4,151</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,124</b>	<b>1,259</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>10,963</b>	<b>6,441</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,404</b>	<b>16,145</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>18,936</b>	<b>10,592</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,528</b>	<b>17,404</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current account	18,725	9,017	-
	Savings account	108	1,575	-
	Petty cash	103	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>18,936</b>	<b>10,592</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

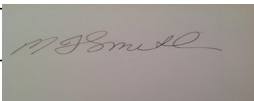
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Melanie Smith	14.11.23

**BABY BANK NETWORK EXETER**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180848

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/21 Period start date To 31/03/22 Period end date

Charity name: Baby Bank Network Exeter

Charity registration number: 1180848

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The prevention or relief of poverty in the UK in particular by providing items and services to families with young children and/or to charities or other organisations who also work to prevent or relieve poverty amongst families with young children.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The Baby Bank is a simple yet effective idea.</p> <p>We collect good quality pre-loved and new baby items donated by members of our community and then re-distribute them to families in need, free of charge, via a referral system through their health visitors, social workers or support workers.</p> <p>The results of our service reduce parental stress, anxiety, reduce financial burden and depression. Improving mental health and allowing parents the ability to focus on other aspects of home life, in turn improves living environments for babies and children, allowing them to thrive.</p> <p>We are aware that re-using items is more environmentally friendly than making new items all the time, so not only are we re-distributing resources from where they are abundant to where they are lacking, we are promoting sustainable living by reducing the volume of items being disposed.</p> <p>We also work closely with organisations like our local cloth nappy &amp; Sling library, supporting the work they do and enabling us to supply cloth nappies &amp; slings safely in our bundles. We support other re-use and recycling projects to ensure best practice and minimal waste like our local food bank and charity shops.</p>

		<p>We continue to have to buy some items from new including mattresses, bottle teats, nappies and toiletries and rely on the support of our community, businesses and funding and grants.</p> <p>We offer a school uniform bank for older siblings. It is so expensive to get a child all set for the start of a new school term, for those in good financial positions, but for those less fortunate it must be an extremely difficult time. Everyone wants to provide for their child and have them in the correct and often strict uniform requirements, to be the same as their friends and not open to possible frightening bullying and peer pressure.</p> <p>Our annual Christmas toy appeal project is a big piece of work that enables every child to enjoy Christmas no matter their families financial struggles. This time of year is a huge pressure and stress for some parents and we can help alleviate this burden a little, freeing up their finances to warm the house or buy the weekly food shop.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The board of trustees meet three times a year and full minutes are recorded. At these meetings trustees agree the main strategy and areas of activity for the charity and review the constitutional objects to ensure we are successfully benefitting the public.</p> <p>All trustees give up their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Baby Bank Exeter is entirely dependent on the commitment of our 8 regular volunteers, who understand the needs of the local community and who are best placed to manage the daily organisation of the charity. They give their time freely every week, to ensure the charity responds</p>

		promptly to the needs of local families with good quality items.
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p> <p>841 1143 33</p>	Para 1.20	<p>2021/22 has seen our steady recovery from the pandemic as our referral rates return to a more normal figure. We have continued some practices that were developed during covid with regards to appointment systems for drop off and collections.</p> <p>Our Christmas appeal showed the profound impact of the pandemic as we doubled our previous years data, providing over 400 children with Christmas presents. This 100% increase made us review how we managed the project and changes were made to encourage further support from our community where by our supporters provided us with a bag of gifts rather than just individual gifts. The response was phenomenal and we were overjoyed to successfully complete the appeal with every child receiving a bag of gifts packed with love and thought. Again positive learning came from this years project that we will carry on into future years.</p> <p><b><i>“Thank you so much for the beautiful bags which you made up for the family’s I work with. Your kindness, hard work and generosity is really appreciated, not just at Christmas but throughout the year. I have delivered one of the bags to a family and I wish that you could have seen the mother’s face, it totally lit up! I will be delivering to another family today and I know that it will be very gratefully received”. (Referral Partner)</i></b></p> <p>After losing a couple of our long term sponsors who supported us with a monthly donation towards buying new mattresses, we were thrilled to receive a grant from Exeter Food Bank through their ‘Regional Development Fund’ to support our ‘sleep safe’ project, this grant enabled us to purchase a whole year’s worth of mattresses and the storage costs to store</p>

the large quantities. Ensuring babies & children have a safe space to sleep.

This year we have benefited members of the public unable to provide for their families. We have provided donations to 669 families.

We have reached families in a wide geographical area of up to a 30 mile radius of our Hub.

***. “Can I just say a BIG THANK YOU. It is amazing what you have provided today for my Young Lady who has been given the keys to her flat today. You have made her day. Thank you so much for going above and beyond and especially thank you for including the stair gate I didn’t even ask for! She now has a bed for her little one and highchair and the clothes are amazing. She is really chuffed with the coat he can wear to school. I left her with a big smile on her face thanks to you” (Referral Partner)***

We have raised the profile of the charity through advertisements and social media feeds and now have 4038 followers on Facebook, the online community support us greatly with our donations and it is a valuable platform to the success of our charity.

We have increased the number of professional referrers by 70 this year, we are now working with 301 health care professionals across Exeter and surrounding areas, ensuring we reach more and more families and we are relieving the pressures not only for the families but for the government and local councils.

Some of our work more recently has been supporting the needs of the Ukrainian refugee families who are settling locally and their sponsors, we expect this work to carry on for some time into the next year.

***“Thank you a lot and your team for such a beautiful thing for my kids. They are very happy, I really didn’t know that they will so happy. Your team’s job is fabulous, and fruitful from different points of view.” (Ukrainian Family)***

		<p>We are also fully aware of the challenges that lie ahead during 2022/23 with the cost of living crisis that we are all facing. These pressures are going to throw the already struggling families in to situations of despair!</p> <p>We have noticed a slight decline in donations from the public, which we believe to be a reflection of people supporting separate Ukrainian appeals and the financial struggles many people are already facing in the cost of living crisis.</p> <p>We are preparing for referral requests to increase significantly along with the Christmas appeal and the decline in donations. We are considering volunteer capacity, space and resources.</p> <p>Questions amongst our trustees for our future vision are very much based around the growth of Baby Bank Exeter, what this may look like and what will be needed? How can we work collaboratively with other local organisations to better the lives of our most vulnerable families? How will we share our impact?</p> <p>We have been lucky to welcome a new trustee to our board this year who brings a wealth of experience and contacts in charitable organisations this will support the Baby Bank to grow and respond to the inevitable demand on our services. Already he has secured us a wonderful opportunity for 2022/23 with The Law Society to become their chosen charity of the year. This is certain to make a difference to the work we can achieve in 2022/23 for local families facing difficult times and will help us in our charity's vision for growth and development.</p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives		
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Cash at bank on 31/03/22 was £17503.73 in funds. The main financial risk to the charity is loss of funding from the local businesses, grants and reduced donations.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The funds are held to cover 18 months operational costs in the event of a loss of income and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution dating back to 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2018.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation Registered Charity number 1180848.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	There must be at least three charity trustees. Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a maximum term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Exeter Baby Bank Network
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	<b>1180848</b>
Charity's principal address	15 Wiltshire Close Exeter Devon EX4 1LU

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Kate Smith	Chair		
2	Melanie Smith	Treasurer		
3	Amanda Parsons	Secretary		
4	Steve Buckell		January 2022	
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>	A Parsons	M Smith
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Amanda Parsons	Melanie Smith
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Secretary	
<b>Date</b>	28.09.22	



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Charity Name \_\_\_\_\_ No (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from \_\_\_\_\_ Period start date 01/04/2021 To \_\_\_\_\_ Period end date 31/03/2022

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants	-	4,500	-	4,500	5,350
Fundraising	20	-	-	20	20
Donations	1,305	-	-	1,305	3,993
Sponsorship	-	3,340	-	3,340	3,660
Interest	-	-	-	-	2
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>1,325</b>	<b>7,840</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,165</b>	<b>12,985</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,325</b>	<b>7,840</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,165</b>	<b>12,985</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Mattress costs	-	1,789	-	1,789	994
Rent	-	2,200	-	2,200	1,400
Delivery costs	-	152	-	152	372
Baby essentials	-	700	-	700	3,180
Hub costs	-	305	-	305	905
Insurance	-	126	-	126	13
Bundle packaging	-	54	-	54	143
Storage costs	-	1,692	-	1,692	617
Salary Costs	-	520	-	520	3,285
General expenses	-	202	-	202	90
Petty Cash expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Project costs	-	166	-	166	433
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,906</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,906</b>	<b>11,432</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,906</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,906</b>	<b>11,432</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,325</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,259</b>	<b>1,553</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>9,638</b>	<b>6,507</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,145</b>	<b>14,592</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>10,963</b>	<b>6,441</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,404</b>	<b>16,145</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current account	10,835	4,376	-
	Savings account	100	2,065	-
	Petty cash	28	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>10,963</b>	<b>6,441</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	-	-	-
	-	-	-
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	-	-	-
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Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		-	-
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Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		-	-
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Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Kate Smith	13/07/2022

**BABY BANK NETWORK EXETER**

England & Wales - Charity number 1180848

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

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To

Period end date

Day

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31

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2021

## Section A

## Reference and administration details

Charity name

Baby Bank Network Exeter

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1180848

Charity's principal address

15 Wiltshire Close

St Thomas

Exeter

Postcode EX4 1LU

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Kate smith	Chair	09/02/21	
2	Melanie Smith	Treasurer	09/02/21	
3	Amanda Parsons	Secretary		
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	There must be at least three charity trustees. Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a maximum term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li> </ul>	<p>The board of trustees meet three times a year and full minutes are recorded. At these meetings trustees agree the main strategy and areas of activity for the charity and review the constitutional objects to ensure we are successfully benefitting the public. All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year.</p> <p>The day to day management of the charity and handling and processing of referrals is delegated to the charity Founder and Manager Kate Smith.</p> <p>The charity greatly relies on the hard work and generosity of volunteers who manage the donations and referrals.</p> <p>The charity works with a large number of local health and social professionals who provide referrals for families in needs of provisions.</p> <p>Local businesses sponsor the costs of rent, storage and essential purchases.</p>
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**Section C Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

When reviewing our impact and planning our activities for the year we keep in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Our Objective: The prevention or relief of poverty in the UK in particular by providing items and services to families with young children and/or to charities or other organisations who also work to prevent or relieve poverty amongst families with young children.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The Baby Bank is a simple yet effective idea.

We collect good quality pre-loved and new baby items donated by members of our community and then re-distribute them to families in need, free of charge, via a referral system through Health care professionals.(health visitors, social workers, support workers etc)

The results of our service reduce parental stress, anxiety, reduce financial burden and depression. Improving mental health and allowing parents the ability to focus on other aspects of home life, in turn improves living environments for babies and children, allowing them to thrive.

We are aware that re-using items is more environmentally friendly than making new items all the time, so not only are we re-distributing resources from where they are abundant to where they are lacking, we are promoting sustainable living by reducing the volume of items being disposed.

We also support other re-use and recycling projects to ensure best practice and minimal waste like our local food bank and charity shops.

Another service we offer is a school uniform bank for older siblings. It is so very expensive to get a child all set for the start of a new school term for those in good financial positions, but for those less fortunate it must be an extremely difficult time. Everyone wants to provide for their child and have them in the correct and often strict uniform requirements, to be the same as their friends and not open to possible frightening bullying and peer pressure.

We run a Christmas toy appeal each year to ensure families in financial struggles can enjoy a festive period, providing presents under the tree for their little ones.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We continue to be overwhelmed by the support of our local community, including the general public with their donations and from local businesses (often small themselves) who have offered monthly financial support to cover our rent and storage, free PAT testing to ensure all electrical items are re-distributed safely.

We continue to promote social inclusion and wellbeing by providing opportunities to volunteers, although during covid this has been restricted for their safety.

We have been fortunate over the past 12 months to have been supported by available covid pandemic funds from our city & County council, Tesco, Sylvia Adams & Devon Community Foundation.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

Along with the rest of the world, our charity has been impacted by the Covid pandemic. We managed to keep our service accessible throughout the lock down periods, but had to significantly change our ways of operating to continue to meet need, but keeping people safe and following government restrictions. This involved moving our hub to the charity founders home and working individually with minimal volunteers. Referral partners worked flexible with our plans to ensure families were reached.

Due to having to cancel our annual summer fundraising event we relied on small covid related grants and monetary donations to purchase baby essentials from new to save contact with the public and the need to quarantine donations. We used an amazon wishlist which the community used to help purchase the essentials also.

We supported a generous donator who wanted to provide food for families in need during the first lockdown, we worked with referral partners and the donator to reach over 20 families with weekly food shops.

Our referral figures did see a decline during the height of the pandemic as referral partners were not doing the face to face appointments and home visits, so need was not so identifiable.

As the pandemic/lockdowns have eased we have seen demand increase again and have returned to the hub, where again we have had to adapt our practices, introducing an appointment system for the drop off of donations to manage footfall and social distancing. This is a system that has really worked for us and one we will continue with long term.

This year we have benefited members of the public unable to provide for their families. We have provided donations to 292 families, plus 220 christmas referrals.

We have reached families in a wide geographical area of up to a 30 mile radius of our Hub.

We have raised the profile of the charity through advertisements and social media feeds and now have 3697 followers on Facebook, This community support us greatly with our donations and is a valuable platform to the success of our charity.

We have increased the number of professional referrers by 59 this year, we are now working with 239 health care professionals across Exeter and surrounding areas, ensuring we reach more families.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash at bank on 31/03/21 was £13,350.74 in funds. The main financial risk to the charity is loss of funding from the Council, local businesses, grants and reduced donations. The funds are held to cover 18 months operational costs in the event of a loss of income and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

For further information on financial elements of our charity ie funds spent and funds in, please refer to our treasurers report

## Section F

## Other optional information

Our focus for the charity over the forthcoming period is the Pandemic recovery and the increased need we will see in the community following the loss of income, employment and credits. We are expecting a surge in referrals as professionals resume face to face appointments and home visits and the impact begins to take its toll. We anticipate a christmas appeal on a much larger scale and will need to source a facility to house this project for the packaging and storage.

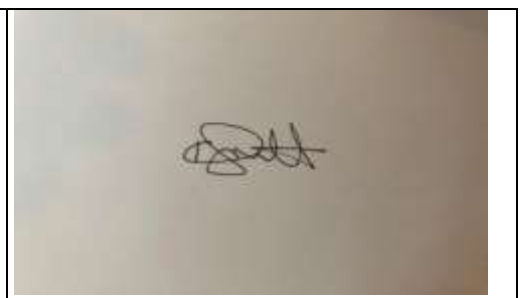
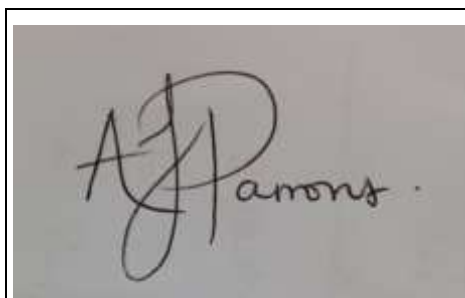
## Section G

## Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Amanda Parsons

Kate Smith

<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Secretary	Chair
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<b>Date</b>	11.11.21
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

BABY BANK NETWORK EXETER

On accounts for the year ended

31 MARCH 2021

Charity no (if any)

1180848

Set out on pages

CC 16 a (Pages (from 1 and 2) (delete the page numbers of additional sheets))

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021.

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below \*) 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.

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

Signed:

Date:

30/11/21

Name:

PETER MA BARTLETT FCA

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT - ICAEW

(if any):

Address:

**Section B Disclosure**

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

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



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Baby Bank Network Exeter

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/04/2020

To

31/03/2021

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants	-	5,350	-	5,350	19,162
Fundraising	20	-	-	20	1,797
Donations	3,993	-	-	3,993	853
Sponsorship	-	3,660	-	3,660	3,720
Interest	2	-	-	2	6
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</i>	3,975	9,010	-	12,985	25,538
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>3,975</b>	<b>9,010</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,985</b>	<b>25,538</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Mattresses costs	-	994	-	994	1,225
Rent	-	1,400	-	1,400	2,200
Delivery costs	-	372	-	372	580
Baby Essentials	-	3,180	-	3,180	509
Hub costs	-	905	-	905	308
Insurance	-	13	-	13	200
Bundle packaging	-	143	-	143	300
Storage costs	-	617	-	617	397
salary costs	-	3,285	-	3,285	4,130
General expenses	90	-	-	90	-
Petty cash expenses	-	-	-	-	110
Project costs	-	433	-	433	4,268
<i>Sub total</i>	90	11,342	-	11,432	14,227
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>11,342</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,432</b>	<b>14,227</b>
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	3,885	- 2,332	-	1,553	11,311
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,753	8,839	-	14,592	3,281
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	9,638	6,507	-	16,145	14,592

**Section D Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account	9,548	3,802	-
	Savings Account	8	2,705	-
	Petty Cash	82	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>9,638</b>	<b>6,507</b>	<b>-</b>

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

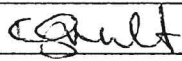
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	KATE SMITH	15/11/21