



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From April 2024 Period start date To April 2025 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 collect good quality pre loved and new baby items donated by members of our community and then redistribute them to families in need. This service is free of charge, via a referral system through their Midwives, social workers or support workers.</p> <p>The results of our service reduce parental stress, anxiety, reduce financial burden and depression.</p> <p>Improved mental health allows parents the ability to focus on other aspects of home life, in turn improving 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 redistributing 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 work closely with organisations like our local cloth nappy & Sling library, supporting the work they do and enabling us to supply cloth nappies & slings safely in our</p>

		<p>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. We also have core costs to fund to ensure we can continue our work.</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. 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.</p> <p>They give their time freely every week, to ensure the charity responds promptly to the</p>

		<p>needs of local families with good quality items.</p> <p>We currently have 18 active volunteers contributing time across the week.</p>
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>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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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 04/04/25 was £59,289 in funds. (£31,444 unrestricted and £27,845 restricted). The main financial risk to the charity is loss of funding from the local businesses, grants and reduced donations to cover our core costs.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The funds are held to cover 12-18 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	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<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"> • Normans Family Charitable Trust • The Arnold Clarke Community Fund • John Lewis Community Giving • The Regional Development Fund • The National Lottery – Awards for All • SD Solutions • Stage Coach • Baby Bank Alliance • Devon Vintage Cars • Feed • Exeter Round Table
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exeter Maternity and NNU • Postcode Lottery <p>We also are thankful to our committed sponsors who help to cover our charities overheads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emile Et Rose ● Little Ducklings ● Muddy Boots Childcare ● Toddler Sense Exeter ● Munchkins Day Nursery ● Little Ones childcare ● Turtle Tots Exeter ● The Baby Room ● Thrifty Stork ● VWS Exeter
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 26th November 2018. Last reviewed February 2025
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	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

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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)		

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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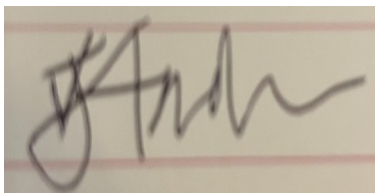
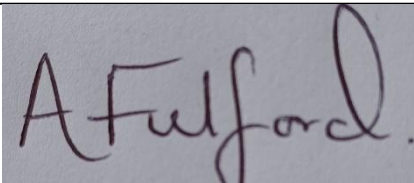
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

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



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Baby Bank Network Exeter

1180848

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Apr-24

To

Apr-25

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 £
A1 Receipts					
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
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	9,016	50,040	-	59,056	59,459
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,016	50,040	-	59,056	59,459
A3 Payments					
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	-
Sub total	5,875	47,341	-	53,216	35,374
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,875	47,341	-	53,216	35,374
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,141	2,699	-	5,840	24,085
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	26,925	26,688	-	53,613	29,528
Cash funds this year end	30,066	29,387	-	59,453	53,613

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	30,010	1,542	-
	Savings account	-	27,845	-
	Petty cash	55	-	-
	Total cash funds	30,065	29,387	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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	28/08/2025	



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.