

Registered Charity no. 1186640

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

31ST MARCH 2025

**FOR
BRIERLEY HILL BABYBANK**

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered charity number

1186640

Principal address

Unit 8 Darwin House, Second Avenue,
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Trustees

Amy Wootton – Chairperson
Lynne Hinton - Secretary
Jane Chesterman - Treasurer
Claire Franklin

Independent examiner

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**BRIERLEY HILL BABYBANK
TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Organisational structure

Brierley Hill Babybank is a registered charity, No. 1186640.

Governance and Management

Trustees are appointed by the Members at the AGM. Membership is by application and agreed by trustees to have a broad range of skills represented, in particular finance, health service professionals, and voluntary sector experience.

Objectives and activities

The principal objectives of the charity are:

The prevention or relief of poverty in Brierley Hill and the surrounding areas by providing essential items, resources, and support to families with young children and /or to charities or other organisations who also work to prevent or relieve poverty amongst families.

Achievements and Performance

Our trustees would like to thank everyone involved this year in supporting our charity, as we once again faced more increases in demand for our essential packs and support to parents and carers from 25 weeks of pregnancy and up to age 2.

We have continued to provide support through referral services for families in our immediate area within postcodes DY1-DY10 and B63-B65. We are very strict on a maximum of 3 packs per year so that we are not creating a dependency.

The National Lottery supported us by providing funding for our premises and two full-time roles which we are so very grateful for and a fund that ends very soon. May we express our thanks and hopes of future support.

Local Authority and Dudley Community Volunteering Service once again trusted us and offered Household Support Funding to ensure we had the essential items to those in financial need with items we may not get donated or identified as a local need.

BHBB in numbers:

Our top three areas for referrals were DY5 with 16% of our packs requested by that postcode, DY2 with 15.6% and DY1 with 15.3%.

We issued 743 packs in total for the year avoiding many items going to landfills whilst drawing in the community spirit and encouraging supporting others.

0–3-month packs remain at our highest needed size with 266 packs issued. The second most requested size is 18-24 months with 148 packs.

The professionals with the most referrals in our area were Community Midwives, Family Nurses and Health Visitors.

52 volunteers, which is lower than last year, giving 3 hours on average a week at a value of £12 per hour have been valued at £97,384. How lucky are we and what amazing support from our community and volunteer team that has made all this possible, enabling more time for other projects to be implemented.

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Achievements and Performance (cont.)

Our staff have completed a variety of courses and training from yearly Safeguarding, Adult and Paediatric First Aid, Parent and Infant Emotional Wellbeing, Counselling, Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Drug, Solvent and Alcohol abuse.

Our on site sensory room is helping the community come together and make connections, whilst also helping us to become more sustainable.

Working at a grassroots level enables us to build relationships and trust with families that are facing financial and emotional difficulties

Our referrals show that 47% of our packs go out for crisis and the other 53% are to work in a preventative measure to avoid crisis. We know that early help is often a preferred pathway, and we encourage families to plan where they are able.

We have been nominated for a variety of awards over the year, which is always so touching, and we are proud to say we won the main award for 2024 in creating strong families in our area. Well done to every single person who is a part of what we do.

Financial review

At 31st March 2025, the unrestricted and designated funds after transfers are £50,246.11 (2024: £26,969.63). Restricted fund balances after transfers total £1,857.80(2024: £9,159.78)

Reserves and reserves policy

The policy agreed by the trustees is to aim to hold in unrestricted reserves not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets (the 'free' reserves) sufficient to cover the general overhead expenses and salary costs not specifically funded by external agencies, for a period of six months. At this level, the trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. It would then be necessary to consider how the funding would be replaced or activities changed. The amount of 'free' reserves at 31st March 2025 amounts to £50,246.11 (2024 £26,969.63), and equates to approximately 6 months expenditure.

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Risk policy and review

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks that the charity faces and consider that they are adequately mitigated through insurance, strategic planning, policies, systems and procedures.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on



Amy Wootton
Chairperson of Trustees

and signed on their behalf by

21/10/2025

BRIERLEY HILL BABYBANK INDEPENDENT
EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report.

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts do not accord with those records.

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 proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date : 26/9/25

Brierley Hill BabyBank
Receipts and Payments Account
For the period from 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	46,443.53	6,387.00	2,600.00	55,430.53	36,201.37
Income from charitable activities	6,500.40	108,665.50	48,741.50	163,907.40	107,721.95
Other trading activities	13,222.17	-	-	13,222.17	3,298.93
Other income	459.00	-	3,660.00	4,119.00	237.50
Total Receipts	66,625.10	115,052.50	55,001.50	236,679.10	147,459.75
Payments					
Expenditure on charitable activities	40,818.50	115,953.92	63,312.27	220,084.69	156,080.81
Other expenditure	619.91	-	-	619.91	2,697.89
Total Payments	41,438.41	115,953.92	63,312.27	220,704.60	158,778.70
Excess of receipts over payments before transfer	25,186.69	(901.42)	(8,310.77)	15,974.50	(11,318.95)
Transfers:					
Gross transfers between funds - in	6,823.46	17,043.73	9,155.46	33,022.65	8,405.06
Gross transfers between funds - out	(18,302.94)	(6,573.04)	(8,146.67)	(33,022.65)	(8,405.06)
Excess of receipts over payments before other gains	13,707.21	9,569.27	(7,301.98)	15,974.50	(11,318.95)
Loan Repayment					(5,000.00)
Reconciliation of funds					
Excess of receipts over payments at beginning of the year	26,859.54	110.09	9,159.78	36,129.41	52,448.36
Excess of receipts over payments for the year	40,566.75	9,679.36	1,857.80	52,103.91	36,129.41

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As at: 31 March 2025

		General (Unrestricted)	Designated	Restricted	Total	Last year
		£	£	£	£	£
Cash Funds						
	Cash at Bank and In Hand	40,566.75	9,679.36	1,857.80	52,103.91	36,129.41
Total		40,566.75	9,679.36	1,857.80	52,103.91	36,129.41
Current Assets						
	Premises Deposit Held	10,350.00	-	-	10,350.00	10,350.00
	Gift Aid Recoverable	-	-	-	-	459.00
Total		10,350.00	-	-	10,350.00	10,809.00
Assets Retained for Charity's Own Use						
	Motor Vehicle (net book value)	11,250.00	-	-	11,250.00	4,000.00
Total		11,250.00	-	-	11,250.00	4,000.00
Net total assets		62,166.75	9,679.36	1,857.80	73,703.91	50,938.41

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Fund movement summary
Selected period: 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Fund	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Fund balances Carried forward £
Unrestricted					
General - General Fund	26,859.54	66,625.10	41,438.41	(11,479.48)	40,566.75
Sub-totals	26,859.54	66,625.10	41,438.41	(11,479.48)	40,566.75
Designated					
BCFB - Black Country Food Bank	-	500.00	500.76	0.76	-
CLENT Card Machine - CLENT SCIENCE CARD M/C	-	575.00	575.00	-	-
Clent Salaries - Clent Science Designated Salaries	110.09	-	-	(110.09)	-
HMRC Provision - HMRC Provision	-	-	-	2,500.00	2,500.00
HSF5 Delivery - HSF5 Delivery	-	500.00	153.04	(346.96)	-
HSF5 Essential - HSF5 Essential	-	34,500.00	34,998.53	498.53	-
HSF6 - Delivery - HSF6 - Delivery	-	1,000.00	158.07	(841.93)	-
HSF6 - Essentials - HSF6 - Essentials	-	29,000.00	29,900.79	900.79	-
MASONIC - MASONIC Salaries	-	2,800.00	2,112.01	(687.99)	-
MHT - Salaries - Magdalen Hospital Trust	-	700.00	-	(700.00)	-
Reaching Communities YR3 RENT	-	11,639.00	14,201.82	-	(2,562.82)
Reaching Communities YR3 SALARIES -	-	29,226.50	19,484.32	-	9,742.18
SALARIES - Salaries - Designated	-	1,612.00	13,869.58	12,257.58	-
SPEEDO MICK - SPEEDO MICK Salaries	-	3,000.00	-	(3,000.00)	-
Sub-totals	110.09	115,052.50	115,953.92	10,470.69	9,679.36
Restricted					
ASDA Vol - ASDA Col Fund Volunteer Expenses	104.19	-	105.46	1.27	-
FEEDGEN - Feed General	-	100.00	101.69	1.69	-
P2P Material & Equipment - Dudley CVS	-	233.00	1,145.09	912.09	-
P2P TAXI's - Dudley CVS	-	2,625.00	742.29	(1,882.71)	-
P2P Use of SENSORY ROOM - Dudley CVS -	-	693.00	-	(693.00)	-
P2P WAGES - DudleyCVS	-	832.00	520.00	(312.00)	-
Reaching Communities	9,055.59	44,258.50	49,697.74	(1,758.55)	1,857.80
New Van Fund	-	6,260.00	11,000.00	4,740.00	-
Sub-totals	9,159.78	55,001.50	63,312.27	1,008.79	1,857.80
Totals	36,129.41	236,679.10	220,704.60	(0.00)	52,103.91

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Fund movement summary

Selected period: 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Fund	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Fund balances Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted					
General - General Fund	15,715.40	37,746.75	33,381.97	6,779.36	26,859.54
Sub-totals	15,715.40	37,746.75	33,381.97	6,779.36	26,859.54
Designated					
ASDA Refreshments - ASDA Refreshments	117.63	-	131.26	13.63	-
Clent - FNP - Clent Science - FNP Cot Fund	-	1,000.00	957.66	(42.34)	-
Clent - PA Salary Fund - Clent Science	-	4,000.00	3,960.00	(40.00)	-
Clent Driver Driver Salary Fund	4,064.01	-	4,099.89	35.88	-
Clent Salaries - Clent Science Designated Salaries	-	5,000.00	4,368.91	(521.00)	110.09
Clent Science Fund	11,051.05	-	11,108.63	57.58	-
Sub-totals	15,232.69	10,000.00	24,626.35	(496.25)	110.09
Restricted					
ASDA Essentials - ASDA Col Fund Essential Items	-	550.00	548.87	(1.13)	-
ASDA Utilities - ASDA Col Fund Rent & Utilites	-	630.00	677.16	47.16	-
ASDA Vol - ASDA Col Fund Volunteer Expenses	-	342.00	237.81	-	104.19
DCVS -1001 DAYS - DCVS - 1001 DAYS	7,000.00	-	-	(7,000.00)	-
Eveson - Training - Eveson Trust - Training	454.40	-	620.00	165.60	-
FEED - Baby Milk Fund	-	250.00	251.75	1.75	-
GrowingDudley - DudleyCVS -Growing Up In Dudley	-	1,000.00	1,001.37	1.37	-
HofE Salaries - HofEng Propeties - Salaries Grant 1/8/2024	-	2,500.00	3,030.00	530.00	-
LA Household Support - Dudley MBC Household Support (LA)	-	9,000.00	9,005.03	5.03	-
Mazars - Mazars	-	500.00	466.47	(33.53)	-
Pram Fund - Dudley CVS Pram Fund	-	10,000.00	9,874.00	(126.00)	-
PSC Defib - Pedmore Sports Defib	-	1,238.00	1,294.80	56.80	-
PSC FA - Pedmore Sports First Aid	-	612.00	595.00	(17.00)	-
Reaching Communities - Reaching Communities - Lottery	12,045.87	67,341.00	70,271.16	(60.12)	9,055.59
Sir John - Sir John Middlemore	-	1,750.00	1,750.94	0.94	-
Turner Trust - Turner Trust Core Costs	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	-	-
Warmth Fund - DudleyCVS -Winter Warmth	-	4,000.00	4,146.02	146.02	-
Sub-totals	21,500.27	99,713.00	105,770.38	(6,283.11)	9,159.78
Totals	52,448.36	147,459.75	163,778.70	-	36,129.41

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NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

1 Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits

No remuneration or other benefits were paid to Trustees during the year (2024: £NIL)

2 Staff Costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries and Wages	88,428	74,755
NI Costs	785	501
Pension Costs	1,561	1,373
	<u>90,775</u>	<u>76,630</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 5 (2024: 4)

3 Related Party Transactions

Former Trustee, Tracey Tromans, is also a director of First Space 4 Finance Hub LTD

First Space 4 Finance were paid £256 (2024 £1,807) for accountancy services provided

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Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Total

		General	Designated	Restricted	This year	Last year
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies						
	1000 - Fundraising	26,119.41	-	-	26,119.41	14,867.50
	1200 - Donations	20,324.12	6,387.00	2,600.00	29,311.12	21,333.87
Donations and legacies Totals		46,443.53	6,387.00	2,600.00	55,430.53	36,201.37
Income from charitable activities						
	1100 - Grants	5,042.00	108,665.50	48,741.50	162,449.00	106,213.00
	1300 - Weigh In	1,458.40	-	-	1,458.40	1,043.95
	1400 - Events	-	-	-	-	465.00
Income from charitable activities Totals		6,500.40	108,665.50	48,741.50	163,907.40	107,721.95
Other trading activities	1502 - Sensory Room	13,222.17	-	-	13,222.17	3,298.93
Other trading activities Totals		13,222.17	-	-	13,222.17	3,298.93
Other Income	1600 - Gift Aid	459.00	-	-	459.00	237.50
	1650 - Miscellaneous	-	-	3,660.00	3,660.00	-
Other income Totals		459.00	-	3,660.00	4,119.00	237.50
Income and endowments: Grand totals		66,625.10	115,052.50	55,001.50	236,679.10	147,459.75
Expenditure on:						
Expenditure on charitable activities						
	2000 - Rent & Service Charges	-	14,201.82	13,881.10	28,082.92	25,902.24
	2010 - Repairs & Maintenance	1,764.76	-	-	1,764.76	1,401.08
	2100 - Utilities	6,133.12	-	-	6,133.12	6,270.93
	2200 - Telephone & Broadband	1,237.67	-	-	1,237.67	1,100.69
	2350 - Motoring Expenses	3,176.95	-	11,000.00	14,176.95	1,056.46
	2351 - Van Fuel	268.23	245.62	-	513.85	616.80
	2400 - Insurance	3,825.76	65.49	-	3,891.25	2,561.44
	2500 - Office Supplies & Sundries	1,654.10	-	-	1,654.10	1,158.70
	2505 - Volunteer Expenses & Refreshments	301.52	-	105.46	406.98	623.39
	2510 - Advertising & Promotion	603.60	-	-	603.60	399.00
	2550 - Misc Other	(12.47)	530.00	-	517.53	116.33
	2551 - Client Support	103.10	-	742.29	845.39	3,617.18

2554 - Sensory Room Mtls & Equip	165.16	-	1,145.09	1,310.25	-
2562 - DBS checks & Safeguarding	-	-	-	-	50.25
2600 - Office Furniture & Equipment	441.83	-	-	441.83	2,451.09
2650 - Licenses & Subscriptions	808.43	45.00	-	853.43	1,019.55
2700 - Stock & Essential Items	1,082.10	65,400.08	101.69	66,583.87	29,882.95
2800 - Events	45.00	-	-	45.00	88.00
2850 - Training & Staff Costs	247.32	-	-	247.32	1,135.00
3000 - Gross Pay	18,187.10	33,904.57	36,336.64	88,428.31	74,755.45
3010 - Employers' NI	-	785.16	-	785.16	501.16
3020 - Employers' Pension	785.22	776.18	-	1,561.40	1,373.12
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	40,818.50	115,953.92	63,312.27	220,084.69	156,080.81
Other expenditure					
2560 - Professional Fees	269.91	-	-	269.91	2,347.89
2561 - Independent Examiner	350.00	-	-	350.00	350.00
Other expenditure Totals	619.91	-	-	619.91	2,697.89
Expenditure Grand totals	41,438.41	115,953.92	63,312.27	220,704.60	158,778.70