



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Marys Child

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1187206

Charity's principal address

'The Rectory' 2 Rectory Gardens

Fletton

Peterborough

Postcode

PE2 8HN

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	Rev Carol Avery	Chair	Resigned Sept 2024	
2	Rev Andrew Avery			
3	Charlotte Walker		Resigned March 2024	
4	Jackie Ashley			
5	Lucy Canham	Treasurer	Resigned March 2024	
6	Rev Kenneth Clark	Vice Chair	Resigned March 2024	
7	Rev Charlotte Lloyd- Evans		Resigned March 2024	
8	John Mchattie		Resigned May 2024	
9	David Mote		Resigned March 2024	
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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

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
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

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How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

CIO

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

appointed by existing trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

As well as our Trustee Board, we are also blessed to have a Local Management Board, this comprises of local businesses, charities, volunteers, service users and residents. This board is headed by our Chief Operating Officer. This board is responsible for the operational side of the charity. They help us ensure that we meet the changing demands of our community and that we are not duplicating services.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The relief of financial hardship amongst people in Dartford and surrounding area or in other parts of the United Kingdom in such ways as the trustees from time to time think fit. But not exclusively by a) providing emergency food, essential toiletries, and household items to individuals and families in need or for distribution by charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty, b) such other means, including (but not limited to) the provision of support or signposting to relevant information and

other advisory services.

Over this last year 'Mary's Child' has responded to the needs of our communities in this very difficult time of a living cost crisis. Our relationships in the community and with local councils have enabled charity to respond to the needs as they arose, and as the community and councils etc. requested. Communities were still recovering from the pandemic. Our main referrals came through the local councils, Social Services, Targeted Help and local schools and individuals, in both Dartford and Peterborough. Hundreds of food parcels containing fresh and tinned/dried food have been delivered and many people have needed ongoing support as they found themselves in great need. As well as food we have had many requests for gas and electricity, blankets for those who were finding it hard to heat their homes, cleaning products, toiletries and clothes. We have now been able to start delivering furniture again. Additionally, we have been called upon for legal advice as people needed to claim new benefits or found themselves in difficulties with housing or relationships issues. This support has considerably reduced the stress of those who needed clarity and information, helping them personally and saving a great deal of money for the local authorities. The impact is a reduction in stress, improvement in self-worth and developing greater independence. The impact of the charity overall has been to relieve individual and family 'immediate' poverty, particularly food poverty.

In 2023 we had nine trustees. Four are based in Kent and five based in Peterborough, which included the two founders Rev Carol Avery BEM and Rev Andrew Avery. The idea was to have a balance of three trustees in both areas, and the Chair, (Rev Carol Avery) as the deciding vote. Mary's Child is set up as a Charity Incorporated Organisation.

Mary's Child ran over two areas, Peterborough and Kent. In Kent we provided food parcels and furniture for people in need. We also provided an IT hub, for people who needed to have access to a computer/ internet. In Peterborough, we also provided food parcels in and around the city. We continued to provide free legal advice in family law, welfare benefits and housing law. We also introduced a Family Support worker, to help individuals and families who needed one-on-one support. We ran holiday clubs for families over the school holiday. We run mother support groups, cooking demonstrations and community cafes. The aim of these extra activities is to tackle the isolation following the pandemic.

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)

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.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Included within activities above.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We keep three months running cost in reserves.

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.

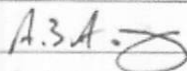
Financially, the two areas started to operate independently. This was due to the Kent trustees wanting to split the charity, however it was agreed that we would not split Marys Child, but instead we would agree not to operate in the Northwest Kent area and that the Kent based trustees would set up a new charity. We sought legal guidance and support to enable us to make these changes.

Section F Other optional information

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)	ANDREW JAMES AVERY	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	2 nd May 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Mary's Child

No (if any)
1187206

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2023

To

Period end date
31/12/2023

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Other receipts	2,394	-	-	2,394	-
Donations	36,267	-	-	36,267	-
Refunds	273	-	-	273	-
Bank interest	98	-	-	98	-
Grant and Fund income	19,400	49,830	-	69,230	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	58,432	49,830	-	108,262	75,293

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

Opening balance difference identified	2,454	-	-	2,454	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,454	-	-	2,454	-

Total receipts	60,886	49,830	-	110,716	75,293
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A3 Payments

Food parcels/Community café	9,053	25,884	-	34,937	-
Community investment (garden/hub etc)	-	3,045	-	3,045	-
Gas/Electric/Power	-	175	-	175	-
Staffing costs	15,668	7,502	-	23,170	-
Household Items for Family	578	-	-	578	-
Legal and fundraising	17,668	-	-	17,668	-
Travel expenses	387	51	-	438	-
Telephone	567	-	-	567	-
Internet/Web costs	538	-	-	538	-
Entertaining and events	1,509	-	-	1,509	-
Miscellaneous/Sundry	3,900	317	-	4,217	-
PPS	1,013	-	-	1,013	-
Administration costs	4,984	-	-	4,984	-
Advertising	317	-	-	317	-
Bank charges	308	-	-	308	-
Sports classes/equipment	0	1,865	-	1,865	-
Training	48	-	-	48	-
Kent	1,764	-	-	1,764	-
Immigration advice	794	-	-	794	-
Accounting	600	-	-	600	-
Fundraising	10,801	-	-	10,801	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	70,497	38,838	-	109,335	49,364

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	70,497	38,838	-	109,335	49,364
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<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	- 9,610	10,992	-	1,381	25,929
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	58,862	-	-	58,862	32,933
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	49,252	10,992	-	60,243	58,862

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	Total cash and bank	49,252	10,992	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	49,252	10,992	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	
	A. J. Avery	A. J. Avery	1.5.25	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Mary's Child

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1187206

Set out on pages

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(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 31/12/2023.

**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 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 (other than that disclosed below) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

G M Roger

Date:

2/5/2025

Name:

Gemma Roger

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

ICAEW

Address:

Moore, Rutland House

Minerva Business Park

Peterborough

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we were unable to complete our independent review work to review the accounts to the year ended December 2023 in time for the filing deadline of 31 October 2024. The work was not completed due to external circumstances and not due to record keeping or the availability of information requested.