



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 06	Month 04	Year 2023		Day 05	Month 04	Year 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Rainbow Baby Bank
Other names charity is known by	N/A
Registered charity number (if any)	1187710
Charity's principal address	19-21 Westgate
	Heckmondwike
	West Yorkshire
	Postcode WF16 0HE

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	Georgina Lucy Surtees	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	Georg-Ann Walker	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	Amel Bashford	N/A	N/A	N/A
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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
N/A	

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

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

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

N/A

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

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

Foundation Model Constitution

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

Trustee selection method is via the 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.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

The prevention or relief of poverty in Kirklees and the surrounding areas by providing: items to families in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty

**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)**

Rainbow Baby Bank provide disadvantaged families and mothers to be with essential baby equipment, nappies, toiletries, clothing upto 2 years, baby food and infant formula via external agency referral only.

Our service users are families experiencing poverty, domestic violence, asylum seekers, unemployment, housing issues, imprisonment and human trafficking/sexual exploitation.

The baby bank covers the whole of Kirklees which is an area of 408km2. A recent report by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation found that 35% of children are living in poverty in Kirklees and 12% of the communities are classed as being in the most deprived in England.

We are the only baby bank, in Kirklees, to offer a delivery service. We have a full-time driver who does our deliveries, it also means we can offer a collection service for any donations. Our external agencies have said how vital our delivery service is to them and their service users.

Alongside referrals for individuals, we also proudly support 5 domestic violence refuges in Dewsbury and Huddersfield.

We also support Palm Cove Society and Ashiana. Both organisations offer support to vulnerable refugees, victims of human trafficking, modern slavery, forced marriage and honour-based violence. In addition, we also support HMP New Hall Prison Mother & Baby Unit.

We have a small Community Hub situated within the baby bank offering signposting, discrete collections, drop-in sessions run by outside agencies and community groups. Our hub is also a Safe Place.

Next door to the baby bank is our charity shop. This is in the heart of our community.

**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.

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

- In April 2023, we took the difficult decision to stop our clothing provision to children over the age of 5. In March 2024, we stopped our clothing provision to children over the age/size 18-24 months. We felt this was in the best interests of the charity enabling us to concentrate solely on babies and very young children.
- During the financial year Apr 23-24, we received 1,179 referrals. This was an increase of 10.4% compared to the same period in 22-23. This increase would have been significantly higher had we continued to provide older children's clothing. 34% of the families helped were referred via health visitors.
- We saw another increase in the different external agencies using and knowing about our service. This has included safeguarding leads from schools and the International New Arrivals Team, who are part of our local council.
- In May 23, we had to purchase a newer van. It was not financially viable to try and maintain our older van. A newer van meant increased fuel economy and less maintenance costs.
- We employ a full-time driver as 95% of our referrals are delivered direct to our service user's homes. We cover approx. 7,000 miles every year. We were fortunate to receive funding from the Postcode Lottery to cover our driver's salary.
- Our internal database has been updated again. We still have the facility to know immediately the number of beneficiaries, areas of delivery, external agencies supported, we now have the facility to know the number of children we have helped, how many are referrals for newborns and the number of nappies each family have received. We are extremely proud of our evaluation reporting.
- Our charity shop continues to help us to be more sustainable and promotes a circular fashion economy. The opening of our dedicated children's section upstairs has proved to be extremely popular especially with families experiencing working poverty who may be unable to access our service. Our shop is a vital source of self funding and is a vital connection to the local community.
- Since we opened our Community Hub in January 2023, we continue to offer this space for free to any organisation or community group. We have welcomed private sessions with DWP to help people experiencing anxiety or isolation. As our space is small and inviting, participants felt more at ease in neutral, welcoming surroundings. We have had open sessions with Community Plus, a local service that aims to help people to live healthier, happier lives and feel more able to look after themselves. Fresh Futures who came in to advise families about Healthy Start & Maternity Befrienders – part of the NHS advising expectant mothers who are new to our country. We were also involved in an Easter Egg Hunt with Brighter Grays – a local charity helping bereaved children.
- Our number of volunteers has increased. This is due to the increase in referrals and greater footfall in our charity shop. We also continue to welcome volunteers from local schools who are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh award.
- We are proud of our involvement with local schools. We visit the schools, explain about the baby bank and how they can help us. We have welcomed class visits where the children are always excited to bring in their donated items. The children are very enthusiastic and ask some very good questions.
- Our head trustee is an MSc in Nutrition with Public Health Management. Her main research was done around the benefits of

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

baby lead weaning and the different weaning styles. She compared the cost of providing a week's worth of baby home-made meals against the cost of providing a week's worth of baby pre-made jars. The cost saving was approx. £30 a week! Based on this evidence, we now provide every family, with a child of weaning age, with a brand-new hand blender. We are extremely proud of this as our findings have shown that families requiring the assistance of a baby bank, usually require the assistance of a food bank.

- We were delighted to receive three years funding from The National Lottery Community fund to cover our rent and the salary for our Baby Bank Manager
- We also now have an off-site storage area. This was offered by a local garage at a hugely discounted rate for the space available. We can now store more items and are able to respond to crisis situations quickly and efficiently.
- We are extremely fortunate to be well supported by two local mattress manufacturers who provide some of our cot & cot bed mattresses free of charge.
- In summary, 23-24 has been a challenging but rewarding year. Regrettably we were unable to commit to attending fundraising events due to unfortunate circumstances out of our control.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

We should always have, in reserve, enough to cover rent, utilities and one month's wages/sessional rates.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

Zero

### 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.

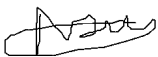
## Section F

## Other optional information

Section GDeclaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Georgina Lucy Surtees	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Head Trustee	
Date	28/01/25	



## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
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06/04/2023

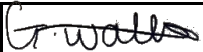
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05/04/2024

### 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>					
Trade Sales	49,191	-	-	49,191	59,208
Funding	53,265	-	-	53,265	71,042
Donations/Fundraising	19,014	-	-	19,014	10,113
Weigh Ins	8,754	-	-	8,754	12,517
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>130,224</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>130,224</b>	<b>152,880</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Vehicle Loan	17,000	-	-	17,000	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>147,224</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>147,224</b>	<b>152,880</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Purchases (or COGS)	8,842	-	-	8,842	22,336
Direct Costs	35,089	-	-	35,089	35,757
Accountancy	705	-	-	705	708
Bank Interest	227	-	-	227	409
Card Machine Fees	475	-	-	475	437
Cleaning	3	-	-	3	155
Council Tax	1,509	-	-	1,509	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	2,956
Insurance	2,900	-	-	2,900	2,816
Light & Heat	2,524	-	-	2,524	1,913
Printing, postage & stationary	64	-	-	64	1,442
Professional Fees	471	-	-	471	1,363
Repairs & maintenance	-	-	-	-	3,660
Rent	12,667	-	-	12,667	12,999
Stall Hire	92	-	-	92	60
Telecommunications	797	-	-	797	809
Water Rates	437	-	-	437	315
Vehicle fuel & running costs	2,930	-	-	2,930	6,106
Office and general expenses	151	-	-	151	590
Training	-	-	-	-	90
Travel expenses	-	-	-	-	339
Employer pension contributions	1,187	-	-	1,187	290
Vehicle purchase	20,995	-	-	20,995	-
Wages	58,811	-	-	58,811	39,394
PAYE payments	4,178	-	-	4,178	3,119
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>155,054</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>155,054</b>	<b>138,063</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Vehicle loan repayments	3,550	-	-	3,550	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>3,550</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,550</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>158,604</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>158,604</b>	<b>138,063</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 11,379</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 11,379</b>	<b>14,817</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>14,817</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,817</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>3,438</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,438</b>	<b>3,021</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>	Bank	2,446	-	-
	Cash at hand	992	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>3,438</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Vehicles	Tangible Assets	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Vehicle Loan	Current Liabilities	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			Georg-Ann Walker	24/01/2025



Charity Commission  
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Bootle  
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24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

To whom it may concern,

I can confirm that we have prepared the accounts for the charity "Rainbow Baby Bank" (charity number: 1187710), from the accounting records, information and explanations provided to us.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours faithfully,



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