

THE FOREST OF DEAN BABY BANK

England & Wales · Charity number 1189302

Details

Other names THE FOREST OF DEAN CHILDRENS CLOTHING CUPBOARD

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-05-01

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

Contact

Address Unit S5
Eastern United Business Park
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Cinderford
GL14 3AW

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Website <https://www.forestbabybank.org/>

Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE ORGANISATION SHALL BE TO RELIEVE POVERTY AND/OR FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OF FAMILIES IN THE FOREST OF DEAN BY PROVIDING EMERGENCY SUPPLIES OF BABY MILK, FOOD, NAPPIES AND OTHER ITEMS OF BABY EQUIPMENT, PROVIDING CHILDREN'S CLOTHES INCLUDING SCHOOL UNIFORM AS ARE AVAILABLE, AND PROVIDING ADVOCACY / ADVICE ON FAMILY MATTERS.

Activities: The Forest of Dean Baby Bank operates on a referral basis - local organisations such as HousingAssociations, Social Services, Schools & Nurseries refer children / families in need and we provide suchsupplies as we are able to meet their needs We also provide advocacy / advice on family matters

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Gloucestershire
- Monmouthshire

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-12-31 | £49,500 | £38,100 | - | - |
| 2024-12-31 | £62,000 | £65,000 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £59,986 | £56,250 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £45,381 | £41,513 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £8,542 | £9,611 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|-------------------------|-------|------------|
| Anne Lamacraft | Chair | 2025-04-03 |
| Asiza Tamar Tait | | 2020-05-01 |
| Christopher John Hedges | | 2020-05-01 |

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Accounts



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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

2025

The Forest of Dean Baby Bank

Registered Charity No. 1189302

Registered Address:

Unit 5, Eastern United Site, Ruspidge Road, Ruspidge, Cinderford, GL14 3AW

Trustees

- **Anne Lamacraft** – Chair and Safeguarding Officer
 - **Chris Hedges** – Secretary and Logistics Manager
 - **Asiza Tait** – Treasurer and Operations Manager
 - **Linda Grindle** – Communications Officer
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Objectives and Activities

Our Purpose

The Forest of Dean Baby Bank exists to support families across the Forest of Dean who are experiencing financial hardship. We provide essential baby items and equipment, alongside good-quality second-hand clothing for children from premature sizes up to 15 years. We also assist families with the cost of school uniform for both primary and secondary schools within the district.

Our Values

We are committed to equality, inclusion, and dignity. No individual or family is excluded from our services on the basis of age, gender, health or disability, pregnancy or maternity, sexuality, family status, ethnicity, culture, religion, belief, or financial means. We work in partnership with schools, GP surgeries, children's centres, health visitors, midwives, and social care professionals to ensure support is accessible to those who need it most.

How We Operate

The Baby Bank is entirely volunteer-led, with nine active volunteers supporting donation sorting, parcel preparation, and delivery where required. We have no paid staff. Volunteers are reimbursed for delivery mileage.

We do not undertake activities with children without their parent or carer present. Parents and carers remain responsible for their children's welfare at all times. Volunteers are supported within a clear organisational structure and are encouraged to use their initiative. Our volunteers are essential to the success of the charity.

Review of the Year 2025

Funding and Financial Support

During the year, we received grant funding from Forest of Dean District Council, Save the Children, the Tesco Groundwork Fund, and the Co-operative Fund.

Forest of Dean District Council again entrusted us with Household Support Funding. Two grants were awarded: one covering May–August 2025 and a second covering January–March 2026. Funds were received in December 2025 and are reflected in this year’s accounts. As in previous years, Tesco Corporate Gift Cards were used to distribute the food support element of this funding.

Support Provided

Demand for our services continued to increase throughout the year. We spent over £9,000 supporting families with school uniform costs, reflecting a significant rise in the number of secondary school pupils assisted, where uniform items are often compulsory and supplier-restricted.

In addition, we distributed over £12,000 in grocery vouchers to hundreds of families. Rising food costs continue to place significant pressure on household budgets, and this support remains vital.

New Initiatives

In 2025, we expanded our outreach by visiting baby and toddler groups across the Forest of Dean. These visits enabled direct engagement with parents, the distribution of essential items such as nappies, wipes, toiletries, and baby food, and increased awareness of the Baby Bank’s services. This approach has proved highly effective and will continue, with seasonal visits planned to ensure families can access appropriate clothing year-round.

We also hosted three Pop-Up Shops in partnership with FVAF volunteers. These events were very well attended and will be developed further in the coming year.

Fundraising

Fundraising activity increased significantly during the year under the leadership of the Chair. Through community engagement, including raffles, pub quizzes, and donation points placed across the Forest of Dean, local businesses and residents have continued to show strong support for the Baby Bank. We are extremely grateful for this generosity, which enables us to respond to growing levels of need.

Service Demand and Growth

The number of parcels distributed has continued to rise year on year:

- 2020 – 272 parcels
- 2021 – 409 parcels
- 2022 – 573 parcels
- 2023 – 1,057 parcels
- 2024 – 1,283 parcels
- **2025 – 1,692 parcels**

Detailed monthly data on referrals, children supported, families assisted, and bundles distributed is provided in the table below, demonstrating sustained demand throughout the year.

Service Delivery and Impact

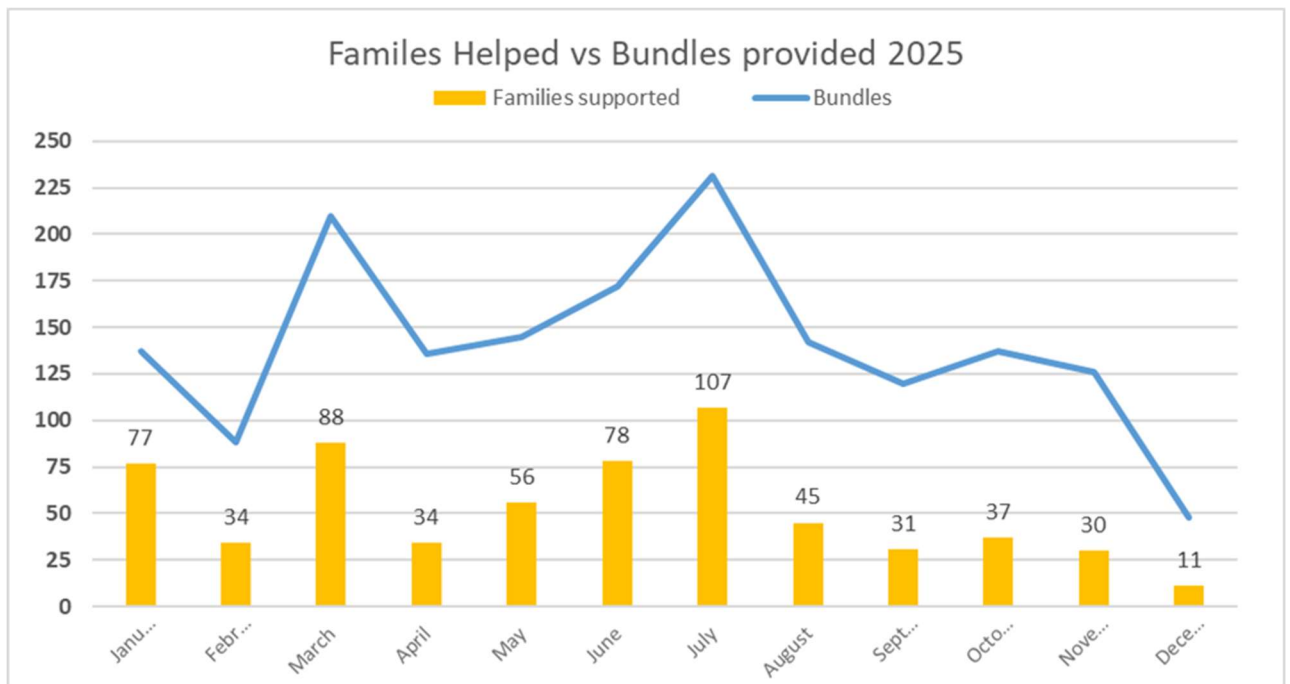
During 2025, the Forest of Dean Baby Bank supported a **total of 628 families**, providing essential items to **1,078 children** across the district. Support was delivered through **1,692 individual bundles**, reflecting sustained and growing demand for our services throughout the year.

Referrals were received from both **self-referring families** and **professional partners**, including schools, health services, and social care, demonstrating both community awareness of the service and strong confidence from statutory and voluntary sector referrers. Of the total referrals, **772 were self-referrals** and **386 were professional referrals**, highlighting the accessibility of our support while reinforcing its role as a trusted early-intervention service.

Monthly data shows consistent need across the year, with particularly high levels of demand during the summer and early autumn months, aligning with increased pressures linked to school holidays and the cost of school uniforms. The steady volume of support provided throughout the winter months further reflects the ongoing financial strain faced by families in the Forest of Dean.

This data evidences not only the **scale and reach** of the Baby Bank's work, but also its **responsiveness to local need**. Each bundle distributed represents timely, practical support that helps families meet essential needs, reduce financial stress, and improve outcomes for children.

| | Self Referred | Professionally Referred | Children | Families supported | Bundles |
|-----------|---------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| January | 62 | 21 | 107 | 77 | 137 |
| February | 50 | 4 | 57 | 34 | 88 |
| March | 98 | 26 | 136 | 88 | 210 |
| April | 74 | 6 | 63 | 34 | 136 |
| May | 66 | 50 | 141 | 56 | 145 |
| June | 64 | 83 | 135 | 78 | 172 |
| July | 100 | 88 | 188 | 107 | 231 |
| August | 75 | 30 | 81 | 45 | 142 |
| September | 53 | 17 | 55 | 31 | 120 |
| October | 46 | 38 | 58 | 37 | 137 |
| November | 50 | 21 | 41 | 30 | 126 |
| December | 34 | 2 | 16 | 11 | 48 |
| | 772 | 386 | 1078 | 628 | 1692 |



Conclusion

The Trustees believe that the Forest of Dean Baby Bank continues to meet its charitable objectives effectively and remains well-placed to respond to increasing levels of need within the community. We extend our sincere thanks to our volunteers, funders, partner organisations, and supporters for their continued commitment.

Yours sincerely

**The Trustees
Forest of Dean Baby Bank**

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Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

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

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Signed: **Date:**

Name:

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

Address:

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| Forest Lottery | 191.50 | |
| Cash Back Rec'd | 42.37 | |
| Vinted fundraising | 21.50 | |
| General Fundraising income | 88.01 | |
| | | 343.38 |
| MISCELLANEOUS INCOME | | |
| Miscellaneous receipts | | 606.10 |
| | | 49,535.57 |
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| EXPENSES | | |
| DIRECT COSTS | | |
| Baby Essentials | 5,012.07 | |
| Items bought for families | 2,244.87 | |
| Groceries bought for families | 12,777.51 | |
| Clothes and school uniform | 11,169.35 | |
| Toiletries (Children+Adult) | 1,056.68 | |
| Other Costs | 9.30 | |
| | | 32,269.78 |
| INDIRECT COSTS | | |
| Rent and Business Rates | 721.00 | |
| Repair & Maintenance | 156.15 | |
| Insurance | 320.00 | |
| Heat and Light | 510.50 | |
| Office Expenses | 880.27 | |
| Volunteer expenses | 855.62 | |
| Website | - | |
| Subscriptions | 159.79 | |
| Delivery Costs | 1,694.76 | |
| Donation to charity in lieu of audit | 50.00 | |
| Safeguarding costs | 31.70 | |
| Equipment | 442.13 | |
| | | 5,821.92 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | | 38,091.70 |
| NET SURPLUS/(LOSS) FOR PERIOD | | £11,443.87 |

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Signed: Derek Broom FCCA Date: 24/2/26

Name: DEREK BROOM

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANT

Address: Fairways, Lansdown Walk, BREAM
Glos GL15 6NE

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The Trustees:

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Our Objectives: To be a safety net to families in the Forest of Dean who are experiencing financial crisis. We provide needed baby essentials, including many different types of baby related equipment to families that need our help. We also help provide good quality second-hand clothes to families, from size premature baby all the way to 14-year-old children. Each year we help families obtain uniform for a range of primary and secondary schools in the Forest of Dean.

Our Core Beliefs: The Forest of Dean Baby Bank believes that no child, individual, or family should be excluded from the charity's activities on the grounds of age, gender, health or disability, pregnancy, maternity, sexuality, class, family status, means, ability, colour, ethnic origin, culture, religion, or belief. We aim to ensure that all who wish to work in, or volunteer to help with, our charity should have an equal chance to do so. We aim to create effective partnerships within all parts of our community, including schools, GP surgeries, children's centres, health visitors, midwives and social care to provide services that are accessible according to need.

How we accomplish our objectives: We have eight volunteers who assist with sorting our donations, packing parcels and delivering parcels when necessary. We have no paid employees, all our activities are run and managed by volunteers. We do recompense our volunteers for mileage when they do deliveries.

The organisation does not undertake activities with children in the absence of their parents/carers but could observe the young person's/children's welfare within their family setting. Parents/carers remain responsible for their children's welfare throughout all the work that we undertake to support them.

There is clear hierarchy where volunteers are encouraged to use their initiative and feel supported in their role. Our volunteers are a precious resource and without them we would not be able to provide the help that we do.

The Year 2024 in Review

Over this year we have received grants from Forest of Dean District Council, Save the Children, Arnold Clark, FEED, National Lottery and the GMCA

We used the FEED grant to supplement our expense of buying formula for families. In 2024 we spent £717.16 on formula, a small decrease from last year.

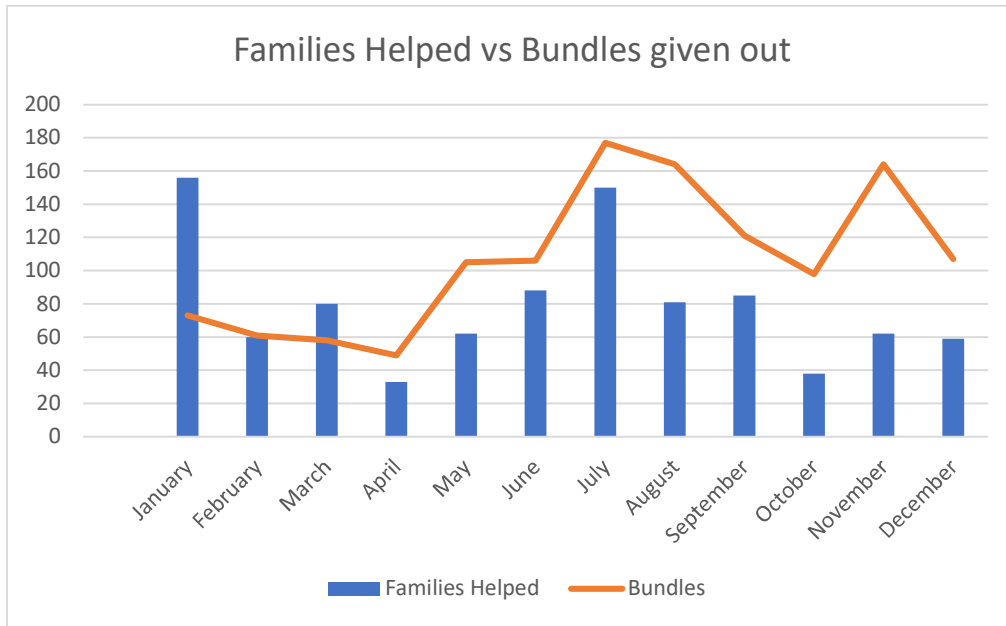
The Forest of Dean District Council entrusted us again with Household Support Funding. This grant was only for the July-September period. We distributed the food grant component via Tesco Corporate Gift cards as we did last year.

We spent over £9000 on buying school uniform for families. This increase is mainly due to assisting far more families to be able to afford secondary school uniform as there is several uniform items that are mandatory and can only be purchased from the Secondary School's stipulated supplier.

Over 2020 we provided 272 parcels, 2021 we provided 409, 2022 we provided 573, 2023 we provided 1057, this year the total is **1283**. Demand is only increasing in a historically deprived area.

| | Self- Referred | Professional Referral | Children Helped | Families Helped | Bundles |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| January | 84 | 80 | 357 | 156 | 73 |
| February | 97 | 28 | 277 | 60 | 61 |
| March | 89 | 56 | 281 | 80 | 58 |
| April | 21 | 12 | 43 | 33 | 49 |
| May | 32 | 45 | 89 | 62 | 105 |
| June | 31 | 68 | 113 | 88 | 106 |
| July | 99 | 69 | 330 | 150 | 177 |
| August | 80 | 57 | 306 | 81 | 164 |
| September | 99 | 57 | 270 | 85 | 121 |
| October | 24 | 27 | 78 | 38 | 98 |
| November | 74 | 17 | 165 | 62 | 164 |
| December | 43 | 32 | 118 | 59 | 107 |
| | 773 | 548 | 2427 | 954 | 1283 |
| Baby Bundles | 393 | | | | |
| Clothes Bundles | 699 | | | | |
| School Uniform Bundles | 191 | | | | |
| | 1283 | | | | |

Families helped versus bundles given out.



Yours Sincerely

**The Trustees
Forest of Dean Baby Bank**



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
The Forest of Dean Baby Bank

**On accounts for the 7
month period ended**

31st December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1189302

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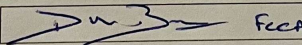
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Signed:

 FCCA

Date:

27th January 202~~4~~⁵

Name:

Derek Michael Broom FCCA

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

Chartered Certified Accountant

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| EXPENSES | | |
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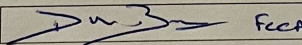
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The 2023 in Review

Over this year we have received grants from FEED, Lydney Town Council, Monmouthshire BSOC and the Forest of Dean District Council.

Our first grant from FEED was restricted to buying milk and food for babies. With the increased prices of formula there was a serious issue with parents being unable to afford the exorbitant prices. With media coverage and pressure for many sources the prices did stabilise, but for several months, families were pushed to approach charities for help to feed their babies. We spent £914.12 on purchasing formula for families. A huge increase from last year.

The Forest of Dean District Council entrusted us again with even larger amounts of Household Support Funding. These funds were restricted to buying food and clothes and other essentials over a preset time frame of July 2023 – March 2024. The funding was supposed to finish the end of March 2024, but it ended on the 21st of March 2024 due to high demand for help.

We used Tesco Corporate Gift cards again to distribute the funds for grocery help. We distributed about £28 000 in grocery vouchers and buying groceries for families. We spent over £8000 buying school uniform for families where our donated stock wasn't enough to meet the need. This year we dedicated a portion of the school uniform budget to helping with buying secondary school uniform, something we had not done before. This help was clearly needed as it was taken up immediately and many parents were really struggling with the high cost of mandatory secondary school uniform for their children just starting their first year of secondary school. We also spent close to £5000 on purchasing warm clothes, coats, pjs and slippers where our donated stock was not enough.

Over 2020 we provided 272 parcels, 2021 we provided 409, 2022 we provided 573. This year we provided **1057** a huge increase and a very clear demonstration of how families are really struggling with the cost-of-living crisis.

This year we joined the Baby Bank Alliance (an excerpt from their website at [About the Baby Bank Alliance — Baby Bank Alliance](#))

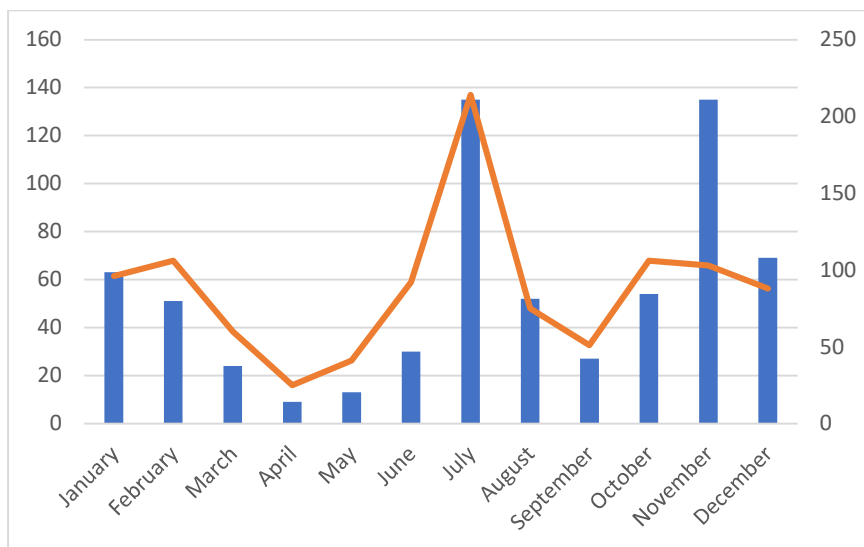
A national Baby Bank Alliance – so that baby banks can come together with one voice, boost the impact of the incredible support they offer across the country and share the stories of the families they support. We want to ensure that all baby banks can access the funding, goods, volunteers and practical support they need to be the most effective they can be. The founding Alliance board members are Baby Bank Network Bristol, Little Village, Save the Children and Purposeful Ventures; we will soon be expanding our board and Advisory Group to include additional baby bank leaders, ensuring that the Alliance is always run by and for the baby bank community.

The Baby Bank Alliance is jointly incubated by Purposeful Ventures and Save the Children.

In joining the Baby Bank Alliance, we are now including how many children we have helped in our statistics as that is a measure of data we need to report back to the BBA during yearly surveys.

| 2023 | Self- Referred | Referred | Families Helped | Children helped | Bundles |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| January | 55 | 22 | 63 | 109 | 96 |
| February | 64 | 18 | 51 | 127 | 106 |
| March | 37 | 10 | 24 | 77 | 60 |
| April | 13 | 5 | 9 | 22 | 25 |
| May | 23 | 6 | 13 | 39 | 41 |
| June | 37 | 14 | 30 | 69 | 92 |
| July | 122 | 25 | 135 | 256 | 214 |
| August | 77 | 12 | 52 | 162 | 75 |
| September | 48 | 16 | 27 | 67 | 51 |
| October | 38 | 18 | 54 | 85 | 106 |
| November | 85 | 54 | 135 | 276 | 103 |
| December | 82 | 33 | 69 | 245 | 88 |
| | 681 | 233 | 662 | 1534 | 1057 |
| Baby Bundles | | 230 | | | |
| Clothing Bundles | | 651 | | | |
| School Uniform Bundles | | 176 | | | |
| | | 1057 | | | |

Families helped versus bundles given out.



Yours Sincerely

**The Trustees
Forest of Dean Baby Bank**



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Rose's Way Foundation

1189623

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

6/1/2022

To

5/31/2023

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 £ |
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Donation | 6,320 | - | - | 6,320 | 10,764 |
| Merchandise Sales | 227 | - | - | 227 | 1,124 |
| Loans | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fundraising | 505 | - | - | 505 | 5,347 |
| Grants | - | - | - | - | - |
| Interest | 68 | - | - | 68 | 2 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 7,119 | - | - | 7,119 | 17,237 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 7,119 | - | - | 7,119 | 17,237 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Purchase of merchandise | 2,842.57 | - | - | 2,843 | 18,291 |
| Office Equipment | - | - | - | - | 2,041 |
| Repayment of loan | - | - | - | - | 1,994 |
| Donations | 3,501.00 | - | - | 3,501 | 1,848 |
| Software | 248.00 | - | - | 248 | 614 |
| Subscriptions | 103.88 | - | - | 104 | 48 |
| Postage | - | - | - | - | 37 |
| Marketing | 207.99 | - | - | 208 | 116 |
| Fees | 216.00 | - | - | 216 | 5 |
| Insurance | - | - | - | - | - |
| Travel | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 7,119 | - | - | 7,119 | 24,994 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 7,119 | - | - | 7,119 | 24,994 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 1 | - | - | - 1 | - 7,757 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 20,519 | - | - | 20,519 | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 20,518 | - | - | 20,518 | - 7,757 |

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 | Savings | 15,990 | - | - |
| | Current | 4,516 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 20,506 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | Agreement Error | OK | OK |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | to nearest £ | to nearest £ | 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) |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| B5 Liabilities | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| | Loans | 0 | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval | |
| | Ajeans | Andrew Jeans | 3/12/2024 | |



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Forest of Dean Baby Bank

On accounts for the 7
month period ended

31st December 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1189302

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Independent
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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:

Date:

17th January 2024

Name:

Derek Michael Broom FCCA

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

Chartered Certified Accountant

Address:

Fairways

Lansdown Walk, Bream

Gloucestershire, GL156NE

THE FOREST OF DEAN BABY BANK

England & Wales - Charity number 1189302

Accounts



TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

2022

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Registered address: 12 Hillside Close, Bream, GL15 6LU

The Trustees:

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Chris Hedges - Secretary
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Elkie Lonnkvist

Manager – Nikkie Trattles

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The 2022 in Review

Over this year we have received the following grants.

- Arnold Clark £1750
- Tesco Groundwork £1000
- Forest of Dean District Council £37 500 (*£9000 allocated to the 2023 year*)
- Rotary Club £600 (restricted for electricity costs)
- Severn Dean Lions £300

The Forest of Dean District Council entrusted us with large amounts of Household Support Funding. These funds were restricted and had to be spent according to an agreed criteria and time frame. The Forest Baby Bank rose to the challenge and used these funds to help hundreds of families over the current cost of living crisis.

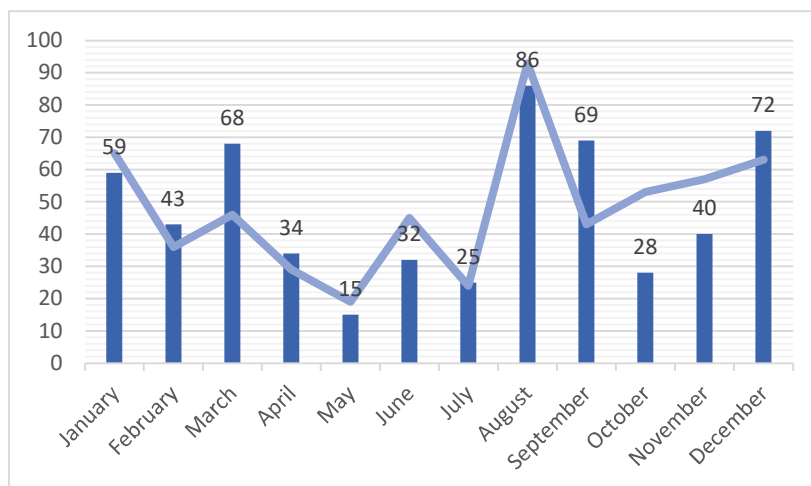
The challenge we faced was helping families firstly with utilities and then groceries, something we hadn't done before, and we needed to learn and grow to meet the need. We partnered up with a local church to be a contact point for families to access help with utilities, we distributed £7942.26 helping families to endure the enormous rise in cost of electricity and gas. We decided the most efficient way to assist families to be able to purchase the grocery items they need is to supply grocery vouchers, we chose Tesco Corporate Cards for this endeavour and distributed £10209.49.

During July and August of 2022, we helped families with school uniform. When our donated stock was not sufficient, we purchased £3035.89 of school uniform. In addition, families relied on us to help them endure the winter, warm clothes were in great demand, and we purchased items when we didn't have the donated stock, we spent £2423.38 on warm pjs, slippers, dressing gowns, coats, boots, and other warm clothes. We spent £451.38 purchasing duvets, blankets and other bedding for families.

Over 2020 we provided 272 parcels, 2021 we provided 409, this year we have provided **573**. It is clear how the need in our community is only increasing and the cost-of-living crisis is only making things more difficult for our families.

| 2022 | Self- Referred | Referred | Families Helped | Bundles |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| January | 32 | 27 | 59 | 65 |
| February | 20 | 23 | 43 | 36 |
| March | 49 | 19 | 68 | 46 |
| April | 20 | 14 | 34 | 29 |
| May | 6 | 9 | 15 | 19 |
| June | 21 | 11 | 32 | 45 |
| July | 15 | 10 | 25 | 24 |
| August | 45 | 41 | 86 | 93 |
| September | 32 | 37 | 69 | 43 |
| October | 25 | 3 | 28 | 53 |
| November | 28 | 12 | 40 | 57 |
| December | 54 | 18 | 72 | 63 |
| | 347 | 224 | 571 | 573 |
| Baby Parcels | | 140 | | |
| Clothing bundles | | 311 | | |
| School uniform bundles | | 122 | | |
| | | 573 | | |

Families Helped per month vs Bundles per month



Yours Sincerely

**The Trustees
Forest of Dean Baby Bank**

Forest of Dean Baby Bank
Registered Charity 1189302
Income and Expenditure Account
1st JANUARY-2022 to 31st DECEMBER 2022

| | £ | £ |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| INCOME | | |
| VOLUNTARY INCOME | | |
| Grants Received | 40,850.00 | |
| Miscellaneous Donations | 3,780.37 | |
| | | 44,630.37 |
| FUNDRAISING INCOME | | |
| Forest Lottery | 82.50 | |
| Cash Back Rec'd | 189.82 | |
| Facebook fundraising | 193.84 | |
| General Fundraising income | 192.00 | |
| | | 658.16 |
| MISCELLANEOUS INCOME | | |
| Miscellaneous receipts | | 92.66 |
| TOTAL INCOME | | 45,381.19 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| DIRECT COSTS | | |
| Baby Essentials | 4,162.61 | |
| Items bought for families | 12,177.98 | |
| Groceries bought for families | 10,209.49 | |
| Utilities bought for families | 7,942.26 | |
| New clothes | 3,568.59 | |
| Toiletries (Children+Adult) | 167.32 | |
| Other Costs | 225.24 | |
| | | 38,453.49 |
| INDIRECT COSTS | | |
| Rent and Business Rates | 851.56 | |
| Repair & Maintenance | 209.99 | |
| Insurance | 220.40 | |
| Heat and Light | 709.79 | |
| Office Expenses | 220.82 | |
| Website | 73.27 | |
| Subscriptions | 147.99 | |
| Delivery Costs | 303.86 | |
| Uniform | 33.60 | |
| Equipment | 288.94 | |
| | | 3,060.22 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | | 41,513.71 |
| NET SURPLUS/(LOSS) FOR PERIOD | | £3,867.48 |



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

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**On accounts for the 7
month period ended**

31st December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

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Date:

8th March 2023

Name:

Derek Michael Broom FCCA

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(if any):**

Chartered Certified Accountant

Address:

Fairways

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Over the last year we faced the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic. We have continued to accept self-referrals in order to make access to help as straight

forward as possible. We still operate a phone line to access help, as well as our website, Facebook page and email. After our successful partnership with the FoodBank, we are now making our own deliveries.

We trialled mailing our baby clothes to parents further afield than the Forest of Dean. The initiative was met with modest success and even though we still offer this option we have not had any further requests for baby clothes in this fashion.

In 2021 we received three grants. The Entertainer awarded us £1000, the June Payver Trust £3000 and the Forest of Dean District Council awarded us £3000 with their Community Support Fund.

With their support we have been able to replenish our stocks of nappies, wipes and toiletries as well as continue to purchase underwear and vests and clothes when we didn't have the needed items in our stocks of donated clothes. We were also able to buy highchairs and stairgates for families when we didn't have these items in stock. We also opened and set up our own website in order to reach more people who do not use Facebook. During the 2021 year we spent £6434.17 on supporting our families, £43.20 was spent on our website, and the balance was used to supplement our repairs and maintenance costs as we needed to upgrade our storage to meet increased demand.

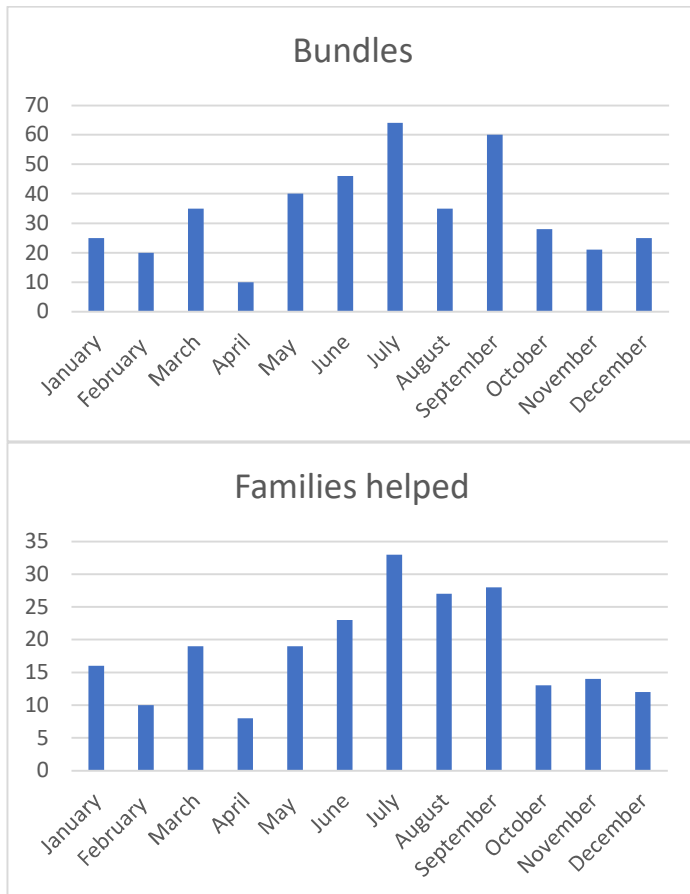
Over 2021 we provided 409 parcels which is a huge increase over last year's 272. We continue to see a rise in need for our help and have used the grants given to us to ensure we can meet the need.

We have also added an additional measurement of showing how many families we have helped over the year, which is 222. Of those families 181 were self-referrers, the balance being referred to us by our legion of referral partners around the Forest.

| | 2021 | Bundles | Families helped | Self-referred | Referred |
|----------|-------------|----------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| January | | 25 | 16 | 14 | 2 |
| February | | 20 | 10 | 5 | 5 |
| March | | 35 | 19 | 16 | 3 |
| April | | 10 | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| May | | 40 | 19 | 15 | 4 |
| June | | 46 | 23 | 20 | 3 |
| July | | 64 | 33 | 30 | 3 |

| | | | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| August | 35 | 27 | 27 | 0 |
| September | 60 | 28 | 24 | 4 |
| October | 28 | 13 | 11 | 2 |
| November | 21 | 14 | 10 | 4 |
| December | 25 | 12 | 5 | 7 |
| | | | | |
| Totals | 409 | 222 | 181 | 41 |

Baby parcels 109
 Clothing parcels 206
 School uniform bundles 70
 Postal Parcels 24
409



Yours Sincerely

The Trustees
Forest of Dean Baby Bank



**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
The Forest of Dean Baby Bank

**On accounts for the year
ended**

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

Signed:

Date:

24th March 2022

Name:

Derek Michael Broom FCCA

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

Chartered Certified Accountant (ACCA)

Address:

Fairways

Lansdown Walk, Bream

Gloucestershire GL15 6NE

Forest of Dean Baby Bank
Registered Charity 1189302
Income and Expenditure Account
1st JANUARY-2021 to 31st DECEMBER 2021

| | £ | £ |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| INCOME | | |
| VOLUNTARY INCOME | | |
| Grants Received | 7,000.00 | |
| Miscellaneous Donations | 840.82 | |
| | | 7,840.82 |
| FUNDRAISING INCOME | | |
| Forest Lottery | 126.50 | |
| Cash Back Rec'd | 132.71 | |
| Facebook fundraising | 275.63 | |
| General Fundraising income | 131.20 | |
| | | 666.04 |
| MISCELLANEOUS INCOME | | |
| Miscellaneous receipts | | 35.00 |
| | | |
| TOTAL INCOME | | 8,541.86 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| DIRECT COSTS | | |
| Baby Essentials | 1,049.90 | |
| Items bought for families | 1,433.80 | |
| New clothes | 3,874.29 | |
| Toiletries (Children+Adult) | 2.74 | |
| Other Costs | 73.44 | |
| | | 6,434.17 |
| INDIRECT COSTS | | |
| Rent and Business Rates | 601.00 | |
| Repair & Maintenance | 500.45 | |
| Insurance | 220.40 | |
| Heat and Light | 235.52 | |
| Office Expenses | 1,005.94 | |
| Website | 43.20 | |
| Subscriptions | 133.92 | |
| Delivery Costs | 138.15 | |
| Donation in lieu of Audit Fee | 50.00 | |
| Equipment | 248.64 | |
| | | 3,177.22 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | | 9,611.39 |
| NET SURPLUS/(LOSS) FOR PERIOD | | -£1,069.53 |