



TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

2021

The Forest of Dean Baby Bank (Charity # 1189302)
Registered address: 12 Hillside Close, Bream, GL15 6LU

The Trustees:

Sally Thomas Brown – Chairman

Chris Hedges - Secretary

Asiza Tait – Treasurer

Manager – Nikkie Trattles

We have two 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.

Our objectives are 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.

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.

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.

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.

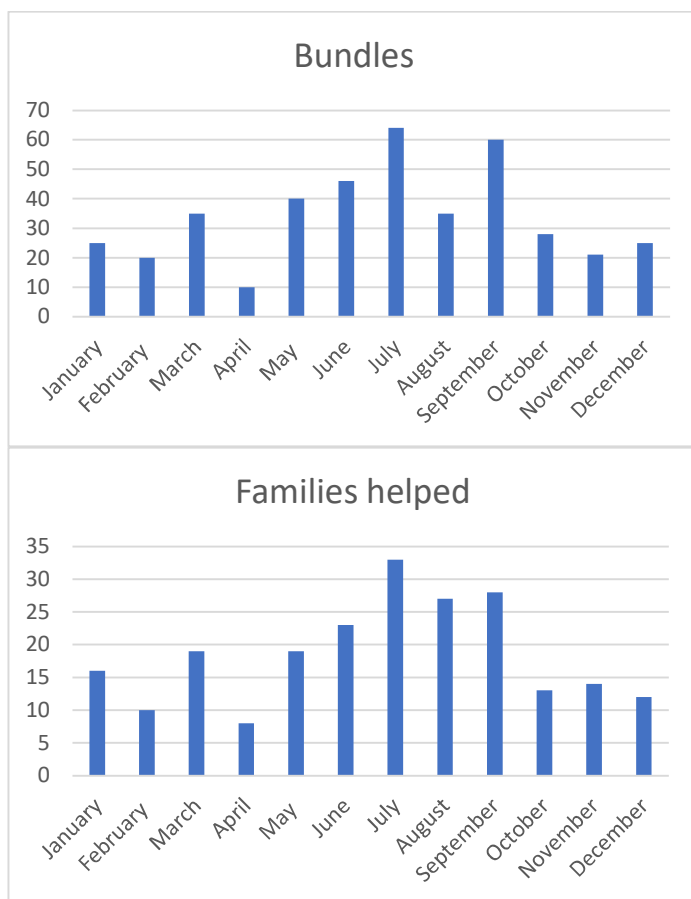
Over 2021 we provided 409 parcels which is a huge increase over last year's 272. We continue to see a rise in need for our help and have used the grants given to us to ensure we can meet the need.

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

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Forest of Dean Baby Bank

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1189302

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

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.

* 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

	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>		
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
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
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