



TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

2022

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 and deputy manager

Elkie Lonnkvist

Manager – Nikkie Trattles

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 four 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 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.

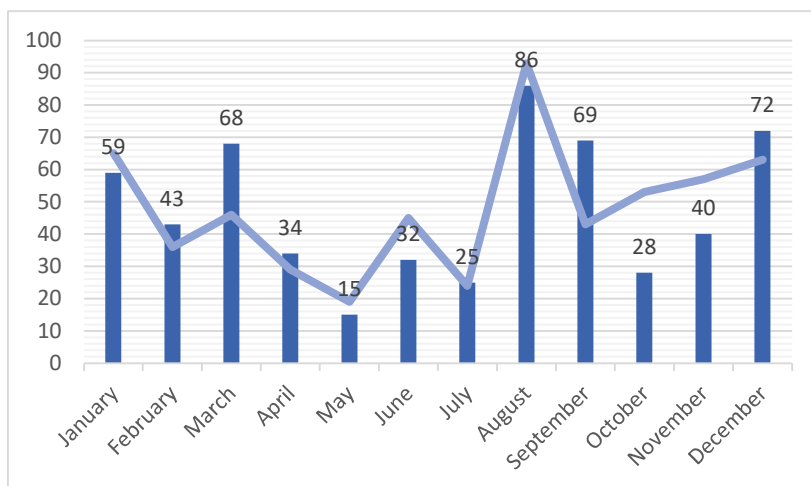
The challenge we faced was helping families firstly with utilities and then groceries, something we hadn't done before, and we needed to learn and grow to meet the need. We partnered up with a local church to be a contact point for families to access help with utilities, we distributed £7942.26 helping 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



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

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 2022

**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 ending 31st December 2022.

**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 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:

Date: 8th March 2023

Name:

Derek Michael Broom FCCA

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

Chartered Certified Accountant

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Gloucestershire, GL156NE