



Registered Charity 1189302

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

# **2024**

**The Forest of Dean Baby Bank (Charity # 1189302)**

**Registered address: Unit 5, Eastern United Site, Ruspidge Road,  
Ruspidge, Cinderford GL143AW**

**The Trustees:**

Sally Thomas Brown – Joint Chairman

Chris Hedges – Secretary and Logistics Manager

Asiza Tait – Treasurer and Operations Manager

Anne Lamacraft – Joint Chairman and Safeguarding Officer

*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.

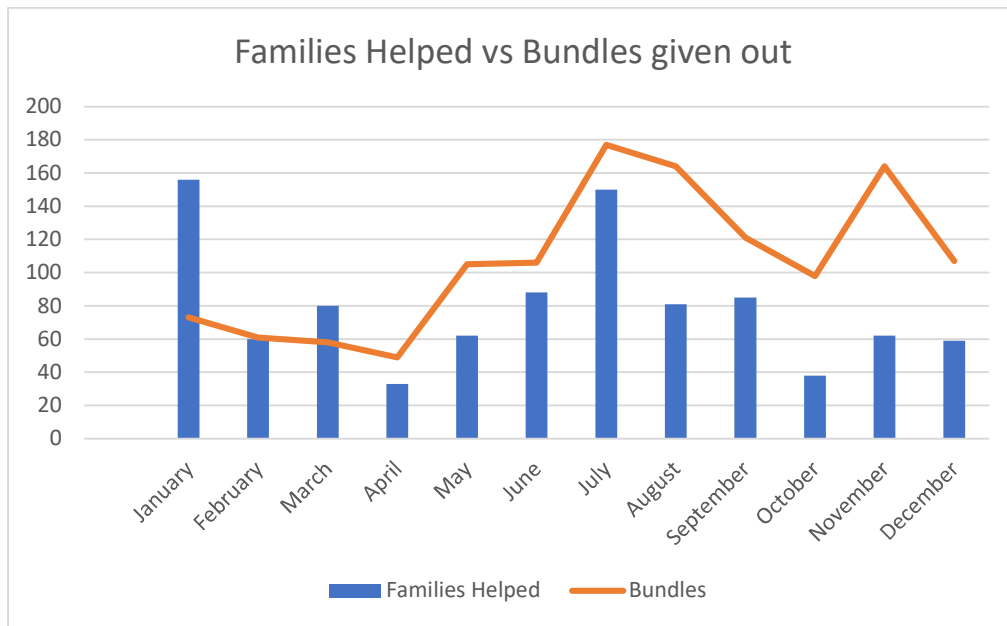
The Forest of Dean District Council entrusted us again with Household Support Funding. This grant was only for the July-September period. We distributed the food grant component via Tesco Corporate Gift cards as we did last year.

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
	<b>773</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>2427</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>1283</b>
Baby Bundles	393				
Clothes Bundles	699				
School Uniform Bundles	191				
	<b>1283</b>				

### Families helped versus bundles given out.



Yours Sincerely

**The Trustees**  
**Forest of Dean Baby Bank**





**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**

31<sup>st</sup> December 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

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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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

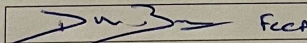
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examiner's statement**

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:**

 FCCA

**Date:**

27<sup>th</sup> January 2024<sup>5</sup>

**Name:**

Derek Michael Broom FCCA

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

Chartered Certified Accountant

**Address:**

Fairways

Lansdown Walk, Bream

Gloucestershire, GL156NE



**Forest of Dean Baby Bank**  
**Registered Charity 1189302**  
**Income and Expenditure Account**  
**1st JANUARY-2024 to 31st DECEMBER 2024**

	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>		
<b>VOLUNTARY INCOME</b>		
Grants Received	53,800.00	
Donations	6,749.90	
		60,549.90
<b>FUNDRAISING INCOME</b>		
Forest Lottery	93.50	
Cash Back Rec'd	77.70	
Vinted fundraising	53.60	
General Fundraising income	104.95	
		329.75
<b>MISCELLANEOUS INCOME</b>		
Miscellaneous receipts		1,003.47
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>61,883.12</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>DIRECT COSTS</b>		
Baby Essentials	4,108.63	
Items bought for families	4,438.18	
Groceries bought for families	39,262.28	
Clothes and school uniform	11,415.00	
Toiletries (Children+Adult)	533.05	
Other Costs	82.96	
		59,840.10
<b>INDIRECT COSTS</b>		
Rent and Business Rates	643.88	
Repair & Maintenance	33.56	
Insurance	320.00	
Heat and Light	882.12	
Office Expenses	403.60	
Volunteer expenses	495.23	
Website	10.00	
Subscriptions	252.89	
Delivery Costs	2,053.35	
Donation to charity in lieu of audit	50.00	
Safeguarding costs	65.85	
Equipment	94.16	
		5,304.64
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>65,144.74</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(LOSS) FOR PERIOD</b>		<b>-£3,261.62</b>

Cash at Bank and in Hand b/f  
Loss for Period  
**Cash at Bank and in Hand c/f**

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-£3,261.62  
**£ 21,376.66**





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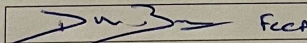
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