

# THE OXFORD BABY BANK

England & Wales - Charity number 1190257

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2020-07-06

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY IN OXFORD AND THE SURROUNDING AREA BY PROVIDING ESSENTIAL ITEMS OF BABY AND TODDLER CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT TO PARENTS AND FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN.

**Activities:** The Oxford Baby Bank collects clothing and equipment from families who have finished with it and distributes it free of charge to families in need who have been referred by frontline professionals and charities.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

- Oxfordshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-04	£17,050	£8,797	-	-
2024-04-04	£5,706	£6,152	-	-
2023-04-04	£5,320	£7,662	-	-
2022-04-04	£13,484	£6,593	-	-
2021-04-04	£2,833	£4,892	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Dr Emily MacKeith MRCGP</b>	Chair	2020-05-10
Caroline Barry M.Phil.		2020-05-10
Emma Poynton B.A.		2020-05-10
Suzanne Lingard		2020-05-10

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ANNUAL REPORT  
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COWLEY ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

COWLEY ROAD OXFORD OX4 1BN

**For the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

Charity trustees who have managed the charity for this period:

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We thank all the parents who have answered the call and given so generously. We have had well over 200 donations of clothing and other goods over this financial year. The parents and grandparents of Oxford Have certainly stepped up to support us.

#### **4. STORAGE**

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that come up for sale, reducing the amount of space available to voluntary organisations.

## **5. PUBLICITY**

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The trustees run the Baby Bank on a day to day basis as volunteers. All trustees are DBS checked.

It is estimated that the volunteer hours clocked up during the financial year 2024/25 is around 500. We have no staffing costs, which is unusual now for baby banks. We are, however, planning to employ someone in the near future. The projected plan is that we employ someone one day a fortnight. Funds have already been raised to do this. We have joined the Baby Bank Alliance, an initiative of Save the Children Fund. Through contact with other baby banks, we have become aware that most baby banks have paid staff.

## **7. ACHIEVEMENTS**

During the year calendar year 2024, we helped 270 families. We have grown year on year since our modest beginnings in 2019. (Calendar year 2020, we helped 102 families, calendar year 2021, we helped 165 families, calendar year 2022 we helped 249, calendar year 2024 290). It is a difficult philosophical question as to whether there is an imperative to keep growing. We keep the model, demands and feedback under review. As far as we know, no other baby bank provides the delivery service that we provide for the midwives. It is highly valued by them, as it completely takes the strain of

provisioning for women without resources off their shoulders.

“ Hello Caroline and the Baby Bank Team

I just wanted to drop you and email to express my gratitude for your ongoing generous support for so many of the women on my caseload. It makes such a difference to me when I am supporting women in poverty to know I can contact you and you are always so responsive and generous in the support you can provide. “ EB midwife

We don't have the high traffic of some urban baby banks who work on a self-referral basis ( we have found this unworkable from a security point of view), but what we do is to provide a tailored and complete solution for midwives and their caseload of pregnant women many of whom are completely without resources.

As stated above, we have joined the newly established Baby Bank Alliance and it is clear from observing the work and modus operandi of other baby banks that there are as many working models as there are baby banks. Those operating out of rural village halls can operate differently from those in deprived city centres like ours, where there are more security concerns.

In addition to supporting the work of health and

social work professionals, we are now working regularly with organisations that support migrants (various migrant hotels, Migrant Help and Asylum Welcome) and housing associations providing specialist services to single mothers (eg A2 Dominion Housing).

The response from families who have received donations has been very positive:

“Thank you so much for coming to bring these baby items to me. I’m super grateful”.

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-as has that of the professionals who have referred:

“Your are like a fairy godmother for my clients”

HK family nurse April 2025

“Thank you Caroline. That’s amazing service.

JB midwife June 2025

“One of my colleagues collected from you this morning for one of my ladies. I was so touched when I saw what you had put together for her. It will make a huge difference to the family”

EB midwife April 2025

## **8. FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Over the past year we have been grateful to the

following for financial help:

The Doris Field Charitable Trust

The City of Oxford Charity

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The Pye Charitable Settlement

The Hamilton Trust

Mactaggart Trust

Lebus Family Trust

Charity of Thomas Dawson/ the Parochial Charities  
of St Clements

## **9. HOW EXPENDITURE HAS SUPPORTED THE KEY OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY**

Our main expenditure is on rent for our base at the Methodist Church in the Botley Road. There has also been significant outlay on new cot mattresses, buggies, microwave bottle sterilisers, bottles, stair-gates and coats. We regard these as essential stock items, not only owing to safety and hygiene issues, but because we always want to be able to give a child a coat. We source as economically as

we can.

Our fixed cost (rent) is now £4,500 per annum. Based on the number of people we helped this financial year, that is an overhead of only £15.50 per family. We consider this to be a modest outlay per family helped, especially as many receive hundreds of pounds worth of donated goods in one delivery. The overhead per family will increase next year, as we will be employing someone to help run the baby bank. However, it is also hoped that with paid help, we can increase the number of referrals.

**10.DECLARATION:** The trustees of the Oxford Baby Bank declare this to be a full, transparent and accurate account of this year's activities.

Signatories:

Emily MacKeith

Caroline Barry

Emma Poynton

Courtney Nimura

**Oxford Baby Bank: Accounting period 6 April 2024 to 5 April 2025**

<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
INCOME IN PERIOD	17050
EXPENSES IN PERIOD	8796.49
 BALANCE	 8253.51
BALANCE as at 6 APR 2024	9502.47
BALANCE as at 5 APR 2025	17755.98

**INCOME**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Person or Group</b>	<b>Amount paid in</b>
31-May-24	CR	Wrentham Trust	2500
07-Jun-24	CR	TRUSTEES OF THE JO j p lebus grant	5000
04-Jul-24	CR	SAVE THE CHILDREN	1200
16-Dec-24	CR	Cowley Road Methodist Church (refund of rent)	100
16-Dec-24	CR	THE CITY OF LTD XMAS GRANT 2024	3000
19-Mar-25	CR	WILLIAM ROWA H T DONATION HT	1000
20-Mar-25	CR	MACTAGGART THIRD F MTF-J MACTAGGART	250
28-Mar-25	CR	J A PYE SETTMT YY DONATION PYE	4000
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17050</b>

**EXPENSES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>SUPPLIER</b>	<b>ITEM DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT PAID</b>
10-Apr-24	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19MAR2024	Bank charges	5
11-Apr-24	VIS	SP YORKSHIRE TRADI DRIFFIELD	Bedding	28.74
11-Apr-24	VIS	SP CLAIR DE LUNE MANCHESTER	Moses basket liners	59.95
12-Apr-24	SO	COWLEY ROAD METHOD OXFORDBABYBANK	Storage room rent	262.5
22-Apr-24	VIS	T K MAXX WATFORD	Moses baskets	124.95
24-Apr-24	)))	ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	Nappies, toiletries	21.97
25-Apr-24	VIS	SP CLAIR DE LUNE MANCHESTER	Moses basket mattresses	44.9
25-Apr-24	VIS	IKEA LTD SHOP ONLI LONDON	Highchairs	124
25-Apr-24	)))	ASDA STORES OXFORD	Children's clothing	49.5
03-May-24	VIS	REXLONDON 35314369001	Swaddling blankets	28.8
07-May-24	VIS	SP HEYNUTRITION.CO LONDON	Baby Bottles	27
07-May-24	VIS	SP HEYNUTRITION.CO LONDON	Baby Bottles	29.99
07-May-24	)))	UNIQLO Oxford West Oxford	Children's clothing	23.6
07-May-24	)))	PRIMARK 440 OXFORD	Children's clothing	12.93
11-May-24	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19APR2024	Bank charges	5
13-May-24	SO	COWLEY ROAD METHOD OXFORDBABYBANK	Storage room rent	262.5
31-May-24	)))	UNIQLO Oxford West Oxford	Children's clothing	43.2
03-Jun-24	)))	HOME BARGAINS OXFORD	Children's clothing	18.01
03-Jun-24	)))	ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	Nappies, toiletries	21.62
04-Jun-24	VIS	WWW.ARGOS.CO.UK MILTON KEYNES	Pushchairs	153.95

06-Jun-24	VIS	eBay O*02-11665-52 LONDON	Thermometers	9.24
06-Jun-24	VIS	eBay O*23-11645-67 LONDON	Breast pumps	27
06-Jun-24	VIS	SP MYHAPPY BABY MILTON KEYNES	Bedding	23.34
06-Jun-24	VIS	WWW.ARGOS.CO.UK MILTON KEYNES	Baby monitors	103.95
07-Jun-24	VIS	Temu.com LONDON	Bedding and swaddles	76.23
10-Jun-24	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19MAY2024	Bank charges	5
10-Jun-24	VIS	eBay O*26-11652-11 LONDON	Baby slings	66.4
10-Jun-24	VIS	ABSOLUTE 01204653023	Baby slings	91.87
10-Jun-24	VIS	ASDA GEORGE COM LE LEEDS	Towels	39.75
12-Jun-24	SO	COWLEY ROAD METHOD OXFORDBABYBANK	Storage room rent	262.5
12-Jun-24	VIS	A PLAN OXFORD TA H OXFORD	Business insurance	140.8
13-Jun-24	VIS	SP ICKLE BUBBA LIM SWANSEA	Changing mats	32.8
13-Jun-24	VIS	INT'L 0058421616 JP*Joom Riga	Breast pumps	21.6
20-Jun-24	VIS	SP FOR YOUR LITTLE TIPTON	Moses basket mattresses	55.92
10-Jul-24	VIS	SMYTHS TOYS GALWAY	Cot mattresses	89.97
10-Jul-24	VIS	WWW.ARGOS.CO.UK MILTON KEYNES	Baby bouncers, playmats	117.95
11-Jul-24	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19JUN2024	Bank charges	5.8
11-Jul-24	)))	POUNDLAND LTD - 15 COWLEY	Bedding, office supplies	16
11-Jul-24	)))	ASDA STORE 4442 OXFORD	Nappies, toiletries	22
12-Jul-24	SO	COWLEY ROAD METHOD OXFORDBABYBANK	Storage room rent	262.5
15-Jul-24	VIS	T K MAXX WATFORD	Moses baskets	200
15-Jul-24	VIS	WWW.ARGOS.CO.UK MILTON KEYNES	Jungle gyms	78.95
15-Jul-24	BP	C M Barry MILEAGE	Travel expenses	67
18-Jul-24	VIS	UNIQLO Oxford West Oxford	Children's clothing	71.8
19-Jul-24	)))	ZARA OXFORD 12318 OXFORD	Children's clothing	23.94
23-Jul-24	VIS	Temu.com LONDON	Bedding, muslins	71.77
23-Jul-24	VIS	WWW.JOHNLEWIS.COM 03456 049 049	Pushchairs	300
25-Jul-24	)))	T K MAXX OXFORD	Toys	29.97
29-Jul-24	)))	TESCO STORES 4480 BICESTER	Children's clothing	28
08-Aug-24	VIS	Temu.com LONDON	Bedding, muslins	97.9
09-Aug-24	VIS	ABSOLUTE 01204653023	Towels	85.87
10-Aug-24	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19JUL2024	Bank charges	5
12-Aug-24	SO	COWLEY ROAD METHOD OXFORDBABYBANK	Storage room rent	262.5
12-Aug-24	)))	ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	Nappies, wipes	15.52
15-Aug-24	VIS	eBay O*02-11950-19 LONDON	Cot nuts and bolts	3.42
22-Aug-24	VIS	Temu.com LONDON	Change mats, bedding, clothing	83.83
22-Aug-24	VIS	WWW.ARGOS.CO.UK MILTON KEYNES	Playmats	80.75
29-Aug-24	VIS	WWW.AMAZON.* MB5DW LONDON	Moses baskets	133.05
29-Aug-24	)))	UNIQLO Oxford West Oxford	Children's clothing	95.7
10-Sep-24	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19AUG2024	Bank charges	5
12-Sep-24	SO	COWLEY ROAD METHOD OXFORDBABYBANK	Storage room rent	262.5
19-Sep-24	VIS	SMYTHS TOYS GALWAY	Cot mattresses	74.97
23-Sep-24	)))	UNIQLO Oxford West Oxford	Children's clothing	53.3
24-Sep-24	VIS	WF *UK4267949854 LONDON	Cot mattresses	79.96
26-Sep-24	VIS	Temu.com LONDON	Muslins, Swaddles	89.31
10-Oct-24	VIS	THENURSERystore.CO TWEEDALE WAY,	Pushchairs	239.8
10-Oct-24	VIS	eBay O*02-12180-43 LONDON	Baby slings	53.12
11-Oct-24	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19SEP2024	Bank charges	5
14-Oct-24	SO	COWLEY ROAD METHOD OXFORDBABYBANK	Storage room rent	262.5

14-Oct-24	VIS	DNH*GODADDY#334645 207-979-2661	Website	132.2
15-Oct-24	VIS	UNIQLO Oxford West Oxford	Children's clothing	95.2
24-Oct-24	VIS	eBay O*05-12234-74 LONDON	Bath thermometers	19.18
24-Oct-24	VIS	Temu.com LONDON	Children's clothing, bedding	66.48
10-Nov-24	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19OCT2024	Bank charges	5
12-Nov-24	SO	COWLEY ROAD METHOD OXFORDBABYBANK	Storage room rent	262.5
21-Nov-24	VIS	WWW.ARGOS.CO.UK MILTON KEYNES	Baby monitors	100
28-Nov-24	VIS	SMYTHS TOYS GALWAY	Cot mattresses	74.97
11-Dec-24	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19NOV2024	Bank charges	5
12-Dec-24	SO	COWLEY ROAD METHOD OXFORDBABYBANK	Storage room rent	262.5
12-Dec-24	VIS	Temu.com LONDON	Bedding, cot mattresses	263.19
06-Jan-25	)))	UNIQLO Oxford West Oxford	Children's clothing	83.3
08-Jan-25	VIS	BEIRUT OXFORD OXFORD	AGM meeting - restaurant	149.36
10-Jan-25	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19DEC2024	Bank charges	5.8
13-Jan-25	SO	COWLEY ROAD METHOD OXFORDBABYBANK	Storage room rent	262.5
23-Jan-25	VIS	SP STARLIGHTBEDS.C OSSETT	Cot mattresses	124.95
28-Jan-25	)))	UNIQLO Oxford West Oxford	Children's clothing	77.3
31-Jan-25	VIS	SP CLAIR DE LUNE MANCHESTER	Bedding	24.91
04-Feb-25	)))	Dunelm F0595 Oxford	Bedding	85
10-Feb-25	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19JAN2025	Bank charges	5
10-Feb-25	VIS	WWW.ARGOS.CO.UK MILTON KEYNES	Child safety gates	108
12-Feb-25	SO	COWLEY ROAD METHOD OXFORDBABYBANK	Storage room rent	262.5
12-Mar-25	SO	COWLEY ROAD METHOD OXFORDBABYBANK	Storage room rent	262.5
13-Mar-25	VIS	SP THECOMFORTSHOP. NELSON	Cot mattresses	34.29
19-Mar-25	)))	Hobbycraft Oxford	Office/storage supplies	65.1
24-Mar-25	VIS	eBay O*27-12834-91 INTERNET	Bath thermometers	5.91
24-Mar-25	VIS	eBay O*01-12867-04 INTERNET	Moses basket	25.74
25-Mar-25	VIS	OCC CIVIL ENFORCEM OXFORD	Parking fine	35
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## **7. ACHIEVEMENTS**

During the year calendar year 2023, we helped 270 families. We have grown year on year since our modest beginnings in 2019. (Calendar year 2020, we helped 102 families. Calendar year 2021, we helped 165 families, calendar year 2022 we helped 249). It is a difficult philosophical question as to whether there is an imperative to keep growing. We keep the model, demands and feedback under review.

As stated above, we have joined the newly established Baby Bank Alliance and it is clear from observing the work and modus operandi of other baby banks that there are as many working models as there are baby banks. Those operating out of rural village halls can operate differently from those in deprived city centres like ours, where there are more security concerns.

In addition to supporting the work of health and social work professionals, we are now working regularly with organisations that support migrants (Migrant Help and Asylum Welcome) and housing associations providing specialist services to single

mothers and refugees (eg A2 Dominion Housing).

The response from families who have received donations has been very positive:

Hi Caroline I don't know whether I said it yesterday to you. I just wanted to say a huge thank you for all the beautiful items that were given to me yesterday. They are greatly appreciated.

SA Dec 2023

Thanks for the items Caroline. I really appreciate.

OM April 2024

-as has that of the professionals who have referred:

All I can say is a massive thank you for all your hard work. Your brilliant service is invaluable to our families and we wouldn't know what to do if it wasn't for you. This thanks obviously extends to all the very generous families who donate to you.

VM Child Practitioner

Thank you so much for all your support at Oxford Baby Bank. It has been an incredible resource for many of the families we work with who are in need of baby items for one reason or another. You have always gone above and beyond for us, which we are so grateful for. Not sure what we would do without you.

HR Child Practitioner

Such efficient service . Very grateful as always to you.

NH Midwife March2024

I don't know what we would do without the baby bank.

LP Social Worker

## **8. FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Over the past year we have been grateful to the following for financial help:

The Doris Field Charitable Trust

The City of Oxford Charity

ASDA Wheatley

The Pye Charitable Settlement

The Hamilton Trust

Mactaggart Trust

Andrew Birt

## **9. HOW EXPENDITURE HAS SUPPORTED THE KEY OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY**

Our main expenditure is on rent for our base at the Methodist Church in the Botley Road. There has also been significant outlay on new cot mattresses, buggies, microwave bottle sterilisers, bottles, stair-gates and coats. We regard these as essential stock items, not only owing to safety and hygiene

issues, but because we always want to be able to give a child a coat. We source as economically as we can.

Our fixed cost (rent) is £3,150 per annum. Based on the number of people we helped this financial year, that is an overhead of only £11.66 per family. We consider this to be a modest outlay per family helped, especially as many received hundreds of pounds worth of donated goods. The overhead per family is likely to be lower next year, as referral numbers continue to increase.

**10.DECLARATION:** The trustees of the Oxford Baby Bank declare this to be a full, transparent and accurate account of this year's activities.

Signatories:

Emily MacKeith

Caroline Barry

Emma Poynton

Suzanne Lingard

**Oxford Baby Bank: Accounting period 6 April 2023 to 5 April 2024**

<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	
	INCOME IN PERIOD	5706
	EXPENSES IN PERIOD	6151.56
	BALANCE	-445.56
	BALANCE as at 6 APR 2022	9953.03
	BALANCE as at 5 APR 2023	9507.47

**INCOME**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Person or Group</b>	<b>Amount paid in</b>
21-Jun-23	CR	CHQ IN AT 403534 Asda Foundation	300
17-Nov-23	CR	BARRY IC & CM PP FROM CARRIE (refunded mistaken purchase)	51
21-Nov-23	CR	CHQ IN AT 403534 Doris Field Charitable Trust	750
13-Dec-23	CR	THE CITY OF LTD XMAS GRANT City of Oxford Charity	1750
20-Dec-23	CR	Gale Lauren DONATION	5
22-Dec-23	CR	J A PYE SETTMT YY DONATION PYE	2500
17-Jan-24	CR	Andrew Birt from Andrew Birt	100
21-Mar-24	CR	MACTAGGART THIRD F MACTAGGART 3 FUND	250
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5706</b>

**EXPENSES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>SUPPLIER</b>	<b>ITEM DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT PAID</b>
10-Apr-23	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19MAR2023	Bank charges	5
17-Apr-23	SO	COWLEY ROAD METHOD OXFORD BABY BANK	Storage rental	262.5
26-Apr-23	)))	SAINSBURYS S/MKTS KIDLINGTON	Clothing	25.5
10-May-23	)))	BOOTS 1848 SUMMERTOWN	Wipes, toiletries, breast pads	16.2
11-May-23	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19APR2023	Bank charges	5
11-May-23	VIS	WWW.JOHNLEWIS.COM 03456 049 049	Moses basket mattresses x5	60
17-May-23	SO	COWLEY ROAD METHOD OXFORD BABY BANK	Storage rental	262.5
23-May-23	BP	Caroline M Barry VEHICLE MILEAGE	Vehicle mileage	68.4
07-Jun-23	VIS	WWW.ARGOS.CO.UK MILTON KEYNES	Safety gates x6	132
10-Jun-23	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19MAY2023	Bank charges	5
12-Jun-23	)))	ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	Bedding, Footwear, clothing	31.79

16-Jun-23	VIS	DNH*GO DADDY EUROP HAYES	Website	28.78
27-Jun-23	VIS	ASDA GEORGE COM LE LEEDS	Pushchairs x5	249.5
11-Jul-23	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19JUN2023	Bank charges	5
25-Jul-23	VIS	ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	Wipes, nappies, muslins	36.84
25-Jul-23	)))	Hobbycraft Oxford	Office supplies	21.4
25-Jul-23	)))	IKEA LTD 185 MILTO BLETCHLEY	Changing mats, washcloths, beakers	39
27-Jul-23	VIS	SP FOR YOUR LITTLE TIPTON	Moses basket mattresses x7	53.13
01-Aug-23	VIS	WWW.JOHNLEWIS.COM 03456 049 049	Pushchairs x4	260
03-Aug-23	)))	JOHN LEWIS OXFORD	Clothing, bedding	38
10-Aug-23	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19JUL2023	Bank charges	5.8
30-Aug-23	BP	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORDBABYBANK	Storage rental	262.5
31-Aug-23	VIS	SMYTHS TOYS GALWAY	Mattresses	89.97
10-Sep-23	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19AUG2023	Bank charges	5
12-Sep-23	SO	COWLEY ROAD METHOD OXFORDBABYBANK	Storage rental	262.5
14-Sep-23	VIS	OnBuy.com OnBuy.com	Sterilisers x5	84.95
20-Sep-23	)))	HOME BARGAINS OXFORD	Towels, bedding	34.37
20-Sep-23	)))	ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	Nappies, wipes, books, bedding	44.59
05-Oct-23	)))	POUNDLAND LTD - 15 COWLEY	Nappies, wipes	11.5
09-Oct-23	)))	ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	Nappies, wipes	19.42
11-Oct-23	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19SEP2023	Bank charges	5
12-Oct-23	SO	COWLEY ROAD METHOD OXFORDBABYBANK	Storage rental	262.5
13-Oct-23	VIS	BOOTS UK ECOMM BEESTON	Pushchair x2	72
13-Oct-23	VIS	WWW.JOHNLEWIS.COM 03456 049 049	Pushchair x4	260
13-Oct-23	VIS	DNH*GO DADDY EUROP HAYES	Website	140.52
17-Oct-23	)))	IKEA LTD 185 MILTO BLETCHLEY	Highchairs x2	38
26-Oct-23	VIS	WWW.ARGOS.CO.UK MILTON KEYNES	Safety gates x5	125
10-Nov-23	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19OCT2023	Bank charges	5
13-Nov-23	SO	COWLEY ROAD METHOD OXFORDBABYBANK	Storage rental	262.5
27-Nov-23	VIS	WWW.ARGOS.CO.UK MILTON KEYNES	Pushchairs x5	203.95
06-Dec-23	)))	ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	Clothing, nappies, wipes	15.03
08-Dec-23	VIS	UNIQLO Oxford West Oxford	Clothing - winter coats	51.6
11-Dec-23	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19NOV2023	Bank charges	5
12-Dec-23	SO	COWLEY ROAD METHOD OXFORDBABYBANK	Storage rental	262.5
20-Dec-23	)))	UNIQLO Oxford West Oxford	Clothing	40.4
08-Jan-24	)))	RYMAN 1172 OXFORD	Office supplies	11.48
10-Jan-24	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19DEC2023	Bank charges	5.8

12-Jan-24	SO	COWLEY ROAD METHOD OXFORDBABYBANK	Storage rental	262.5
15-Jan-24	)))	UNIQLO Oxford West Oxford	Clothing	25.4
16-Jan-24	)))	PRIMARK 440 OXFORD	Clothing and dinner sets	8.6
31-Jan-24	VIS	Mamma Mia Summertoe Oxford	Trustees AGM	122.36
10-Feb-24	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19JAN2024	Bank charges	5
12-Feb-24	SO	COWLEY ROAD METHOD OXFORDBABYBANK	Storage rental	262.5
19-Feb-24	VIS	SMYTHS TOYS GALWAY	Mattresses	134.95
22-Feb-24	)))	ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	Sterilisers, wipes, children's books	58.4
26-Feb-24	VIS	ASDA STORE 4442 OXFORD	Clothing	93.5
01-Mar-24	)))	UNIQLO Oxford West Oxford	Clothing	21.7
07-Mar-24	VIS	SMYTHS TOYS GALWAY	Mattresses	89.97
08-Mar-24	VIS	WWW.ARGOS.CO.UK MILTON KEYNES	Safety gates x5	125
12-Mar-24	SO	COWLEY ROAD METHOD OXFORDBABYBANK	Storage rental	262.5
12-Mar-24	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19FEB2024	Bank charges	5
20-Mar-24	)))	UNIQLO Oxford West Oxford	Clothing	51.4
21-Mar-24	)))	PRIMARK 440 OXFORD	Children's plates/cutlery sets	21
26-Mar-24	VIS	Temu.com LONDON	change mats x5	32.4
26-Mar-24	VIS	Temu.com LONDON	Change mats x10	27
26-Mar-24	VIS	ROBERT DYAS ECOM WWW.ROBERTDYA	Pushchairs x4	235.96
26-Mar-24	VIS	IKEA LTD 185 MILTO BLETCHLEY	Highchairs x6	114
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>6151.56</b>

**THE OXFORD BABY BANK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1190257

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# Accounts

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# ANNUAL REPORT

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

## of **THE OXFORD BABY BANK**

COWLEY ROAD METHODIST CHURCH , COWLEY ROAD  
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## MISSION STATEMENT

The objective of the Oxford Baby Bank is to help to alleviate poverty amongst families who are struggling to cope with the cost of raising babies and toddlers. The service we provide is available to residents of Oxford and surrounding villages and small towns, including Witney, Abingdon and Wallingford. A secondary object is to promote waste reduction, as the vast majority of what we give away is recycled. We do provide new mattresses, nappies and some other consumables, which we purchase to give away, but the bulk of the clothing and equipment that we give to families who need it has been collected.

We aim to achieve our objective by collecting clothing and equipment from families who have finished with it and distributing it free of charge to women who are in substantial need of material help in caring for their babies and toddlers. These resources are stored at our base, so that we are in a position to supply responsively and in emergencies. Recipients are referred by community midwives, health visitors, social workers, GPs, women's refuges etc. In this way, we identify those in need of support. During the pandemic, we have moved to a model of distribution that depends primarily on the referring professionals picking up from us, or our dropping off to the recipients. This has in fact worked very well and we have realised that this is much more effective way of operating. Whilst in principle it would be desirable to invite our recipients in, in practice, it is clear that for the majority, making a trip across the city is prohibitive.



It remains at the heart of our enterprise that we want to facilitate the work of front-line staff in carrying out their work with families in need. We can provide quick responses to circumstances where there is a practical requirement and have been able to support discharge from hospital the same day, as we have stored and free resources. We also know from some of the professionals that we work with that their being able to arrive with 'gifts' often helps build relationships and trust.

## **COLLECTIONS**

This past year has been a difficult one for collections. In the past, we have relied on schools and other institutions to allow us to organise donation days on their premises, but with social distancing and the effective closure of schools to all but the most essential of visitors, this has not been possible. The Windmill School, Headington, has continued to find an informal way to help. Other networks have also proved invaluable. Our thanks to Anna Carhart-Harris and the Botley Mums network and Laura Middleton and the Phil and Jim's parent groups. As the situation relaxes, we hope to be able to resume bigger collection drives and indeed some are in the pipeline.

We are enduringly grateful to the skilled knitters of Shared Knitting in Headington who have been knitting us cardigans and blankets, as have the generous knitters of the Methodist Church network, in particular the prolific Laura Mayo.



## STORAGE



We started out our formal journey in a tiny storage room at the Methodist Church in the Cowley Road, which we rented in October 2019. We soon outgrew this (baby equipment is very bulky) and just before lockdown in March last year moved to a significantly bigger room within the church, which we hope will suffice for the time being. Initially, it was uncertain how we were going to function during lockdown and at first we gave a significant portion of our newborn baby clothes to the

delivery suite at the John Radcliffe Hospital. We also gave away what nappies we had (as there was an initial shortage due to stockpiling) to Homestart. But we quickly decided that with precautions and a new way of operating, we could function

perfectly well during lockdown and that it was necessary that we should.

As rent is our most significant expense, we have decided to keep quite close control on inventory and to maintain only small stocks of buggies, cots etc. We have no need to build an equipment mountain, which costs us money to store, so we will not always accept equipment offered to us. From a safety point of view, we are also only going to invite donations of pieces of equipment that are 5 years old or less.



## **PUBLICITY**

Our main aim has been to network with frontline staff to ensure that they know that they can call on us and that we will respond quickly and reliably in a way that supports them and their clients. Certainly awareness of our function and ability to react quickly is growing.

## **STRUCTURE**

The Oxford Baby Bank is governed by a constitution. New trustees are appointed by the committee of trustees. The current committee of trustees will be in place for the next two years at least.

Last summer we applied for Charitable Status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This is a designation reserved for small charities with an annual income of less than £12,000. Our charity number, of which we are very proud, is 1190257.

The trustees run the Baby Bank on a day to day basis as volunteers. Sometimes, they are joined on appointment days and collection days by other volunteers, who lend a practical hand. All trustees are DBS checked and other volunteers are always teamed up with them.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

For the calendar year 2020, we helped 102 families with significant supplies of clothing and equipment. At the time of writing (4<sup>th</sup> May), we have already helped 53 families this year, so the rate of referrals is climbing steeply. It is difficult to estimate the average value of goods received by an individual family, but we keep records of what is given, so that at some point we can carry out an exercise to try to value the average basket of goods.

The response from families who have received donations has been very positive, as has that of the professionals who have referred or been part of our distribution network:

“ Thank you ever so much. I’m so grateful for your help. If ever in the future I have something for children I want to donate, I will definitely be willing to help and support the baby bank “ SH referred by community midwife

“Thank you for all the amazing clothes and the cot. You are marvellous” LF health visitor

“That’s so amazing. Thank you so so much. I bet she was so thankful.” HM community midwife

“That would be amazing. Yes please. We are a little short of clothes which aren’t blue, but any clothes will do! I am so grateful to you.” HO delivery suite co-ordinator and consultant midwife John Radcliffe Hospital.

In addition to helping specific referred families, we have distributed goods through Homestart and the Blackbird Leas Community Centre.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Over the past year we have been grateful to the following for financial help:



- The Ffeoffees of St Michael's and All Saints
- The Doris Field Charitable Trust
- The ASDA Foundation (their community Champion Linda Blackmore is a loyal supporter both with money and goods)
- Waitrose Green token scheme, both Headington and Botley Road
- The Oxford Community Foundation Covid grants

We have prepared annual accounts for the financial year April 2020 to April 2021 and our financial status is healthy. We were very concerned not to move into larger premises without ensuring that we had sufficient reserves, as this is by far the biggest financial commitment for us. Currently we have sufficient reserves to meet our outgoings for 18 months. We intend to apply to all the above for on-going assistance. We are also looking to apply for a grant specifically to buy items which have safety/health implications eg. stair-gates, mattresses, sterilisers etc. The Covid grant from the OCF has been spent on consumables,



mainly nappies to ease the financial burden of families hit financially by the pandemic.

## **HOW EXPENDITURE HAS SUPPORTED THE KEY OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY**

Our main expenditure is on rent for our base at the Methodist Church in the Botley Road. We have also had to equip this space with heavy- duty warehouse storage systems.

## **DECLARATION:**

The trustees of the Oxford Baby Bank declare this to be a full, transparent and accurate account of our first year's activities.

Signatories:

Emily MacKeith

Caroline Barry

Emma Poynton

Suzanne Lingard

**Oxford Baby Bank: Accounting period 6 April 2022 to 5 April 2023**

<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	
	INCOME IN PERIOD	5320.19
	EXPENSES IN PERIOD	7662.1
	BALANCE	-2341.91
	BALANCE as at 6 APR 2022	12289.94
	BALANCE as at 5 APR 2023	9953.03

<b>INCOME</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Person or Group</b>		<b>Amount paid in</b>
19-Apr-22	VIS	eBay O*17-08378-71 LONDON	REFUND	12.99
19-Sep-22	CR	WILLIAM ROWA H T DONATION HT	Hamilton Trust	500
07-Oct-22	CR	BARRY IC & CM PP FROM CARRIE	REFUNDED FOR MISTAKEN PURCHASES	38.2
15-Nov-22	CR	CAF2211102500CF		19
05-Dec-22	CR	CHQ IN AT 403534	DORIS FIELD TRUST	750
22-Dec-22	CR	J A PYE SETTMT YY DONATION PYE	PYE FOUNDATION	2000
20-Jan-23	CR	CHQ IN AT 403534	The Parochial Charities of St Clement	2000
		<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5320.19</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>Payment Type</b>	<b>SUPPLIER</b>	<b>ITEM DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT PAID</b>
10-Apr-22	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19MAR2022	Bank charge	5
12-Apr-22	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	250
28-Apr-22	VIS	KELKOPLANT NEWRY	Bedding	32.01
03-May-22	)))	TESCO STORES 4480 BICESTER	Bedding and towels	47.5
11-May-22	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19APR2022	Bank charge	5
12-May-22	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	250
13-May-22	VIS	eBay O*15-08618-86 LONDON	Harnesses	7.9
17-May-22	)))	ASDA STORE 4442 OXFORD	Clothing	33
07-Jun-22	VIS	eBay O*27-08711-97 LONDON	Mattress cover	6.8

08-Jun-22	VIS	ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	Children's clothing, nappies	67.04
10-Jun-22	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19MAY2022	Bank charge	5
13-Jun-22	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	250
13-Jun-22	VIS	ARGOS LTD INTERNET	Pushchairs	180
15-Jun-22	)))	TESCO STORES 4480 BICESTER	Bedding, children's clothing	50.5
11-Jul-22	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19JUN2022	Bank charge	5
11-Jul-22	VIS	ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	Shoes, nappies, bedding	44.97
12-Jul-22	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	250
14-Jul-22	)))	DUNELM LTD OXFORD	Bedding	52.8
21-Jul-22	VIS	WWW.JOHNLEWIS.COM 03456 049 049	Cot mattresses	125
21-Jul-22	VIS	WWW.JOHNLEWIS.COM 03456 049 049	Bedding	60
22-Jul-22	)))	RYMAN 1172 OXFORD	Stationery	14.37
25-Jul-22	)))	FTC OXFORD, GB147 OXFORD	Children's toys	18
26-Jul-22	VIS	WWW.BABYANDCHILDST INTERNET	Pushchairs	109.78
28-Jul-22	VIS	eBay O*08-08913-42 LONDON	Stairgates	124.95
03-Aug-22	VIS	ARGOS LTD INTERNET	Pushchairs and safety gates	307.95
03-Aug-22	VIS	ARGOS LTD INTERNET	Cot mattresses	185
04-Aug-22	)))	ASDA STORE 4442 OXFORD	Children's clothing	22.5
09-Aug-22	)))	HOME BARGAINS OXFORD	Baby baths and bedding	30.24
09-Aug-22	)))	ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	Nappies, toys	26.47
10-Aug-22	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19JUL2022	Bank charge	5
12-Aug-22	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	250
05-Sep-22	)))	ASDA STORE 4442 OXFORD	Changing mats, towels, clothing	61
10-Sep-22	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19AUG2022	Bank charge	5
12-Sep-22	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	250
15-Sep-22	VIS	WWW.ONLINE4BABY.CO TWEEDALE WAY,	Moses baskets	115.8
15-Sep-22	VIS	MAMAS & PAPAS (DIG UK E-COMMERCE	Pushchairs	209.97
29-Sep-22	VIS	SP CLAIR DE LUNE MANCHESTER	Bedding	49.92
11-Oct-22	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19SEP2022	Bank charge	5
12-Oct-22	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	250
12-Oct-22	VIS	DNH*GODADDY.COM EU GODADDY.COM	Website	115.06
13-Oct-22	VIS	ASDA STORE 4442 OXFORD	Children's clothing	100.5
25-Oct-22	)))	IKEA LTD 185 MILTO BLETCHLEY	Changing mats, towels	39.5
27-Oct-22	VIS	BMA VARSITY LTD OXFORD	Keys for storage room	106.08

04-Nov-22	VIS	www.kiddies-kingdo Kirklees	Pushchairs	259.8
07-Nov-22	VIS	BOOTS UK ECOMM BEESTON	Pushchairs	105
09-Nov-22	VIS	ASDA STORE 4442 OXFORD	Coats and clothing	223.8
10-Nov-22	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19OCT2022	Bank charge	5
14-Nov-22	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	250
17-Nov-22	VIS	WWW.JOHNLEWIS.COM 03456 049 049	Pushchairs	180
25-Nov-22	VIS	ASDA GEORGE COM LE LEEDS	Children's clothing	47.35
25-Nov-22	VIS	THE BLACK BOY OXFO OXFORD	AGM with trustees	148
11-Dec-22	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19NOV2022	Bank charge	5
12-Dec-22	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	262.5
22-Dec-22	VIS	ASDA STORE 4442 OXFORD	Baby clothing, sleepsuits	109
03-Jan-23	VIS	WWW.BABYANDCHILDST INTERNET	Pushchairs	178.96
03-Jan-23	)))	Hobbycraft Oxford	Wool	19
03-Jan-23	)))	DUNELM LTD OXFORD	Bedding	73.8
10-Jan-23	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19DEC2022	Bank charge	5.8
12-Jan-23	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	262.5
10-Feb-23	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19JAN2023	Bank charge	5
13-Feb-23	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	262.5
16-Feb-23	VIS	SMYTHS TOYS GALWAY	Cot bed	89.97
16-Feb-23	VIS	ASDA STORE 4442 OXFORD	Children's clothing	109
20-Feb-23	VIS	eBay O*15-09719-49 LONDON	Office admin: ink cartridges	37.92
02-Mar-23	)))	ASDA STORE 4442 OXFORD	Children's clothing	85.5
10-Mar-23	VIS	WWW.ARGOS.CO.UK MILTON KEYNES	Pushchairs	328.95
13-Mar-23	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19FEB2023	Bank charge	5.8
17-Mar-23	SO	COWLEY ROAD METHOD OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	262.5
29-Mar-23	)))	ASDA STORE 4442 OXFORD	Clothing and bedding	92
30-Mar-23	VIS	eBay O*12-09878-91 LONDON	Carrie mistaken purchase (refunded Nov	18.34
30-Mar-23	VIS	eBay O*12-09878-93 LONDON	Carrie mistaken purchase (refunded Nov	53
31-Mar-23	)))	TESCO STORES 4480 BICESTER	Clothing and bedding	46.5
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>7662.1</b>

**THE OXFORD BABY BANK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1190257

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# Accounts

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# ANNUAL REPORT

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

## of **THE OXFORD BABY BANK**

REGISTERED CHARITY NO:1190257

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We aim to achieve our objective by collecting clothing and equipment from families who have finished with it and distributing it free of charge to women who are in substantial need of material help in caring for their babies and toddlers. These resources are stored at our

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It is well recognised that the future mental health of an adult has its foundations in the very earliest experiences of life. In our small way, we hope to reduce stress levels in women coping with adverse circumstances, so that they have a better chance of creating a soothing and secure environment for their babies and

toddlers.

We are also motivated to help front-line staff in carrying out their work, which is inevitably stressful when working with families in need. We hope to provide quick responses to circumstances where there is a practical requirement and have been able to facilitate discharge from hospital the same day, as we have stored and free resources.

## **COLLECTIONS**

This past year we have moved to a different model of collection for the donated goods that form the vast majority of items that we give away. Instead of collecting at schools, nurseries etc we now have 3 donation Saturday mornings during the year when people are invited to bring their donations to the baby bank. This means that anyone city-wide can give and it is more efficient from the point of view of the trustees. The donation mornings are publicised on social media, our website and through schools. We are grateful to the families of Oxford for



their generosity. We have also been inviting potential donors to drop off on a Wednesday morning when we are at the baby bank. This has been a useful source of equipment.

We continue to be supplied by the knitters of Shared Knitting who make us beautiful blankets and cardigans and Laura Mayo who also keeps us stocked.

## **STORAGE**

We are generously supported by the committee who run the Cowley Road Methodist Church, especially Dorothy Stepney and Beverley Clack. We rent a large storage room in the church, which is well located in the centre of town for both pick-ups and deliveries. We are bursting at the seams, but we have taken the decision not to go out to find a bigger space, as it is easy to pay out more in rent and to be doing so in order to keep stagnant stock. This means that our stock control and replenishment need to be dynamic and nimble.



## **PUBLICITY**

News of our activities seems to be going round professional groups by word of mouth. We have not really needed to carry out more information dissemination. Periodically we do send a wall poster to the midwifery hubs because their frequent rotations mean that people are newly picking up the community reins.



## **STRUCTURE**

The Oxford Baby Bank is governed by a constitution. New trustees are appointed by the committee of trustees. The current committee of trustees will be in place for the next two years.

The trustees run the Baby Bank on a day to day basis as volunteers. Sometimes, they are joined on appointment days and collection days by other volunteers, who lend a practical hand. All trustees are DBS checked and other volunteers are always teamed up with them.

## **HOW THE GOODS ARE DELIVERED**

Over the past couple of years, experience has taught us that although we have been happy to invite mothers to the baby bank to pick up their items, the majority do not turn up. Many are newly arrived in Oxford and disoriented, pregnant or unwell or have other small children. As a result, we have started asking professionals who refer to us to pick up as a matter of course. This is working very efficiently. Sometimes, they will bring the client ( this is most likely in the case of professionals working with individuals with mental health issues or care leavers), but the vast majority of goods are picked up by the referrer. This is useful to the referrer in terms of relationship building and to ensure that advice can be followed (eg that babies should not be co-sharing a bed). The exception to this is that we do drop off for most of the midwifery referrals, owing to the very stretched nature of their service at present. We will also drop off for urgent health visitor referrals.

We try to respond flexibly in situations where clothing and equipment is required in an emergency.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

We pride ourselves on offering only high quality items to our



recipients. We are also concerned about safety and hygiene, so at this stage of our development, we buy new mattresses, pillows, bedding, changing mats, stair gates and underwear. We have started buying coats also, as we feel we must always be able to provide a winter coat. Our grant givers have been generous and we have been able to use the resources they give us to respond in a well targeted fashion.

During the financial year 2021-2022, we have helped 179 families. We are aiming to be operating at around 200 families per year. Some families are receiving relatively modest packages of stuff valued at around £300 (if bought new), but for many this comes closer to £800.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Over the past year we have been grateful to the following for financial help:

- The Battcock Family Trust
- The Ffeoffees of St Michael's and All Saints
- The Doris Field Charitable Trust
- Waitrose Green token scheme, both Headington and Botley Road
- The trustees of the Pye Charitable Settlement
- The City of Oxford Charity

Our financial status is healthy.

## **HOW EXPENDITURE HAS SUPPORTED THE KEY OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY**

Our main expenditure is on rent for our base at the Methodist Church in the Cowley Road. We have also had to equip this space with storage systems. In order to maximise the value of items that we store, we have decided to cease giving away consumables. Nappies are very bulky and the space formerly taken up by them is now occupied by clothing, which we now supply up to the age of 5 years. This was a difficult decision, but one pack

of nappies does not solve anyone's problems, whereas completely clothing a child has a significant impact. As we are unable to store clothing for older children, we will, on occasion, use our funds to buy clothing for a particular older child in extenuating circumstances.

As stated above, we do now buy some important items new. We are looking for a children's goods wholesaler who would allow us to source all our equipment needs from them at better prices than we are achieving at present (although we are very careful where we shop). This may include budget buggies and Moses baskets, should we run the risk of running out. We remain principally a recycling organisation, but we consider that there are basics that we should always have in stock. However, it has to be said that at the time of writing (October 2022) the supply of good quality donated equipment is reducing and we think that this is because many people are selling on their items for much needed cash. We anticipate needing to buy a lot of buggies this coming winter.



## **FEEDBACK**

Most referrers who come to pick up are impressed with what we can offer.

The following is a selection of comments received by us from our referrers:

‘Thanks for this morning. Mum was over the moon with everything’. LW Homestart

‘All the ISIS midwives are so grateful for what you do’ NH

‘Thank you for all your hard work and supporting us and all our families. It truly makes a difference’ Christmas card from the South Parade Health Visiting Team

‘I just wanted to let you know that I was doing a follow-up call with Mr M and he said how pleased and grateful they were for the baby clothing they received and noted that they were of really good quality. He said it had made a big difference to his family’ Local councillor.

‘I just wanted to say thank you for being so hospitable today. You have been incredibly generous, not only in practical items but also in time and of self. I understand why it is such a successful charity. Long may it continue! C was absolutely ecstatic when she got home to her mum’. RW mental health support worker



‘It was so lovely to meet you and I’m so grateful for the help you gave me’. CP

## **DECLARATION:**

The trustees of the Oxford Baby Bank declare this to be a full, transparent and accurate account of our first year's activities.

Signatories:

Emily MacKeith

Caroline Barry

Emma Poynton

Suzanne Lingard

**Oxford Baby Bank: Accounting period 6 April 2021 - 5 April 2022**

<b>INCOME</b>				
Date	Type	Person or Group	Paid In	Balance
02-Jul-21	CR	J A PYE SETTMT YY DONATION PYE	1000	5142.3
09-Aug-21	CR	CHQ IN AT 403534 Waitrose Community Fund	333	4969.66
13-Sep-21	CR	THE CITY OF LTD OXF CITY CHARITY	1000	5201.2
17-Sep-21	VIS	WWW.JOHNLEWIS.COM 03456 049 049 REFUND	48	5185.7
05-Nov-21	VIS	ARGOS LTD INTERNET	69	4405.11
11-Nov-21	CR	CAF21110899258CF	6000	
15-Nov-21	CR	CHQ IN AT 403534 Waitrose Community Fund	333	10225.72
23-Nov-21	CR	CHQ IN AT 403534 Doris Field Charitable Trust	500	10725.72
16-Mar-22	CR	ST MICHAELS CHUR ST MICHAELS GRANT	1200	9662.78
21-Mar-22	VIS	eBay O*10-08405-50 LONDON	1.29	refund
31-Mar-22	CR	J A PYE SETTMT YY DONATION PYE	3000	12294.94
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>13484.29</b>	

<b>TOTALS</b>	
INCOME in period	13484
EXPENDITURE in period	6593
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>6891.3</b>
<b>BALANCE AS AT 6 APR 2021</b>	<b>5403.7</b>
<b>BALANCE AS AT 5 APR 2022</b>	<b>12295</b>



EXPENSES					
DATE	METHOD	SUPPLIER	PRODUCT	AMOUNT	BALANCE
06-Apr-21	VIS	SARTEXQUILT 01706357490	Bedding	83.85	
06-Apr-21	VIS	SP * NORTHLIGHT HO DIDCOT	Mattresses	42.39	5277.43
12-Apr-21	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	250	
12-Apr-21	VIS	BIGDUG LIMITED GLOUCESTER	Shelving	244.8	4782.63
12-May-21	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	250	4532.63
25-May-21	VIS	IKEA LTD 185 MILTO BLETCHLEY	Bedding, high chairs	55	4477.63
01-Jun-21	VIS	ALDI STORES 775-14 OXFORD	Safety gates and toiletries	56.55	4421.08
14-Jun-21	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	250	
14-Jun-21	VIS	DNH*GODADDY.COM EU GODADDY.COM	Website admin	28.78	4142.3
12-Jul-21	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	250	4892.3
15-Jul-21	)))	ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	Nappies, breast pumps, toiletries	24.64	4867.66
22-Jul-21	)))	TESCO STORES 4480 BICESTER	Bedding and towels	44	4823.66
26-Jul-21	VIS	INT'L 0014859487 eBay O*25-07381-47 Luxembourg	Cot mattresses	104.12	
26-Jul-21	VIS	INT'L 0014859488 eBay O*14-07383-33 Luxembourg	cot sheets	20.88	4698.66
28-Jul-21	VIS	IKEA LTD 185 MILTO BLETCHLEY	Bedding and coat hangers	62	4636.66
12-Aug-21	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	250	
12-Aug-21	)))	ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	Children's toiletries and clothing	36.1	4683.56
24-Aug-21	)))	TESCO STORES 4480 BICESTER	Children's toiletries and nappies	16.5	
24-Aug-21	)))	MARKS&SPENCER PLC OXFORD	Children's clothing	10.47	4656.59
26-Aug-21	VIS	WWW.JOHNLEWIS.COM 03456 049 049	Baby baths	75	
26-Aug-21	VIS	WWW.JOHNLEWIS.COM 03456 049 049	Moses baskets	115	4466.59
27-Aug-21	VIS	INT'L 0038194554 Klarna foryourlitt Tipton	Mattresses	15.39	4451.2
13-Sep-21	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	250	
15-Sep-21	VIS	TESCO STORES 4480 BICESTER	Baby toiletries and bedding	63.5	5137.7
22-Sep-21	)))	DUNELM LTD OXFORD	Cot bedding	39.8	5145.9
23-Sep-21	VIS	ASDA STORE 4442 OXFORD	Children's clothing	102.55	
23-Sep-21	VIS	ALDI STORES 775-14 OXFORD	Toiletries, clothing, nappies	53.13	4990.22
08-Oct-21	)))	HOME BARGAINS OXFORD	Changing mats and bedding	23.96	
08-Oct-21	)))	ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	Nappies, baby wipes	20.06	4946.2
12-Oct-21	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	250	
12-Oct-21	VIS	TESCO STORES 4480 BICESTER	Bedding, clothing, toiletries	38	4658.2
13-Oct-21	VIS	DNH*GO DADDY EUROP 020 7979 2661	Website admin	100.66	4557.54
22-Oct-21	VIS	ARGOS LTD INTERNET	Buggy	69	4488.54
04-Nov-21	VIS	ASDA STORE 4442 OXFORD	Children's clothing	109.1	
04-Nov-21	VIS	ASDA STORE 4442 OXFORD	Baby gates, nappy cream	43.33	4336.11
08-Nov-21	VIS	EBAY COMMERCE UK L LONDON	Buggy Harnesses	9.46	
08-Nov-21	)))	TESCO STORES 4480 BICESTER	Nappies, baby wipes	40.44	4355.21
09-Nov-21	)))	ALDI 93 775 BUCKINGHAM	Children's toiletries and clothing	19.99	4335.22
10-Nov-21	)))	IKEA LTD 185 MILTO BLETCHLEY	Bedding, muslins, changing mats	93.5	4241.72
11-Nov-21	)))	ASDA STORE 4442 OXFORD	Children's coats	99	10142.72
12-Nov-21	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	250	9892.72
25-Nov-21	VIS	ZTL*jacobs inn Oxford	AGM meeting with trustees	63	10662.72
03-Dec-21	VIS	EBAY COMMERCE UK L LONDON	MISTAKEN CARD USED (refunded by CB C	14.51	
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06-Dec-21	VIS	ASDA STORE 4442 OXFORD	Safety gates and coats	95.37	
06-Dec-21	VIS	ARGOS LTD INTERNET	Mattresses	96.95	10441.38
13-Dec-21	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	250	10191.38
21-Dec-21	)))	TESCO STORES 4480 BICESTER	Cot bedding, towels.	38.75	10152.63
10-Jan-22	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19DEC2021	Bank charges	5.8	10146.83
11-Jan-22	)))	M&CO BUCKINGHAM	Winter jackets	13.98	10132.85
12-Jan-22	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	250	9882.85
13-Jan-22	)))	ASDA STORE 4442 OXFORD	Children's clothing	42	9840.85
19-Jan-22	)))	ALDI STORES 775-14 OXFORD	Reusable nappies, toiletries, clothing	39.18	9801.67
01-Feb-22	VIS	IKEA LTD 185 MILTO BLETCHLEY	Storage boxes, towels, bedding	78	9723.67
10-Feb-22	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19JAN2022	Bank charges	5	9718.67
14-Feb-22	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Rent	250	9468.67
16-Feb-22	)))	JOHN LEWIS OXFORD	Bedding	13.5	
16-Feb-22	)))	JOHN LEWIS OXFORD	Baby clothing	14	9441.17
21-Feb-22	VIS	ARGOS LTD INTERNET	Stair gates x6	152.95	9288.22
22-Feb-22	)))	HOME BARGAINS OXFORD	Changing mats and children's underwear	50.95	
22-Feb-22	)))	HOME BARGAINS OXFORD	Safety gates	39.98	
22-Feb-22	)))	ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	Children's clothing	25.94	9171.35
24-Feb-22	VIS	SAINSBURY'S S/MKT HEYFORD HILL	Children's clothing and toiletries	105.15	9066.2
01-Mar-22	VIS	ASDA STORE 4442 OXFORD	Children's coats and clothing	96	8970.2
03-Mar-22	)))	ASDA STORE 4442 OXFORD	Coats	5	
03-Mar-22	)))	ASDA STORE 4442 OXFORD	Coats and clothing	82.5	8882.7
08-Mar-22	BP	Mrs C M Barry Babybankmattresses	Refund to CM Barry - paid on own card	71.25	8811.45
10-Mar-22	VIS	PAYPAL *FORYOURLIT 35314369001	matress protectors	19.98	8791.47
13-Mar-22	DR	TOTAL CHARGES TO 19FEB2022	Bank charges	5	8786.47
14-Mar-22	SO	COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	RENT	250	
14-Mar-22	)))	ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	Bottles, wipes, clothing	60.7	8475.77
15-Mar-22	VIS	eBay O*17-08378-71 LONDON	MISTAKEN CARD USED (refunded by CB C	12.99	8462.78
18-Mar-22	)))	TESCO STORES 4480 BICESTER	Changing mats and bottles	67	9595.78
21-Mar-22	VIS	eBay O*05-08404-78 LONDON	MISTAKEN CARD USED (refunded by CB C	2.15	
21-Mar-22	VIS	eBay O*10-08405-50 LONDON	MISTAKEN CARD USED (refunded by CB C	4.04	9590.88
23-Mar-22	VIS	OXFORDSHIRE CC MOT OXFORD	Parking permit	150	
23-Mar-22	VIS	ARGOS LTD INTERNET	Mattresses	142.95	9297.93
28-Mar-22	VIS	eBay O*23-08423-31 LONDON	MISTAKEN CARD USED (refunded by CB C	2.99	9294.94

**TOTAL**

**6593**

**THE OXFORD BABY BANK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1190257

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# Accounts

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# ANNUAL REPORT

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 till 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

of **THE OXFORD BABY BANK**

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It remains at the heart of our enterprise that we want to facilitate the work of front-line staff in carrying out their work with families in need. We can provide quick responses to circumstances where there is a practical requirement and have been able to support discharge from hospital the same day, as we have stored and free resources. We also know from some of the professionals

that we work with that their being able to arrive with 'gifts' often helps build relationships and trust.

## **COLLECTIONS**

This past year has been a difficult one for collections. In the past, we have relied on schools and other institutions to allow us to organise donation days on their premises, but with social distancing and the effective closure of schools to all but the most essential of visitors, this has not been possible. The Windmill School, Headington, has continued to find an informal way to help. Other networks have also proved invaluable. Our thanks to Anna Carhart-Harris and the Botley Mums network and Laura Middleton and the Phil and Jim's parent groups. As the situation relaxes, we hope to be able to resume bigger collection drives and indeed some are in the pipeline.

We are enduringly grateful to the skilled knitters of Shared Knitting in Headington who have been knitting us cardigans and blankets, as have the generous knitters of the Methodist Church network, in particular the prolific Laura Mayo.

## **STORAGE**

We started out our formal journey in a tiny storage room at the Methodist Church in the Cowley Road, which we rented in October 2019. We soon outgrew this (baby equipment is very bulky) and just before lockdown in March last year moved to a significantly bigger room within the church, which we hope will suffice for the time being. Initially, it was uncertain how we were going to function during lockdown and at first we gave a significant portion of our newborn baby clothes to the delivery suite at the John Radcliffe Hospital. We also gave away what nappies we had (as there was an initial shortage due to stockpiling) to Homestart. But we quickly decided that with precautions and a new way of operating, we could function perfectly well during lockdown and that it was necessary that we should.

As rent is our most significant expense, we have decided to keep quite close control on inventory and to maintain only small stocks of buggies, cots etc. We have no need to build an equipment mountain, which costs us money to store, so we will not always accept equipment offered to us. From a safety point of view, we are also only going to invite donations of pieces of equipment that are 5 years old or less.

## **PUBLICITY**

Our main aim has been to network with frontline staff to ensure that they know that they can call on us and that we will respond quickly and reliably in a way that supports them and their clients. Certainly awareness of our function and ability to react quickly is growing.

## **STRUCTURE**

The Oxford Baby Bank is governed by a constitution. New trustees are appointed by the committee of trustees. The current committee of trustees will be in place for the next two years at least.

Last summer we applied for Charitable Status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This is a designation reserved for small charities with an annual income of less than £12,000. Our charity number, of which we are very proud, is 1190257.

The trustees run the Baby Bank on a day to day basis as volunteers. Sometimes, they are joined on appointment days and collection days by other volunteers, who lend a practical hand. All trustees are DBS checked and other volunteers are always teamed up with them.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

For the calendar year 2020, we helped 102 families with significant supplies of clothing and equipment. At the time of writing (4<sup>th</sup> May), we have already helped 53 families this year, so the rate of referrals is climbing steeply. It is difficult to estimate the average value of goods received by an individual family, but we keep records of what is given, so that at some point we can carry out an exercise to try to value the average basket of goods.

The response from families who have received donations has been very positive, as has that of the professionals who have referred or been part of our distribution network:

“ Thank you ever so much. I’m so grateful for your help. If ever in the future I have something for children I want to donate, I will definitely be willing to help and support the baby bank “ SH referred by community midwife

“Thank you for all the amazing clothes and the cot. You are marvellous” LF health visitor

“That’s so amazing. Thank you so so much. I bet she was so thankful.” HM community midwife

“That would be amazing. Yes please. We are a little short of clothes which aren’t blue, but any clothes will do! I am so grateful to you.” HO delivery suite co-ordinator and consultant midwife John Radcliffe Hospital.

In addition to helping specific referred families, we have distributed goods through Homestart and the Blackbird Leas Community Centre.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Over the past year we have been grateful to the following for financial help:

- The Ffeoffees of St Michael’s and All Saints
- The Doris Field Charitable Trust

- The ASDA Foundation (their community Champion Linda Blackmore is a loyal supporter both with money and goods)
- Waitrose Green token scheme, both Headington and Botley Road
- The Oxford Community Foundation Covid grants

We have prepared annual accounts for the financial year April 2020 to April 2021 and our financial status is healthy. We were very concerned not to move into larger premises without ensuring that we had sufficient reserves, as this is by far the biggest financial commitment for us. Currently we have sufficient reserves to meet our outgoings for 18 months. We intend to apply to all the above for on-going assistance. We are also looking to apply for a grant specifically to buy items which have safety/health implications eg. stair-gates, mattresses, sterilisers etc. The Covid grant from the OCF has been spent on consumables, mainly nappies to ease the financial burden of families hit financially by the pandemic.

### **HOW EXPENDITURE HAS SUPPORTED THE KEY OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY**

Our main expenditure is on rent for our base at the Methodist Church in the Botley Road. We have also had to equip this space with heavy-duty warehouse storage systems.

### **DECLARATION:**

The trustees of the Oxford Baby Bank declare this to be a full, transparent and accurate account of our first year's activities.

Signatories:

Emily MacKeith

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**Oxford Baby Bank: Accounting period 6 April 2020 - 5 April 2021**

<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>Person or Group</b>	<b>ITEMS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
OXON COMM FOUND NET OCF	Grant	500	28-May
OXON COMM FOUND OCF DCMS NET	Grant	250	08-Oct
CHQ IN AT 403534: Doris Field Charitable Trust	Donation	500	04-Dec
ST MICHAELS CHUR ST MICHAELS GRANT	Grant	1200	10-Dec
CAF20120881670CF	Donation	50	11-Dec
CHQ IN AT 402401: Waitrose Headington	Donation	333	19-Feb
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2833</b>	

<b>TOTALS</b>	
INCOME in period	2833
EXPENDITURE in period	4892.4
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>-2059.4</b>
<b>BALANCE AS AT 6 APR 2020</b>	<b>7463.07</b>
<b>BALANCE AS AT 5 APR 2021</b>	<b>5403.67</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>SUPPLIER</b>	<b>PRODUCT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Cowley Methodist Church	room rent	100	14-Apr
Aldi	nappies	12.71	14-Apr
Cowley Methodist Church	room rent (increase)	150	17-Apr
Shopfitting Warehouse	hanging rail	61.62	20-Apr
Aldi	nappies and wipes	21.58	27-Apr
Ikea.com	shelving	217.5	28-Apr
Cowley Methodist Church	room rent	250	12-May
WWW.JOHNLEWIS.COM 03456 049 049	mattresses/moses mattresses	52	14-May-20
LINENS LTD OLDHAM	moses basket liners	50.75	14-May-20
ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	Nappies/chocolate/baby bath/wipes	41.5	29-May-20
ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	nappies/wipes/baby bath/milk	39.36	03-Jun-20
SAINSBURY'S S/MKT KIDLINGTON	Formula milk/nappies/wipes/shampoo/b	39.4	05-Jun-20
COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	room rent	250	12-Jun-20
ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	Nappies/wipes	26.48	18-Jun-20
DUNELM LTD OXFORD	Various cot sheets	27.88	18-Jun-20
ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	nappies/baby bath	49.12	08-Jul-20
ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	baby food/milk/nappies	34.91	13-Jul-20
COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Room rental	250	13-Jul-20
RYMAN 1172 OXFORD	White tack/Pens	8.99	22-Jul-20
WWW.JOHNLEWIS.COM 03456 049 049	matresses	160	31-Jul-20
BIGDUG LIMITED GLOUCESTER	Shelving units	154.8	03-Aug-20
ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	nappies/sheets/cups/wipes/moses sheet	42.37	07-Aug-20
DUNELM LTD OXFORD	moses sheets	36	07-Aug-20
COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Room rental	250	12-Aug-20
IKEA LTD 185 MILTOBLETCHLEY	high chair covers	9	14-Aug-20
ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	nappies/wipes/soothers/baby bath	45.86	18-Aug-20
ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	nappies/sheets/nappy sacks	18.36	27-Aug-20
COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Room rental	250	14-Sep-20
POST OFFICE COUNTOXFORD	stamps	16.92	02-Oct-20
GODADDY.COM EUROPE020 7979 2661	website provider	100.66	12-Oct-20
COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Room rental	250	12-Oct-20
SAINSBURYS S/MKTS HEYFORD HILL	toys/clothes	45	20-Oct-20
ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	nappies/coats/baby bath/wipes	41.56	20-Oct-20
ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	nappies/wipes	41.79	26-Oct-20
COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Room rental	250	12-Nov-20
ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	nappies/wipes	45.97	17-Nov-20
ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	nappies/wipes/milk/pyjamas	44.88	14-Dec-20
COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Room rental	250	14-Dec-20
JOHN LEWIS OXFORD	Printer cartridges	33.99	21-Dec-20

COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Room rent	250	12-Jan-21
HOME BARGAINS OXFORD	changing mats	11.98	20-Jan-21
ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	nappies/steriliser/sleeping bag/nappy sa	86.68	20-Jan-21
ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	nappies/wipes/steriliser/bottles	66.3	27-Jan-21
ALDI STORES 775-14OXFORD	Nappies/books/wipes	39.71	02-Feb-21
HOME BARGAINS OXFORD	toys/muslins	14.97	10-Feb-21
ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	Nappies/shampoo/books/wipes	50.07	10-Feb-21
COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Room rental	250	12-Feb-21
COWLEY METHODIST OXFORD BABY BANK	Room rental	250	12-Mar-21
ASDA PETROL/UPT THAME	fuel: drop offs (CB)	27.83	18-Mar-21
ALDI 77 775 OXFORD	towels/muslins/bodysuits	29.95	22-Mar-21
HOME BARGAINS OXFORD	changing mats	17.97	22-Mar-21
HOME BARGAINS OXFORD	safety gate/changing mat	25.98	26-Mar-21
TOTAL		4892.4	