

LITTLE STARS BABY BANK

England & Wales - Charity number 1191130

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-09-03

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AMONG PEOPLE LIVING OR WORKING IN SHROPSHIRE BY PROVIDING PRE-LOVED DONATIONS TO SUCH PERSONS WITH ESSENTIAL BABY/CHILDREN ITEMS AS WELL AS PRODUCTS NEEDED FOR THE MOTHER AFTER GIVING BIRTH WHICH THEY COULD NOT OTHERWISE AFFORD THROUGH LACK OF MEANS.

Activities: Little Stars Baby Bank's sole purpose is to help families in need within Shropshire, by providing pre-loved donations of essential baby/children items such as clothing; moses baskets and nappies, as well as products needed for mother after giving birth. Monetary donations go towards brand new items that cannot be donated. We give this support to help give their child have the best start in life

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Shropshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£209,526	£119,411	-	-
2024-12-31	£86,995	£91,886	-	-
2023-12-31	£74,740	£67,262	-	-
2022-12-31	£79,227	£41,586	-	-
2021-12-31	£38,280	£14,506	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ian Groves	Chair	2025-03-27
Anne Beeston		2024-06-12
Christianne Williams		2023-01-24
Ellen Shaw		2025-03-28
Joanna Seabright		2024-12-07
Sadie Bates		2023-09-05

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Accounts



Trustees' Report and Accounts unaudited For the year ended 31 December 2025

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Little Stars Baby Bank
Financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2025
Reference and administration details

Charity registration number	1191130
Registered office address	Little Stars Unit 4 Hussey Road Battlefield Enterprise Park Shrewsbury SY1 3TE
Accountants	TCA (Shrewsbury) LLP Third Floor 21 St Mary's Street Shrewsbury Shropshire SY1 1ED
Bankers	CAF Bank 25 Kings Hill Avenue West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ HSBC 127 High Street Hounslow Middlesex TW3 1QP
Trustees	I Groves – Chair (appointed 27 th March 2025) C Williams – Vice Chair S Bates – Secretary A Beeston – Treasurer J Seabright E Shaw (appointed 28 th March 2025) A Garmaston (resigned 11 th August 2025) D Kortas (resigned 20 th March 2025)





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Trustees' Annual Report

The Trustees of Little Stars Baby Bank are pleased to present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2025.

OUR VISION *and* MISSION


Our vision at Little Stars is to ensure babies and children across Shropshire have access to the essentials they need at every stage of childhood.

Our mission is both simple and urgent: to provide practical support to families across Shropshire by ensuring no baby or child goes without the childhood essentials during the most vulnerable time of their life.

We believe that every family, no matter how complex their situation, should be shown kindness and support at the time they need it most.



Statement of Public Benefit



transform community donations into curated support bundles, we protect the physical health of infants, the mental well-being of parents, and the health of our local environment – all while providing a vital resource for the county’s frontline professionals.

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit. We deliver this benefit through three primary pillars:

Our Objectives

Relieving Financial Hardship: Working in partnership with frontline organisations to provide immediate relief for families who cannot afford the basic essentials required for their children’s health and safety.

Promoting Environmental Sustainability: Ensuring the provision of high-quality, pre-loved items to families in need, thereby reducing landfill waste and fostering a circular economy within the local community.

Protecting Maternal and Neonatal Well-being: Providing expectant mothers with the essential provisions required for a safe and dignified post-birth experience for both mother and baby.

Dignity and Health for Families: We believe every child deserves a fair start in life. By providing essentials—from clothing to safety equipment—we deliver more than supplies; we deliver relief and hope. Our service acts as a vital safety net that alleviates the 'toxic stress' of poverty on parents, ensuring babies and young children are kept clean, safe, and warm.


Wider community: We foster a circular local economy by diverting high-quality, pre-loved items from landfills. This provides a purposeful channel for community generosity and significantly reduces the environmental impact of textile waste within the county.

Systemic Support for Professionals: We empower our referral partners, by providing a reliable central hub for children and baby essentials, we strengthen the support network available to Shropshire’s most vulnerable residents.

Due to the vital support of our fundraisers and donors, Little Stars is able to supplement these bundles with brand-new equipment that cannot be donated as pre-loved for safety or hygiene reasons. This voluntary income is the lifeblood of our organisation; it enables us to not only continue our daily work but to actively develop our service to reach more families in need.

Our services are accessible to any family in need through our professional referral network, ensuring that our benefit is directed toward a sufficient and inclusive section of the public.

Structure, governance and management



Stars is a Charitable Incorporation Organisation ("CIO") which was registered with the Charity Commission on 3rd September 2020 and is governed by a constitution as a Foundation CIO.




Trustee Recruitment and Induction: New Trustees are recruited openly in line with the Little Stars Trustee Recruitment Policy. To ensure a professional and transparent transition, all new Trustees receive a comprehensive induction and a set of key governing documents to enable them to fulfill their legal and strategic roles effectively.

Governance and Board Effectiveness: The Board of Trustees conducts an annual skills analysis to ensure the charity is supported by a suitable range of knowledge and expertise. Where a skills gap is identified, we proactively seek to recruit Trustees who can bridge that gap.

Risk Management: The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the strategic, operational, and financial risks to which the charity is exposed. We ensure that appropriate controls and policies are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud, error, and safeguarding risks, protecting the charity's beneficiaries and assets.

The Board is committed to the principles of the Charity Governance Code for Small Charities. We treat this as an ongoing process of improvement and are actively working toward fulfilling all aspects of the code to ensure the highest standards of integrity and transparency.

A note from our CEO



The past year has been one of significant growth and vital intervention for Little Stars. As the cost-of-living crisis continued to strain households across Shropshire, we met an 11% increase in demand, ensuring that the most vulnerable members of our community were supported when they needed it most.

A Foundation of Partnership Since 2020, we have built strong, trusted partnerships with those on the frontline. By becoming a reputable support service, we have grown a professional referral network that now comprises over 150 partners. These collaborations provide us with a deeper understanding of the specific needs within our local communities. Our support now extends far beyond general poverty alleviation; we act as a lifeline for children fleeing domestic abuse, those removed from their homes due to neglect, and newly arrived refugees seeking safety.

Our Impact This year, we ensured that 846 children across Shropshire received the essential items they needed to thrive. From safe-sleep equipment to warm clothing, our bespoke bundles provided more than just physical goods—they provided the foundation for a safe and healthy childhood.

Our impact extends to the whole family. By providing 102 adults with essential toiletries and specialised maternity packs, we addressed a critical gap in hygiene poverty.

A Scalable Solution to "Essential Poverty" The 11% rise in children supported this year is a testament to both the growing need in our county and the efficiency of our referral-based model. To keep pace with this momentum, we recently transitioned into a new, larger premises. This move provides the vital infrastructure needed to expand our team and provides the physical capacity to meet the ever-increasing demand for our services.

We have proven that Little Stars is a resilient, scalable solution to "essential poverty" in Shropshire. As we look forward, we are now better equipped than ever to evolve alongside our community, ensuring that no child has to go without the essentials of childhood.

Leanne Simcoe
Founder and CEO

Campaigns

We provide essential items for every stage of childhood as our service encompasses a baby bank, tots to teen support, and a school uniform bank. We take pre-loved items generously donated by the community and compile unique bundles, which are supplemented with new equipment and basic hygiene products that are then gifted to the families referred to us.

Baby Bank

Our baby bank ensures every infant has a safe and comfortable start in life. We provide the essentials families need most: a secure place for newborns to sleep, prams to help parents stay mobile, highchairs for safe weaning, and safety gates to protect curious crawlers.



Tots to Teens

We know that childhood does not stop after the toddler years – and neither should our support. That is why we created Tots to Teens. This ensures children from ages two to thirteen receive the practical help they need to grow, learn, and feel confident in themselves, no matter what life throws their way.



Campaigns

Cool for School



Every child deserves to walk into school proud and confident. Yet for many families across Shropshire and Telford, school uniforms are a source of stress due to the high cost. That is why Little Stars set up the Cool for School campaign. We provide clean, ready to wear uniforms to children in need, allowing them to fit in with their peers.

We work closely with schools and local organisations who refer families facing financial strain. Whether a required blazer is too small or a jumper is worn thin, we step in to help. Our stock is made up of quality non-branded preloved items donated by the community – from shirts and trousers to skirts, ties, jumpers and PE kits.

Santa's Little Stars

Since its inception in 2020, our Santa's Little Stars campaign has grown from a small local initiative into a major county-wide operation. Christmas often acts as a "breaking point" for families and is a challenging time for household budgets.

In 2020, we provided Christmas gifts for 14 children. By 2025, that number reached a record 707 children. This incredible growth represents a fifty-fold increase in our reach, ensuring that no child is forgotten during the holiday season.

The 33% increase in demand over the last year highlights the growing pressure on household budgets during the festive period. By providing these gifts, we help ease the burden on parents, allowing them to share in the joy of the season with their children. Our ability to meet this record-breaking request for support is a testament to the extraordinary kindness of our Shropshire community and the dedication of our referral partners, who help us ensure the magic of Christmas reaches every home.



Testimonials

We work closely with our referral partners to gather feedback and case studies so that we can understand the impact our work. It helps us to identify areas where we can make changes and improve the services we offer.

“The family have limited income and are struggling financially. Their ability to seek employment is impacted by their health and the potential conditions they are being assessed for. They therefore claim Universal Credit, however this is not adequate to provide for their family and rely on food banks and baby banks to get by. The provision of powdered formula milk for this family enables them to make up their young baby’s formula feeds as per the instructions and recommendations rather than resorting to “watering down” the formula powder to make it last longer, which would likely have a negative impact on the health of their baby.”



“Mum fled DA with her 3 young children. Mum did not have anything for the children and needed essential items such as clothes, travel cots, toys to stimulate the children whilst in refuge, and buggies. By providing this support, it will comfort the children who were unable to take any of their toys or home comforts with them into the refuge. It will also support and empower mum knowing that she has support from other organisations and professionals reducing the likelihood of her returning to the abusive relationship due to finances.”

“This vulnerable family have a son with diagnosed learning needs and behavioural challenges, they are providing as well as they are able but struggling to maintain the level of clothing a growing boy needs so the clothing provision you will supply will be invaluable in allowing him to dress appropriately for the warmer weather. His personal hygiene is an area of concern and the provision of the toiletries and oral care products will enable me to focus on this area with him. A further area needing to be addressed is his personal space and making this a safe and attractive space for him to be, hence the bedding request as this is currently lacking.

The difference this will make for the family is to relieve the financial burden, for the young lad himself it will be so important in his own self of pride in his appearance and in that of his room.”



Environment impact

Based on this year's redistribution of 846 children's bundles and shop sales:

- **Carbon Reduction:** We have diverted significant textile waste from landfills. Reusing just one child's garment saves approximately 2kg of CO₂—the equivalent of charging a smartphone 33 times.
- **Water Conservation:** Producing new cotton clothing is incredibly water-intensive. By giving items a second life, we save an average of 750 litres of water per garment, helping to conserve vital natural resources.
- **Plastic Waste Mitigation:** The toy industry is the most plastic-intensive in the world, with 80% of toys ending up in landfills. Durable, high-quality toys and equipment (such as cots and strollers) remain in use for their full lifespan, preventing hundreds of kilograms of plastic and metal from entering the waste stream.



Our Volunteers

The vital work we do would simply not be possible without the dedication of those who gift us their time. We are incredibly fortunate to be supported by a committed core of weekly volunteers, alongside corporate partners who contribute through their dedicated volunteer days. Without their collective effort, the logistical challenge of sorting donations for families would be insurmountable.



Our volunteers bring a wealth of lived experience; many are at different stages of parenthood or grandparenthood and were inspired to join Little Stars through their own journeys. They deeply understand the pressures parents face at every stage of a child's life. For example, one of our volunteers first encountered Little Stars while fostering a six-month-old baby and receiving a bundle via a social worker. Touched by that support, she followed our progress for two years before joining us as a volunteer once the child started nursery.

Our volunteer roles are diverse and essential. We have teams managing warehouse sorting, providing customer service in our shop, and handling heavy lifting and equipment 'MOTs' to ensure every item is safe and gift-ready. We are also proud to support young people through the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, providing them with a meaningful environment to complete their volunteering service.



THIS YEAR, OUR VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTED A REMARKABLE 758.5 HOURS OF SERVICE—A CONTRIBUTION VALUED AT OVER £9,200 BASED ON THE NATIONAL LIVING WAGE. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR WONDERFUL 'VOLUNTEER FAMILY' AND REMAIN PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL FOR THE DEDICATION AND HEART THEY BRING TO OUR MISSION.

Our Corporate Partnerships



Aico: Our longstanding corporate partner continued their generous support throughout 2025, providing vital financial contributions to sustain our services, as well as monthly volunteers and a van for our donation drop-off mornings. They also actively supported our Santa's Little Stars and Wear Stars for Little Stars campaigns, with staff leading their own fundraising initiatives to further strengthen their impact.

Start Tech: are a valued corporate supporter. They not only provide us with our cyber security package and assist us with all our IT needs, they also raise our profile, come to our events and even have a Tuck Shop where all money is donated to Little Stars. Through their fundraising efforts they raised £1896 in 2025.



The Darwin Centre: has continued their incredible support this year, providing space for our corporate wrapping days, photoshoot fundraiser, and the Little Stars Shop. They helped raise £220.03 with their polar bear display, hosted donation points for our Santa's Little Stars campaign, and generously supplied marketing materials and storage for collected gifts.



The Alb: hosted our Musical Bingo fundraiser, created a special cocktail with a portion of proceeds supporting Little Stars, and generously contributed prizes for our events and raffles.





Clickingmad:

We are thrilled to have partnered with Bridgnorth based digital agency Clickingmad, who generously funded and delivered our brand-new website. They also volunteered with us and supported our Wear Stars for Little Stars campaign.

Claremont Social Tap:

Claremont Social Tap continued their support in 2025, hosting two quiz evenings, donating numerous prizes, and awarding an additional donation of £1,500 to Little Stars.



DecoStitch:

DecoStitch provided tops for our London Marathon runner as well as our 10 Shrewsbury Half and metric half runners. Mike also volunteered at our Little Stars shop.

Beefy Boys:

Staff at Beefy Boys Shrewsbury chose Little Stars as their charity for the first quarter of the year, and thanks to the generosity of their customers, they raised an incredible £1,000!





Hadley Park House Hotel:

We were delighted to be part of a special Christmas celebration hosted by Hadley Park House Hotel for families supported by Little Stars. The team created a magical festive experience, welcoming children and their parents or carers for afternoon tea, festive entertainment, and a visit from Santa, with gifts for every child.

Corporate Volunteers:

We have had more corporate volunteers providing support and helping us sort all the wonderful donations we receive. Over the year they gave us 163 hours of time, thank you to Apha, ClickingMad, Aico, WSP, Aico, WR Partners, DecoStitch, Nationwide Building Society.



Our School Partnerships

St Winefrides:

St Winefrides continued to be an outstanding partner throughout 2025, providing sustained and meaningful support across fundraising, volunteering and donation drives. From an Easter clothing collection and a 12 Days of Advent campaign, to taking part in Wear Stars for Little Stars Week the school community consistently demonstrated generosity and commitment. Pupils also volunteered in the Little Stars shop, gaining first-hand insight into our work, while a member of staff joined Team Little Stars at the Shrewsbury Metric-Half Marathon.



Adcote School:

Year 8 students at Adcote School held a fundraising Christmas Fair and decided to donate the money they raised to support Little Stars. They raised an amazing £231.21.

Oswestry School:

Pupils at Oswestry School's OsBiz raised an amazing £286.27 for Little Stars.

Community Partnership



Football Festival:

Shropshire Junior Football League hosted their Under 7 Football Festival in September and raised an amazing £654 to help us continue providing essentials to local children and families.

Skyjack:

Skyjack generously donated £262 to Little Stars after one of their employees selected us as the beneficiary of their company raffle.

Children supporting Little Stars



Jensen:

We were absolutely blown away by Jensen, age 9 and his dad Andrew, who took on an incredible challenge this summer, cycling over 74 miles from Shrewsbury to Barmouth on the longest day of the year! Jensen showed amazing determination, tackling tough hills and coastal roads to reach Barmouth before sunset. Together they raised an incredible £2,808.75, split equally between Little Stars and The Shrewsbury Rotary Club, including £1,000 of matched funding. At just nine years old, Jensen has shown what a huge difference one small person can make.

Bella:

Nine-year-old Bella, one of our incredible young fundraisers, set herself the challenge of running 40 kilometres in April with the aim of raising £100 for Little Stars. In an inspiring show of determination and community support, she went on to raise an outstanding £1,072. We are also extremely grateful to Motability Operations Ltd for match-funding £500 of Bella's total, further increasing the impact of her remarkable achievement.



2025 Fundraisers



Musical Bingo remains a firm favourite in our events calendar. This year, we were delighted to be hosted by The Alb, who put on a fantastic evening of entertainment. They even invited our team to create a signature cocktail, which was sold both on the night and throughout the summer to raise vital funds. Thanks to everyone's generosity, the event raised £1,055, with an additional £400 generated by cocktail sales over the year.

Paint & Sip hosted by The ArtMixer Our hosts, Roger and Jo, brought the event to life: Roger serenaded us with live music while Jo led a step-by-step art tutorial, guiding everyone through a beautiful painting inspired by Starry Night by Van Gogh. The event raised £170.



London Marathon- David proudly joined Team Little Stars to take on the London Marathon, showing incredible commitment and determination in support of our work. Training for and completing such an iconic challenge is no small achievement, and we are hugely grateful that David chose to dedicate his efforts to Little Stars. Through his fundraising, he raised an incredible £2,742.

2025 Fundraisers

Our staple "Wear Stars 4 Little Stars" fundraiser took place for the second year running and raising funds for project night-time. We built on last year and more businesses and schools got involved wearing their starry pyjamas, whilst raising money. We raised an incredible £3,238. From bake-offs and star costumes to pyjama days and quizzes, the creativity and commitment shown by our community were truly inspiring.

Huge thanks to the amazing businesses who took part and joined in the fun:

Aico, Start Tech, Clickingmad Ltd and Komplex Group for participating in our Wear Stars or PJ day and raising money throughout the week and teams from TCA Accountants and Business Advisors, Start Tech, Lanyon Bowdler and WSP for coming to our quiz night!

Big thanks to the wonderful schools across Shropshire who joined in and supported us: St Winefride's RC in Shrewsbury, Weston Lullingfield School, Whittington Primary in Oswestry and St Mary's CE in Albrighton.

Thank you to the incredible venues and people who hosted events for us: Claremont Social Tap, The Cock Hotel in Wellington, Art Mixer and Shropshire Distillery.



2025 Fundraisers

The **Shrewsbury Half Marathon** is a new addition to our annual events calendar, and our debut outing was a resounding success. A dedicated team of 10 runners, including staff members Chantal and Leanne, completed either the Metric or Full Half Marathon. Through their hard work and the generosity of their supporters, the team raised a total of £1,607.



Family Stargazing Event-The evening was packed with fascinating astronomy talks, demonstrations about rocks and the solar system, and fun craft and colouring activities for our youngest supporters. Families enjoyed making rockets, learning about constellations, and exploring the wonders of space in a hands-on way: a truly educational and fun experience for all ages. Raising a wonderful £225.50



Christmas Family Photoshoot Our Family Photoshoot event with Victoria J Photography was a wonderful success, bringing smiles to families and raising £364.25 for Little Stars. We are incredibly grateful to Vicki from Victoria J Photography for donating her time and expertise, and to The Darwin Centre for providing the perfect welcoming space and are looking forward to collaborating again in 2026.

2025 Fundraisers

Santa's Little Stars fundraiser:

This year the support came in it's droves, through kindly donated gifts or monetary donations, we are extremely grateful to all who supported us and raised awareness for the campaign.

We supported 707 children and each of them received multiple gifts each.



December also saw two busy corporate wrapping days, with around 60 volunteers helping sort and wrap thousands of gifts for referral partners. The Darwin generously hosted these days and supported the campaign with donation boxes, promotion, and space for our volunteers.



A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE TEAMS FROM BARCLAYS UK, HSBC, AICO, KOMPLEX GROUP, WELCOME BREAK, WSP, START TECH, 4 ALL FOUNDATION, APHA, AND TCA SHREWSBURY LLP FOR GIVING THEIR TIME AND ENERGY.

2025 Fundraisers

December Fundraisers

This December, Little Stars was overwhelmed by the generosity of the community, businesses, schools, and corporate partners. They contributed in countless creative ways—through fairs, quizzes, raffles, bake sales, concerts, workplace fundraising, and online donation drives. Here are some of the highlights.

THANKS TO THOUSANDS OF DONATED GIFTS AND THE DEDICATION OF OUR VOLUNTEERS, GIFTS WERE COLLECTED, SORTED, AND WRAPPED, WHILE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS RAISED OVER £5,000.



Shuker Group went above and beyond raising a huge £1766 and donating over £1000 worth of toys.

Estate Agents in Shrewsbury town centre led by Samuel Woods, organised a Bake-off event raising over £200 to buy gifts for our Christmas campaign.



Lanyon Bowdler established a donation drop-off point at their Shrewsbury office, with staff generously contributing a wonderful selection of gifts to support our Santa's Little Stars campaign. We look forward to strengthening and developing this partnership further in the year ahead.

2025 Fundraisers

Jules Convenience Store Julie Kaur and her customers at Jules Convenience donated £750 to Little Stars, raised through a raffle and Christmas Fair.



Floro Lounge Shrewsbury, supported us throughout December through a special hot drink, jumper day, a giving tree and a quiz night.

Theatre Severn once again supported us and we were able to be at the end of three pantomime shows to collect money for Little Stars, the public were extremely generous and we raised £761.75 across the three shows.



A HUGE THANK YOU ALSO TO:

Bayston Hill Community, The Crafty Dragon, DY USA, SUEZ, Barclays, Faintree Škoda, Gobowen WI, Harley Village Hall, Laura Jane, Cadence Singers, Ackleton Village Hall, Pertemps, APHA, WSP, Samuel Wood, Pipekit, JN Bentley, V&D Interiors, TCA Accountants and Business Advisors, Aaron & Partners LLP, Lanyon Bowdler, Halifax, Start Tech, Pertemps, Aico, Endorph Fitness, Oxbow Care Home, Severnfields Medical Practice, Petrofer UK Limited, St. John

External Recognition and Community Impact

2025 has been a significant year for the external profile of Little Stars, with the charity receiving prestigious recognition at both a national and local level.

National Leadership: Best Businesswomen Awards 2025

We are incredibly proud of our Founder and CEO, Leanne Simcoe, who was named a Silver Award winner in the 'Charity Champion' category at the national Best Businesswomen Awards. Selected by an expert panel from hundreds of entries, this award recognizes the tenacity, innovation, and resilience required to build and lead a successful charity.

Leanne noted that being recognized for the work she has done in building Little Stars is "extremely special," particularly as it highlights the professional excellence required to lead in the third sector. This accolade provides strong external validation of the charity's leadership and strategic direction.



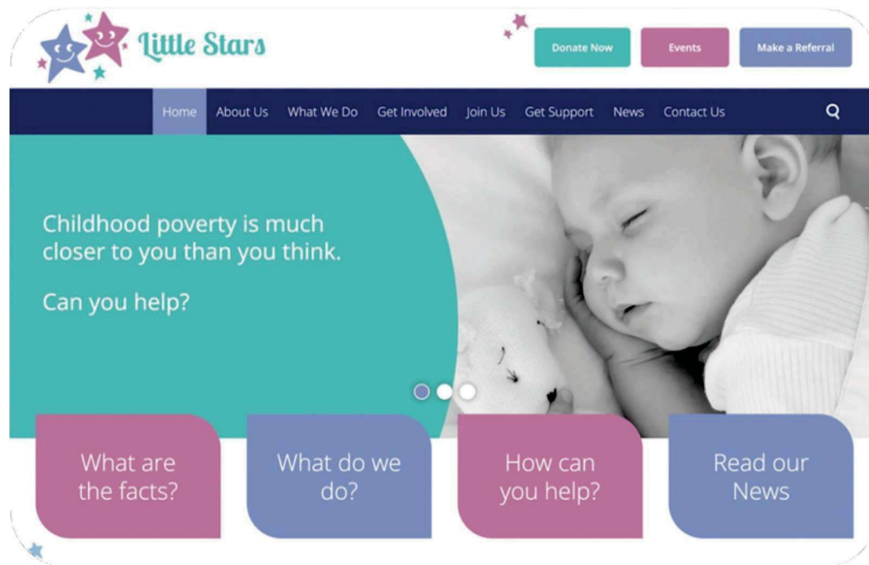
Local Impact: The Mayor of Shrewsbury's Awards

Following our national success, Little Stars was honored locally at the Mayor of Shrewsbury's Award Ceremony. The charity was recognised in the Youth Category for our dedicated work supporting children and families across the Shrewsbury community.

The Trustees are delighted that the impact of our frontline services has been highlighted by the Shrewsbury Town Council. Being celebrated alongside other passionate local organisations reinforces Little Stars' position as a vital pillar of the Shropshire community. We extend our thanks to the Mayor of Shrewsbury for this recognition, which serves as a testament to the hard work of our entire team and our commitment to local families.



Launch of our new website



Created in partnership with Bridgnorth-based digital agency Clickingmad as one of their *25 in 25 Acts of Kindness*.

The new website marks an important step forward for the charity. Little Stars has grown significantly over the past few years, and the team wanted a site that reflected that progress: making information simple to find and offering a clearer, more welcoming experience for families, referral partners, volunteers and supporters.

The new design brings together everything people need in one place, with dedicated sections for Get Involved, What We Do, and Get Support, making it easier than ever to understand how the charity works and how to access help. Another exciting addition is the improved Volunteer Opportunities area, enabling people to explore ways they can support Little Stars throughout the year. The charity is also proud to introduce its new Events Page, where all planned 2026 events are displayed in one easy-to-navigate space, helping the community plan ahead and get involved.



Our new home

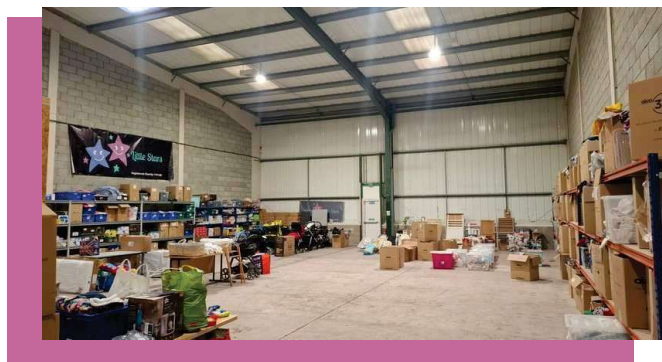


Chantal Cassini-Jones, Hannah Stoddart, Mel Love and Leanne Simcoe
Little Stars Operational Team

Following five years of sustained growth, Little Stars reached a significant strategic milestone with the establishment of a new headquarters at Unit 4, Hussey Road, Shrewsbury.

This move to Battlefield Enterprise Park marks a transformative chapter for the charity, providing a dedicated hub for our administrative, logistical, and volunteer operations. By integrating our warehouse and office functions, we have significantly enhanced our operational capacity and streamlined donation management. Furthermore, the facility allows us to host schools and corporate groups, effectively deepening our local partnerships.

Ultimately, this investment in our infrastructure directly supports our core mission: providing the essentials babies and children need to remain clean, clothed, and safe.



Looking Ahead: Our Strategy f 0 6



As we reflect on a year of significant growth, our focus turns to ensuring that Little Stars remains a robust, permanent, and evolving resource for our county. Over the coming year, our strategic priorities are:

- **Strengthening Our Infrastructure** To meet the sustained 11% year-on-year increase in demand, we will focus on optimising our logistics and storage capabilities. This ensures our operational backbone is strong enough to support the growing number of families relying on our service.
- **Retail:** Our shop in the Darwin Centre has proven that we can provide a "buffer" for families wanting low cost clothing for their children. We will continue to develop the shop not just as a retail space, but as a vital touchpoint for the community—increasing awareness of our services and fostering a culture of sustainable, purposeful shopping.
- **Environmental:** As we grow, so does our responsibility to the planet. We will implement new ways to quantify and communicate our environmental impact, demonstrating how the circular economy directly benefits both the local climate and our community's most vulnerable residents.
- **Partnerships:** We are committed to deepening our network of referral partners to ensure our services reach the most isolated families across the county. By fostering new collaborations with frontline agencies, local authorities, and corporate partners, we aim to bridge gaps in support and ensure no family in Shropshire falls through the cracks.

Looking Ahead: Our 1-5 year 1



YEAR 1

JANUARY 2026

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

- Secure our own office and warehouse space
- Employ a dedicated Referral Coordinator
- Implement a robust volunteer recruitment and retention program
- Establish a Corporate Ambassadors program
- Integrate a new CRM (Customer Relationship Management) system
- Develop robust, easy-to-use documents for the entire operation
- Implement a system to track and log our carbon offsetting efforts

YEAR 3

JANUARY 2028

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

- Secure a new, larger shop location with increased footfall
- Employ a dedicated Volunteer Coordinator to improve recruitment and retention
- Create distinct roles by splitting the responsibilities of marketing and fundraising
- Establish and recruit a new Advisory Board to provide strategic guidance

YEAR 5

JANUARY 2030

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES

- Be awarded the prestigious King's Award for Voluntary Service
- Become a recognised leader on childhood poverty in Shropshire and an authoritative voice on policy
- Actively advocate and lobby for change on a local and national level

Acknowledgments

We were extremely lucky by all the support provided through various resources and we could not have accomplished what we did in 2025 without that support.

Little Stars have been delighted with the support of so many wonderful families, individuals, and organisations.

Thank you to the families and individuals who donate their pre-loved baby and children clothing for Little Stars to pass onto other families in need of a helping hand.

Thank you to all the individuals who have donated money to Little Stars and to Morrisons customers who buy the pick-up packs that keep us stocked up with nappies, wipes and toiletries.

Special thanks to our funders for supporting our work.

Millichope Foundation
Postcode Lottery
Severn Trent community fund
Lillie Johnson Trust
Masonic Charitable Foundation
St James Place
Welcome Break
High Sheriff of Shropshire Fund
Household support fund
Morrisons
Co-op
HomePlus
Tesco Community Grant
The Haberdashers' Company
Albert Hunt Trust
Barclays

Financial review and reserves policy

The Charity has had another successful year, generating income of £209,526. Expenditure for the year was £119,411, leaving £154,117 in monetary funds carried forward. £65,376 of this is restricted funding, as set out on page 30.

The trustees agree to hold free reserves in the region of **£53,050**. This is to ensure that there are sufficient funds to cover the payroll and rent costs of the charity for 5 months. Trustees have taken possible risks into account.



The Trustees agree to continuously monitor this as the charity grows and develops to ensure the amount held in reserves mirrors the level of activity.

The free reserves of the Charity at the year end, calculated as unrestricted funds, less fixed assets and designated funds, were £54,365.

Basis of Accounting

The accounts of the charity have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with charity regulations.

This report was approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by Ian Groves.

Signed by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ian Groves'.

Ian Groves – Chair Trustee
17th March 2026

Little Stars Baby Bank
Independent Examiners Report for the year ended 31 December 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 29 to 30.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiners Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date - 1st April 2026

Little Stars Baby Bank
Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025
Receipts and payments account

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Receipts				
Grants	40,801	93,216	134,017	50,620
Donations and fundraising income	60,471	-	60,471	21,386
Bank Interest received	160	-	160	140
Halloween ball income	-	-	-	9,720
Shop Sales income	14,878	-	14,878	5,129
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Total Receipts	116,310	93,216	209,526	86,995
Payments				
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Purchases for service users	80	10,488	10,568	7,044
<i>Costs of fundraising</i>				
Fundraising events and promotion	402	1,551	1,953	970
Halloween Ball	-	-	-	7,300
<i>Support costs</i>				
Wages and Salaries	49,116	28,423	77,539	65,420
Employers National Insurance	-	-	-	-
Employers Pension Contributions	1,581	-	1,581	1,675
Accountancy	1,734	-	1,734	1,992
Consultancy	3,906	-	3,906	90
Insurance	669	105	774	594
Marketing	-	1,109	1,109	854
Office admin (inc'g telephone)	60	365	425	474
Bank charges	127	-	127	98
Rent and storage costs	-	10,833	10,833	-
Premises costs	-	288	288	-
IT costs & Website	-	5,506	5,506	1,629
Vehicle costs	406	-	406	1,023
Training	229	-	229	339
Sundry	199	-	199	291
Shop Expenditure	2,234	-	2,234	2,093
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Total Payments	60,743	58,668	119,411	91,886
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Net (Payments)/Receipts	55,567	34,548	90,115	- 4,891
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Cash and bank balances brought forward	33,174	30,828	64,002	68,893
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Cash and bank balances carried forward	88,741	65,376	154,117	64,002

Little Stars Baby Bank
Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025
Statement of funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Monetary assets		
Current account	120,914	58,364
HSBC account	33,204	5,568
Paypal account	-	70
	154,117	64,002

	Balance at				Balance at
Funds	1st January 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31st December 2025
Unrestricted Funds	29,672	80,609	(55,916)	-	54,365
Designated Funds					
Santa's Little Stars	3,502	2,981	(252)	(3,502)	2,729
Premises	-	32,720	(4,575)	3,502	31,647
Restricted Funds					
Shop	19,309	-	(19,309)	-	-
Other restricted fund - Baby Bank Service	8,955	30,500	(9,542)	-	29,913
National Lottery	-	20,000	-	-	20,000
Community Hubs	2,564	2,716	(5,280)	-	-
Core costs	-	7,000	(7,000)	-	-
Premises	-	12,000	(10,000)	-	2,000
Wages	-	20,000	(7,215)	-	12,785
School uniform	-	1,000	(322)	-	678
	30,828	93,216	(58,668)	-	65,376
	64,002	209,526	(119,411)	-	154,117

The Designated Fund Santa's Little Stars is for our Christmas campaign. In this campaign, people donate money instead of buying a gift, and we use those funds to purchase gifts for children when our donations fall short.

The Designated Fund Premises is money the Trustees have put aside, moving into new premises in early 2026.

The Other restricted fund relates to restricted funding provided by The Postcode Lottery, Tesco and The National Lottery to be used for the baby bank service.

Community Hubs Fund - This fund relates to our community hubs project, where we are out in communities, helping families with the essential nappies, wipes and toiletries for children and adults, which they can access whilst they are having support from family practitioners and the Early Help teams. This has been fully spent in 2025.

The Shop fund relates to funding for a Shop Manager role for 12 months and Shop project. This has been fully spent in 2025.

National Lottery, funding for a new referral co-ordinator wages for 2 years, due to start in March 2026.

Core costs, funding received to cover core costs of running the charity.

Premises, funding received towards the new premises which are moving into early 2026.

Wages, funding from Severn Trent Water to be used for 12 months wages costs.

School uniform, funding restricted to be spent on school uniform costs.

LITTLE STARS BABY BANK

England & Wales - Charity number 1191130

Accounts



Trustees' Report and Accounts unaudited For the year ended 31 December 2024

Little Stars Baby Bank
Registered Charity No. 1191130
www.littlestarscharity.org



Little Stars Baby Bank
Financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2024
Reference and administration details

Charity registration number	1191130
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Trustees	I Groves - (appointed 27 th March 2025) Chair C Williams – Vice Chair S Bates - Secretary A Beeston (appointed 12th June 2024) – Treasurer J Seabright (appointed 7th December 2024) E Shaw (appointed 28 th March 2025) A Garmston (Resigned 11 th August 2025) D Kortas (Resigned 20 th March 2025)



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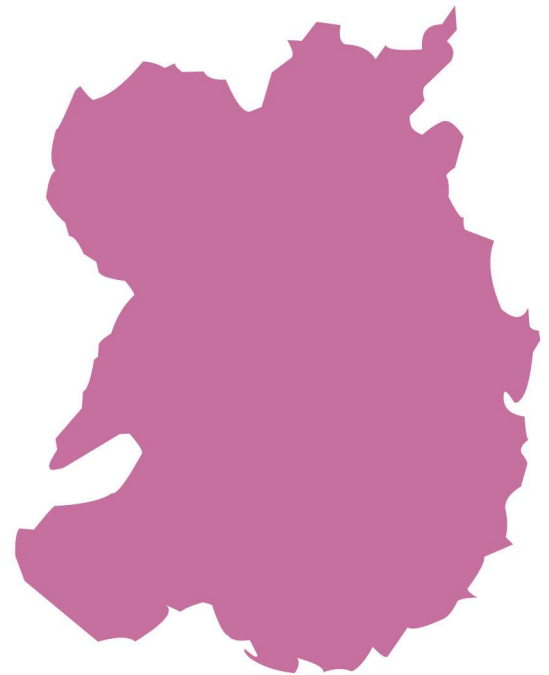
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Trustees' Annual Report

The Trustees of Little Stars Baby Bank are pleased to present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2024.

OUR VISION *and* MISSION

Little Star's vision is to ensure babies and children across Shropshire have access to the essentials they need at every stage of childhood. Our mission is to alleviate the emotional stress and financial pressures many families face in a county where over 26,000 children are living in poverty, and 70% of those children are from working families. We believe that every family, no matter how complex their situation, should be shown kindness and support at the time they need it most.



Statement of Public Benefit

Our service benefits children of families who, for various reasons, do not have access to the basic essentials that every child deserves. We deliver bundles to various referral partners around the county of Shropshire. In delivering our services we further benefit the public, as follows:

Families: Providing essentials has a significant impact on the family, the service helps keep babies and young children clothed, clean and safe. This not only helps to remove financial pressure, but also alleviates the emotional stress by providing the basic provisions.

Wider community: The local community are able to donate their pre-loved baby items which not only helps the family who are receiving those items but it also reduces landfill waste and helps the environmental impact.

Referral partners: Professionals now have a service within the county they can use after a visit to a family they know need the basics.



Due to the kind support of fundraisers and donors, Little Stars is able to contribute and supplement the bundles with brand new equipment needed that cannot be donated as pre-loved. Voluntary income enables Little Stars to continue the work and develop the service. In defining our charitable programme, we have regard for the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporation Organisation ("CIO") which was registered with the Charity Commission on 3rd September 2020 and is governed by a constitution as a Foundation CIO.

Methods used to recruit and appoint new trustees

New Trustees are recruited openly in line with Little Stars Baby Bank's Trustee Recruitment Policy. Trustees receive a full induction to the charity and a set of key documents, to enable them to gain the required information to fulfil their role.

An annual skills analysis ensures the Trustees offer a suitable range of knowledge and skills to support the charity. Where a skills gap is identified we aim to seek Trustees to bridge this gap.

The Board will aim to adhere to the principles of the Charity Governance Code for Small Charities. This is an ongoing process, and we are working towards fulfilling all aspects of the code.



Objectives

The general aims and objectives of Little Stars are to support families living and working within Shropshire by:

- Working alongside various organisations to provide relief of financial hardship for families who cannot afford the essential baby/children items needed.
- Provide quality items which not only helps the family receiving them but also the environment impact.
- Giving help to pregnant women with essentials needed after giving birth.

Activities

Our Bundles

We provide essential items for every stage of childhood as our service encompasses a baby bank, tots to teen support, and a school uniform bank. We take pre-loved items generously donated by the community and compile unique bundles, which are supplemented with new equipment and basic hygiene products that are then gifted to the families referred to us. Our recently launched shop provides an opportunity for older children and pregnant ladies to browse and select their own clothing that they have been referred to us for. This fosters greater independence and provides them a dignified and personalised shopping experience.



Our Partnerships

Since 2020 we have built strong partnerships with those working with the most vulnerable in our county, this has led to a deeper understanding of our county and the needs of local communities.

Our support extends beyond poverty alleviation, reaching children fleeing domestic abuse, those removed from their homes due to neglect, and newly arrived refugees. As we understand that not everyone would like to ask for help when they need it, our Community hub work offers parents and carers the opportunity to discreetly receive our support through access to essential toiletries for themselves and their children, free of charge.

Achievements and Performance

During 2024 we **helped 1333 children** be provided with the childhood essentials they needed.

57 pregnant women with the toiletries they all deserve after giving birth as well as maternity wear.

246 adults with essential toiletries.

Our core services have experienced significant increase in demand year-on-year:

- 2021-2022: 59% increase
- 2022-2023: 93% increase
- 2023-2024: 176% increase (the largest increase)

This demonstrates a consistent upward trend and indicates the significant need for our charity.

Our community hub work has been vital within the areas we support as offers parents and carers the opportunity to discreetly receive our support through access to essential toiletries for themselves and their children, free of charge. We have also used these hubs for School Uniform pop up events.

This year thanks to National Lottery Cost of Living funding we were able to create a new role within the Little Stars team for a Marketing and Fundraising Co-Ordinator. Chantal joined the Little Stars team in January 2024 and over the course of the year was able to increase our social followers, create a newsletter keeping our supporters informed and communicate regularly the work of our Charity. This has proven a vital role for the growth of Little Stars, as our supporters increased from the public to corporate support, which has helped the visibility of the important work we do.

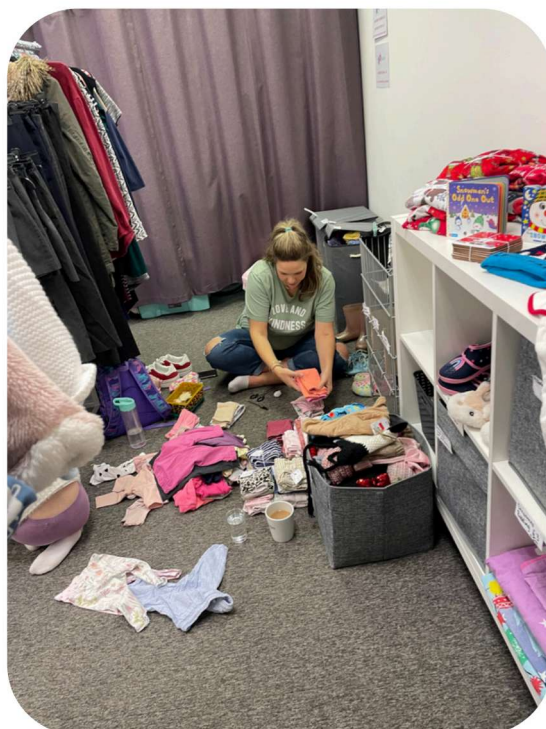




The opening of Little Stars Shop. A place that not only offers affordable clothing options but also serves as a vital hub for the community. With a focus on sustainability and community support, the store sells excess stock that we cannot utilise for our core services, ensuring that these items find new homes while contributing to our mission. The shop **fulfils three goals.**

Firstly, offers a welcoming space for those who have been referred to us and giving them the opportunity to browse and choose the clothing themselves. This fosters greater independence and provides them a dignified and personalised shopping experience.

Secondly, it allows us to find new homes for wonderful items that wouldn't fit into our standard bundles, this gives families and pregnant women seeking good quality, affordable clothing for their children and themselves a fantastic option.



Lastly, every purchase directly supports Little Stars' mission, creating a vital revenue stream ensuring we can continue providing essential items to families in need of our support across Shropshire. This wouldn't have been possible without the incredible support of The Darwin centre team.

Kevin Lockwood, Centre Manager of The Darwin, said, *"Since I met the team at Little Stars through my involvement in the Shrewsbury Business Chamber, the end goal has always been to try and help them secure a presence and shop within The Darwin. This new store will be an important resource for our community to find affordable and nearly new items for themselves and family, while raising funds for an incredible cause."*

Funding from the National Lottery enabled us to employ a shop manager and we welcomed Mel to the team in November 2024. Mel has already been making a positive impact since starting her role.



Our Corporate Partnerships

Aico's continued support of the charity was recognised at the Better Society Awards 2024 winning the award for Partnership with a local charity. This moment recognised how important relationships between Corporates and Charity's are and how it can help the Charity grow.



Start Tech are a valued corporate supporter. They not only provide us with our cyber security package and assist us with all our IT needs, they also raise our profile, come to our events and even have a Tuck Shop where all money is donated to Little Stars.



Liquid Fleet raised £5000 for Little Stars by hosting a raffle with some incredible prizes and attended ClubFest to help raise awareness of the charity.



Claremont Social Tap: In September Claremont Social Tap donated £2000 to Little Stars from their community funds.

Corporate Volunteers - We have had more corporate volunteers providing support and helping us sort all the wonderful donations we receive. Over the year they gave us 168 hours of time, thank you to WSP, Aico, Start Tech, Marches Academy Trust and Practice Plan.



Our School Partnerships

St Winefrides Our partnership with St. Winefride's School had a brilliant first year. It began with an Easter collection of essential baby items, pre-loved clothing, and toys, then they joined in our first-ever Wear Stars 4 Little Stars day. The Headteacher and some of the parents also supported us by attending our Halloween Ball, and in December the school participated with a Reverse Advent Calendar to support our Santa's Little Stars campaign. We're looking forward to continuing and growing this partnership in the year ahead.



Birchfield Children at Birchfield School raised £60 for Little Stars by hosting a festive Hot Chocolate Stand. The pupils chose to support a children's charity, showing inspiring kindness and community spirit at just 4 and 5 years old.

Katie's Kids Nursery

Katie's Kids Nursery supported Little Stars at both Easter and Christmas, donating Easter eggs and treat bags, and later raising an incredible £265 through their Christmas party fundraising. The funds helped us purchase essential items like highchairs, stair gates, developmental toys, and blankets—already making a real difference for families across Shropshire.

West Felton

West Felton CE School and Nursery held a raffle during the Make Music Day in June and donated £80 to Little Stars.



2024 Fundraisers

Musical Bingo, our signature event saw new faces welcomed to our fundraiser enjoying an unforgettable evening of spontaneous a cappella performances and lots of fun and laughter. All of this fun raised an incredible **£1384.70**.



International Womens Day Regular supporter of the charity Finn, held a walk on International womens day to raise money for Little Stars. This is the third year Finn has raised money, we couldn't be more grateful for her support.



2024 Fundraisers

The Crafternoon Club ran a wonderful Easter Bunny Hunt in Bridgnorth and raised an amazing £200.26 for Little Stars. Their creative efforts and generous support made a real difference, and we were delighted to meet with them to say thank you in person.



Our first-ever "**Wear Stars 4 Little Stars**" fundraiser took place on the 28th June. We created this event as a unique and fun way to bring awareness to our cause while raising funds to help us continue our vital work supporting children and families across Shropshire.

People donned themed clothing and accessories and for the the first event we raised **£357**



2024 Fundraisers

Halloween Ball our inaugural ball sponsored by **Aico** and **Start Tech**

The evening featured a delicious three-course meal with a Halloween twist! Entertainment was at the heart of the night, with a live band and DJ keeping the dance floor buzzing. Our talented tarot and palm readers added a mystical touch, staying busy all evening with guests eager to hear their fortunes. It was a fantastic blend of fun and mystery, with something for everyone to enjoy.



The evening raised the profile for Little Stars and raised £6000.

Santa's Little Stars 2024

The Darwin Centre once again supported us with having donation drop off points within the centre during all of November but this year we were able to host our Christmas Hub in the Centre which made it extra special.



The volunteers came out in force and over two days we had volunteers from WSP, Shrewsbury Colleges Group, Aico, Lanyon Bowdler, TCA, PWC, and BT. Between them they gave 222 hours of volunteer time and wrapped over 2000 gifts.

The gifts were generously donated by the general public during November but also on the day when they saw what we were doing and went and brought gifts to donate. We also had multiple companies donate, huge thank you to Croud, PipeKit, Komplex Group, Samuel Wood, Aico, Severnfields medical practice, MOT Mcdonalds, Primark and Practice Plan.

We also received generous donations from two local businesses in December, Different Dog, which donated £140.94 and Unicorn Fire and Safety which donated £262 towards our Christmas Campaign.



We supported 584 children and each of them received multiple gifts each.

Theatre Severn once again supported us and we were able to be at the end of three pantomime shows to collect money for Little Stars, the public were extremely generous and we raised £635 across the three shows.



Our Impact

We work closely with our referral partners to gather feedback and case studies so that we can understand the impact our work. It also helps us to identify areas where we can make changes and improve the services we offer.

“The overall impact this could have had on the mental health of that family would have been detriment to their wellbeing and that of the child at that time. The importance of organisation's such as Little Stars means the difference between someone developing heightened anxiety and depression regarding their financial situation, to seeing a light at the end of the tunnel and being able to ensure their infant is provided for in the most financially challenging of times.” Perinatal Nurse



“The case involved police removing four children under 7 from their home as a matter of urgency. There was very little in the home in the way of belongings or clothes for the children so they had nothing with them, and you were able to provide not only clothes, nappies and toiletries for all of them, but also little gifts that I know they all loved to receive!

To be able to phone you up in this crisis, and have the items delivered to us in less than 4 hours was amazing, and I know that all of the team who have worked with this family today are so appreciative of the hard work you must have gone to in order to provide such personalised packages for these children. Please know that it has made a difference to these children during a time of crisis for them.” Social Worker

‘WITHOUT THE SERVICE THE MOST AT-RISK MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY WOULD BE LEFT WITHOUT THE MOST BASIC ITEMS NEEDED TO ENSURE THEIR CHILDREN ARE CLOTHED AND HAVE APPROPRIATE ITEMS TO ENSURE THEY ARE SAFE AND CAN THRIVE.’ SOCIAL WORKER, SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL.

Acknowledgments

Little Stars have been delighted with the support of so many wonderful families, individuals, and organisations.

Thank you to the families and individuals who donate their pre-loved baby and children clothing for Little Stars to pass onto other families in need of a helping hand.

Thank you to all the individuals who have donated money to Little Stars and to Morrisons customers who buy the pick-up packs that keep us stocked up with nappies, wipes and toiletries.

Our Funders

At the beginning of the year we received a generous grant of **£4,000 from the Axis Foundation** to strengthen our Community Hubs Project. This funding is specifically allocated to ensure a year's supply of essential baby items like nappies, wipes, and toiletries. Reflecting on the year, this funding was critical for those supplies after we saw a decrease in donations of the essential items over the course of the year, this funding ensured we could still supply families with the basic essentials.

Millichope Foundation continue their yearly support and it was wonderful to invite Val to the newly opened shop, showing them the growth of the charity and what their support means to us at Little Stars.

Tesco Community Grant – Stronger Starts campaign

Little Stars extends sincere appreciation to Tesco and their customers for their support. The £1000 played a crucial role in our mission to provide essential support to families in need.

We were awarded a **£5,000 grant from The Haberdashers' Company**, which helped us support families in Telford and Wrekin and Albrighton. This funding really helped us as we have seen an increase in support needed and use of our service within that part of the county.

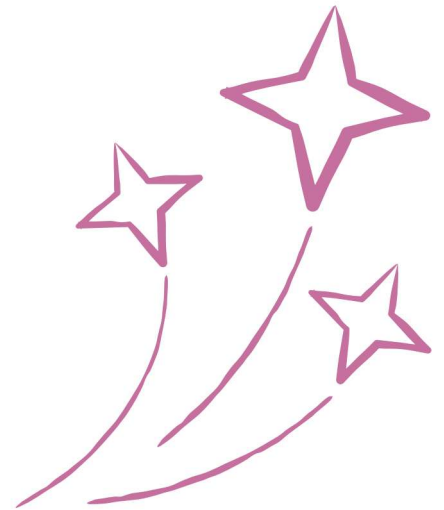
A **£500 grant from the Neighbourly Spring Fund 2024**, was a joint initiative with Aldi aimed at providing emergency support to families in need. This timely funding we were able to direct towards our baby bank and community hub services, as we were dealing with a surge in requests for assistance.

We were delighted to have been awarded a **£2,000 grant from the Albert Hunt Trust**.

Future plans

As we look toward the new financial year our focus will be:

- Continue our core service and support as many children as possible in need of childhood essentials.
- Develop our fundraising strategy to have a calendar of events, which we will build on year on year.
- Develop our corporate partners and introduce our new corporate pack. This includes in-kind support services.
- Attend more events to promote our work and to gain more support for our cause.
- Grow the Trustee board for our next stage of growth and building a sustainable charity for years to come.
- We are committed to continuing the growth of our Community Shop, building on our first year's experience and deep understanding of where we can improve. Improving accessibility for families with varying schedules which will make it easier for referral agencies to arrange appointments providing more opportunity for older children and pregnant ladies to browse and select their own clothing that they have been referred to us for .
- Continue to build our volunteer base, with opportunities for stock sorters and shop helpers.



Financial review and reserves policy

The Charity has had another successful year, generating income of £86,995. Expenditure for the year was £91,886, leaving £64,002 in monetary funds carried forward. £30,828 of this is restricted funding, as set out on page 18.

The trustees agree to hold free reserves in the region of **£26,000**. This is to ensure that there is sufficient funds to cover the running costs of the charity for 3 months. Trustees have taken possible risks into account and considered the loss of gifted storage space.

The Trustees agree to continuously monitor this as the charity grows and develops to ensure the amount held in reserves mirrors the level of activity.

The free reserves of the Charity at the year end, calculated as unrestricted funds less fixed assets and designated funds, were £29,672.

Basis of Accounting

The accounts of the charity have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with charity regulations.

This report was approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by Ian Groves.

Signed by



Ian Groves – Chair Trustee
25 September 2025



Little Stars Baby Bank
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Date - *2nd October 2025*

Little Stars Baby Bank
Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024
Receipts and payments account

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Grants	2,700	47,920	50,620	43,657
Donations and fundraising income	21,386	-	21,386	29,539
Sale of Van	-	-	-	1,481
Bank Interest received	140	-	140	63
Halloween ball income	9,720	-	9,720	-
Shop Sales income	5,129	-	5,129	-
Total Receipts	39,075	47,920	86,995	74,740
Payments				
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Purchases for service users	1,380	5,664	7,044	2,992
<i>Costs of fundraising</i>				
Fundraising events and promotion	970	-	970	1,794
Halloween Ball	7,300	-	7,300	-
<i>Support costs</i>				
Wages and Salaries	22,589	42,831	65,420	40,721
Employers National Insurance	-	-	-	894
Employers Pension Contributions	1,626	49	1,675	884
Accountancy	1,992	-	1,992	618
Consultancy	90	-	90	4,965
Insurance	166	428	594	460
Marketing	854	-	854	1,206
Office admin (inc'g telephone)	474	-	474	61
Bank charges	80	18	98	78
Rent and storage costs	-	-	-	1,838
IT costs & Website	1,629	-	1,629	8,866
Vehicle costs	1,023	-	1,023	1,113
Training	339	-	339	528
Sundry	291	-	291	244
Shop Expenditure	-	2,093	2,093	-
Total Payments	40,803	51,083	91,886	67,262
Net (Payments)/Receipts - unrestricted funds	(1,728)	(3,163)	(4,891)	7,478
Cash and bank balances brought forward	34,902	33,991	68,893	61,415
Cash and bank balances carried forward	33,174	30,828	64,002	68,893

Little Stars Baby Bank
Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024
Statement of funds

		2024		2023		
		£		£		
Monetary assets						
Current account		58,364		68,818		
HSBC account		5,568		-		
Paypal account		70		75		
		64,002		68,893		
Funds		Balance at		Balance at		
		1st January 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	31st December 2024
Unrestricted Funds		34,902	35,417	(40,647)	-	29,672
Designated Funds	Santa's Little Stars	-	3,658	(156)	-	3,502
Restricted Funds						
	Shop	-	22,000	(2,691)	-	19,309
	Other restricted fund - Baby Bank Service	5,043	7,100	(3,188)	-	8,955
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	Community Hubs	4,000	1,000	(2,436)	-	2,564
	Garfield Weston	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
		33,991	47,920	(51,083)	-	30,828
		68,893	86,995	(91,886)	-	64,002

The Designated Fund Santa's Little Stars is for our Christmas campaign. In this campaign, people donate money instead of buying a gift, and we use those funds to purchase gifts for children when our donations fall short.

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LITTLE STARS BABY BANK

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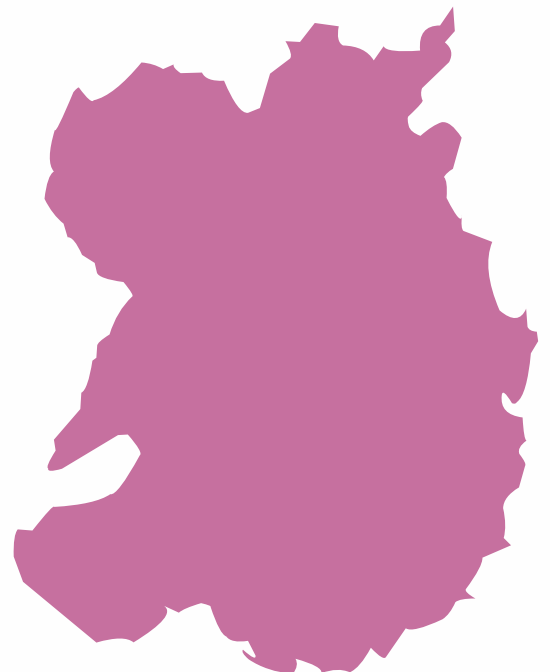


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Achievements and Performance

With the cost of living crisis, our demand has increased again by double this year. Our referrals have gone from 24 on average a month in 2022, to now being on average 10 referrals a week. We are now seeing a rise in demand from working families.

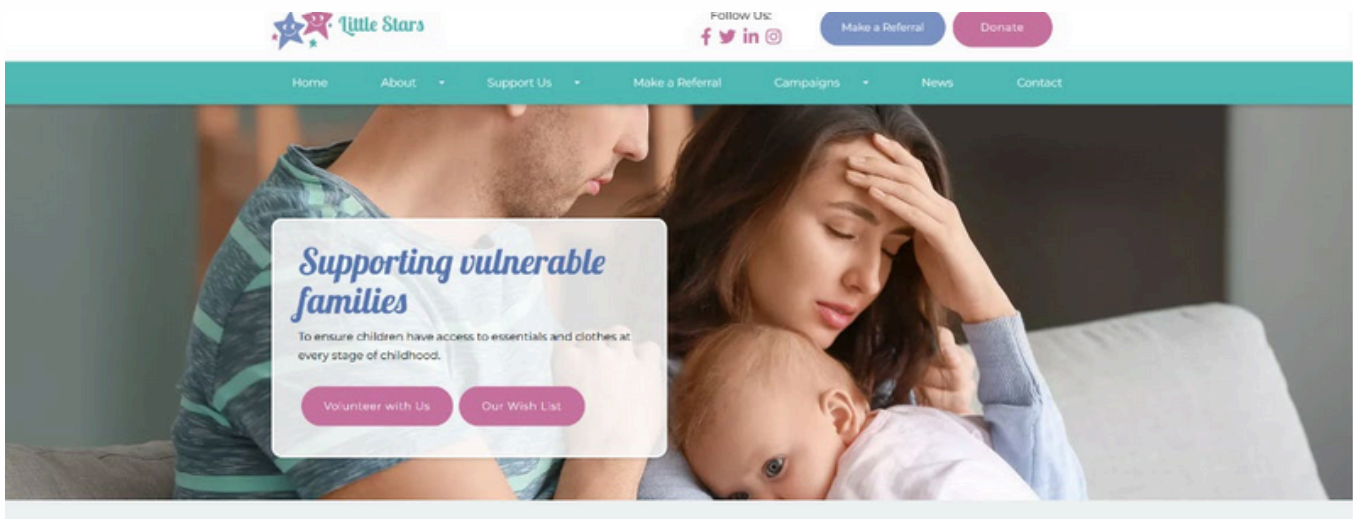
We have successfully introduced Community Hubs in Shrewsbury, Market Drayton, and Oswestry. Our work within the hubs means families who attend sessions for support with their children have access to essentials they need, without an official referral.

We provide nappies, wipes and toiletries for both children and adults. This has been extremely popular and the professional partners we work with log how many we support.

We have also created a monthly drop-in for families to attend at a medical centre in Shrewsbury, this has enabled us to be in the community our drop in's have been for Winter coats, school uniforms and the essentials.



This year we used money that Aico donated to us in 2022 to produce a new website, this has seen increased traffic, made it easier for referral partners to find us and get in touch to make a referral. It has also increased our visibility and enabled us to update content quickly, which has meant supporters, as well as those looking for support can find it easily and have all the information they need about our service.



Aico kindly hosted a Family Fundraising Festival for ourselves and The Movement Centre in May, the day was fun-filled and raised £5000 for each charity.



Trustee Alex and CEO Leanne visited Stripey Stork in Surrey to meet with founder Nicola and the team to learn more about their baby bank, how they have been successful, what has worked and what hasn't worked so well. It was an informative visit that they were able to take a lot away from the day to bring back for Little Stars.

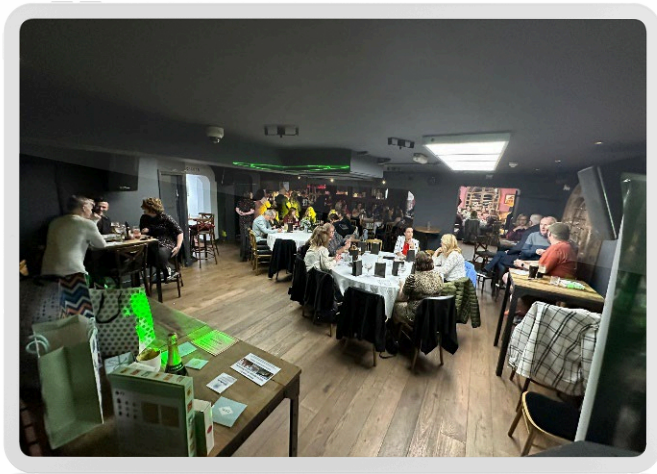


Shropshire's Chamber of Commerce selected Little Stars as one of their Charity of the Year and saw our founder and CEO Leanne speak to the 700 in attendance at the awards about the charity. The chamber also raised funds for Little Stars on the evening which raised over £2000.



Leanne, Trustee Sadie and Hannah our project co-ordinator visited Kids Bank in Chester, again as with the Stripecy visit to meet with other baby banks, to understand and learn from them. This visit was really informative and took away ideas that would work for Little Stars.

October saw us host two fundraisers which were huge successes and sellouts. For our Musical Bingo evening we had over 50 people in attendance and raised a fantastic £2000!



The end of the month saw the Creative Fundraiser evening, supported by Jesmonite, who kindly gave up their time to host a creative workshop using their product for each person to create their own unique coaster. With it being another sellout and over 20 people in attendance the evening raised £300.



Each event has had fantastic feedback, with one person saying:

'The musical bingo has been the talk of the office and how great the evening was, I could not miss your next fundraiser and this has been brilliant.'

We are already looking to host more of these fundraiser's in 2024.

This year our CEO took on a part-time role and became a Community Lead for the Baby Bank Alliance. The role saw Leanne engaging with other baby banks from across the UK, and championing the newly formed Alliance. The Alliance's purpose is to form a network of support to baby banks, so that they can come together as one voice and boost the impact of the work they are doing to support families.

The Alliance wants to ensure that all baby banks can access funding, goods, volunteers and practical support they need to be the most effective they can be.

Leanne, since being in the role has had the incredible opportunity to meet with Her Royal Highness The Princess of Wales alongside four other baby bank founders from across the UK. This discussion allowed the founders to highlight the growing need for their services and the challenges they face.



Leanne also attended the Christmas Carol Service at Westminster Abbey along with 9 other baby banks from across the UK and this year's service was a moment to thank all those who work to support babies, young children and families in the communities across the UK.



Christmas 2023

The Darwin and Samuel Wood Estate Agents who had donation drop off points for us. This created increased awareness for the charity and our campaign, with lots of gifts donated.



Aico volunteers were ready again in their Christmas jumpers to help us wrap all the gifts to go out to the children.



More Christmas support came our way with the companies Aico and Start Tech raising funds for us on Christmas Jumper day which came to £440.00. This gave us the funds to be able to purchase gifts that we had a shortfall on for our Santa's Little Stars campaign.



Theatre Severn also supported us as we were able to be at the end of three pantomime shows to collect money for Little Stars, the public were extremely generous and we raised £924.93 across the three shows.

Our Impact

We work closely with our referral partners to gather feedback and case studies so that we can understand the impact our work. It also helps us to identify areas where we can make changes and improve the services we offer.

Case Studies

We recently supported a young couple who were both 18 years old. The mum was in foster care as a young child and has moderate learning difficulties which makes it difficult for her to trust professionals. Neither family has given support to the couple. Our referral partner reached out to us when their son was 6 months old, the family live in temporary accommodation and our referral partner found there were very few age appropriate toys to help with his development, as well as outgrowing his clothes and not having a winter coat/snowsuit. The mum also disclosed he was not sleeping well and they were not able to afford a sleeping bag for him.

When we were contacted, we were able to support with all of the items needed for the little one and after the referral partner delivered them and returned a week later, she found that the little one was playing with the toys provided and the parents said he is sleeping much better which they directly linked to the use of the new sleeping bag. They have also been able to go out as the little one has the right clothing and winter coat to stay warm.

Testimonials

"I have recently been able to provide ongoing support to a young single 18yr old mother on my caseload. She was initially in temporary accommodation and with no family support. The baby bank provided her with a hospital bag to prepare for going into hospital to give birth as well as some nappies, a changing mat and a baby bath. Once her baby was born, my client gained her own tenancy but had no funds other than her basic benefits, again the baby bank stepped in by providing a floorplay mat and most recently, now that the baby has started weaning, my client was able to reach out and ask for a high chair which was immediately forthcoming from the baby bank. All these items have helped relieve financial stress for my client but also helped her to feel that she is providing adequately for her child and maximising his development. Access to these items from the baby bank also helps us as FNP nurses to support our young families to achieve better outcomes for themselves and their children." **FNP Nurse**

"I have asked for assistance from the Little Stars Baby Bank on numerous occasions, in order to aid and support families in Shropshire who have limited resources and are in desperate need of support, and every time the team have come through, providing hospital bags, clothing, hygiene items, cots and even a double pram! Without the service the most at risk members of our community would be left without the most basic items needed to ensure their children are clothed and have appropriate items to ensure they are safe and can thrive." **Social Worker**

"Little Stars Baby Bank are amazing! The service and support they offer to families in need of help and at crisis point is excellent. Always receive a fast reply and the support packages are always dropped off in a timely manner. Without Little stars a number of vulnerable families would not have been able to progress and make changes in their lives." **Social Worker**

"Little Stars have been working together with our Early Help Family Drop in here in Oswestry. They have allowed families to access basic essentials for parents, children and babies. They have also been able to our families get essential equipment that they would have either gone without or just ended up in debt for, the cost of living crisis has been very difficult for so many and Little Stars had made a BIG difference to many."

Early Help Family Worker

Acknowledgments

Little Stars have been delighted with the support of so many wonderful families, individuals, and organisations.

Thank you to the families and individuals who donate their pre-loved baby and children clothing for Little Stars to pass onto other families in need of a helping hand.

Thank you to all the individuals who have donated money to Little Stars and to Morrisons customers who buy the pick-up packs that keep us stocked up with nappies, wipes and toiletries.

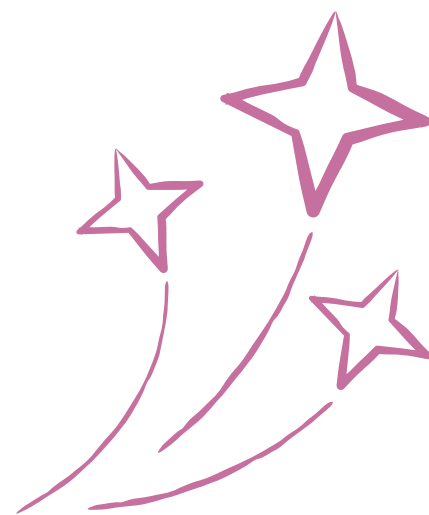
Thank you to The Darwin Centre for their support during our Santa's Little Stars Campaign 2023, to Samuel Wood who also had a donation drop off point. Also to Theatre Severn for having us at three of the pantomime shows, collecting afterwards for Little Stars.

Thank you to all of our funders who have kindly given us money. We could not continue our service and support the many families we do without your funding for our service. We have been incredibly lucky with our financial support from Aico, Brian Murtagh Trust, Millichope Foundation, Woodward Trust, Shropshire Masonic Trust, St James Place, The Wilmcote Charitrust, 8 Financial Services, Asda, National Lottery Cost of Living Fund.

Future plans

As we look toward the new financial year our focus will be:

- Recruitment of a Marketing and Fundraiser Co-Ordinator on a 12 month part time contract. Their objective will be to build on the success of our two fundraisers hosted this year.
- Develop our corporate and public support. They will also bring their marketing experience to be able to engage more with our audiences, design marketing materials for our fundraisers and shop.
- Host our first ball fundraiser. This will be a Halloween ball in October, we have already secured a headline sponsor for the ball and the CEO will work closely with the marketing and fundraiser co-ordinator to ensure it's success.
- Continue to deliver our community hub work, expand the service over the year to have more hubs but also community champions in place from the local areas to help deliver the hubs. Continuing to work alongside our referral partners when delivering the hubs so we can ensure we can support the families who need it most.
- Opening our first shop with the support from The Darwin Centre Shrewsbury. We will be selling our excess donations along with maternity wear and school uniforms. The money from the shop will go directly back into Little Stars to continue building the charity but most importantly delivering the service and reaching more families in need of support.
- Continue working with the Baby Bank Alliance to amplify baby banks voices and to raise our profiles on a national level.
- Continue to build our volunteer base, with opportunities for stock sorters and shop helpers.



Financial review and reserves policy

The Charity has had another successful year, generating income of £74,740. Expenditure for the year was £67,262, leaving £68,893 in monetary funds carried forward. £33,991 of this is restricted funding, as set out on page 18.

The trustees agree to hold free reserves in the region of **£16,000**. This is to ensure that there is sufficient funds to cover the running costs of the charity for 3 months. Trustees have taken possible risks into account and considered the loss of gifted storage space.

The Trustees agree to continuously monitor this as the charity grows and develops to ensure the amount held in reserves mirrors the level of activity.

The free reserves of the Charity at the year end, calculated as unrestricted funds less fixed assets, were £34,902. (2022: £18,842).



Basis of Accounting

The accounts of the charity have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with charity regulations.

This report was approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by Alex Garmston

Signed by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Garmston', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alex Garmston – Chair Trustee
27 June 2024

Little Stars Baby Bank
Independent Examiners Report for the year ended 31 December 2023

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 17 to 18.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiners Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

CMoelwyn Williams

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Date - *2nd July 2024*

Little Stars Baby Bank
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Receipts and payments account

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts				
Grants	3,000	40,657	43,657	37,952
Donations and fundraising income	28,350	1,189	29,539	41,260
Sale of Van	1,481	-	1,481	-
Bank Interest received	63	-	63	15
Total Receipts	32,894	41,846	74,740	79,227
Payments				
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Purchases for service users	90	2,902	2,992	5,510
<i>Costs of fundraising</i>				
Fundraising events and promotion	1,794	-	1,794	198
<i>Support costs</i>				
Wages and Salaries	-	40,721	40,721	14,583
Employers National Insurance	104	790	894	1,570
Employers Pension Contributions	565	319	884	192
Accountancy	618	-	618	600
Consultancy	-	4,965	4,965	10,320
Insurance	460	-	460	250
Marketing	1,206	-	1,206	1,856
Office admin (inc'g telephone)	61	-	61	62
Bank charges	78	-	78	81
Rent and storage costs	1,838	-	1,838	3,631
IT costs & Website	8,866	-	8,866	505
Vehicle costs	430	683	1,113	2,013
Training	480	48	528	-
Sundry	244	-	244	215
Total Payments	16,834	50,428	67,262	41,586
Net (Payments)/Receipts - unrestricted funds	16,060	- 8,582	7,478	37,641
Cash and bank balances brought forward	18,842	42,573	61,415	23,774
Cash and bank balances carried forward	34,902	33,991	68,893	61,415

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	2023	2022
	£	£
Monetary assets		
Current account	68,818	61,339
Paypal account	75	76
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 Other assets		
Van	-	5,995
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Achievements and performance

Our monthly referrals have doubled when compared to 2021. We now receive, on average, 24 referrals per month. Our referral partners have also requested support with other items, such as school uniforms. To date we have supported 407 babies and children by providing the essentials they need. We estimate that this has lifted over £22,000 of financial burden for the babies, children, pregnant women, and families our service supports.

Item	Total given out	Item	Total given out
Stairgates	37	Bath	24
Car seats	2	Bouncer	16
Moses basket	25	Playmat	13
Cots/cotbeds	12	Nappies and wipes	720
Highchair	12	Toiletries	375
Pram	16	clothing	9462
Pushchair	11	carseat	4

Christmas 2022

The charity's Santa's Little Stars campaign provided Christmas gifts to 229 children via the network of professionals the charity has worked with over the financial year. The campaign was once again hugely successful with the support of Tesco who collected gifts for us along with volunteers and use of their facilities from the company Aico.



Our Impact

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Case Study

Little Stars has been supporting a lady working within the Shropshire Perinatal Mental Health Team for the past 8 months. The lady in our service has a one sided weakness and memory loss, she has not been entitled to funding or financial support due to not meeting criteria. This has meant that no resources or support had been given to supply equipment to support her growing Infant. Little Stars has supported the mother and her Infant with vital equipment to enable the mother to live independently with her daughter.

Little Stars supported and supplied various items to help with keeping her baby safe and offering resources that the family could not afford and could be used one handed or to make daily life activities easier.

Low level play pens, highchairs, beanbags and a carry sling to name a few. Without the support of Little Stars the lady would have needed to move into her parents' house which would have impacted negatively on her Mental Health. Little Stars the charity provided vital resources throughout the duration it was required and have made a huge difference to the families' life. Thank you

Testimonials

"A massive thank you for the bundles you put together for children at our school. They were gratefully received by the family, but most of all it was touching to see the children walking into school this morning wearing the clothing you provided. Fantastic charity and a speedy turnaround."

"Little starts charity provided a family with a high chair, beanbag and chair that was suitable for the Infant to use with Hip Spica cast. Funding was not available for the family and specialist equipment costs were extremely high. Little Stars sourced various items and supported the family to obtain the above mentioned items to make look after their baby more manageable."

"Little Stars charity have provided many of our families with baby essentials such as, formula milk, nappies and toiletries. The increase in the cost of living has meant for lots of our families they are no longer able to afford baby essentials. This vital service ensures that Infants are able to complete baby care activities and support parent's mental health with reducing stress and anxiety about financial burden."

Acknowledgments

Little Stars have been delighted with the support of so many wonderful families, individuals, and organisations.

Thank you to the families and individuals who donate their pre-loved baby and children clothing for Little Stars to pass onto other families in need of a helping hand.

Thank you to all the individuals who have donated money to Little Stars.

Thank you Aico, who chose Little Stars as their charity of the year and once again helped move the charity forward with their generosity of gifted storage space at their headquarters in Oswestry, volunteer hours along with monetary contributions.



Future plans

Little Stars have developed a strong foundation since launching the charity and have a good reputation for quality pre-loved bundles given in a timely manner with support growing from the local community. As the charity look towards the new financial year the strategic focus will be:

- Recruiting a project co-ordinator to help us with the launch of our school uniform.
- Set up Little Community Hubs within strategic locations so families have access to basic essentials without referrals.
- Raising the profile and visibility of the charity.
- Building our fundraising strategy.
- Developing our monitoring and evaluation so that we can feed this back into our work and provide the best possible service for our beneficiaries.

Financial review and reserves policy

The charity has had a successful first year, generating income of over £79k. Expenditure was £41K leaving £62K in monetary funds carried forward. £42k of this is restricted funding as set out on page 9.

The trustees agree to hold free reserves in the region of £11,000

This is to ensure that there is sufficient funds to cover the running costs of the charity for 6 months. Trustees have taken possible risks into account and considered the loss of gifted storage space.

The Trustees agree to continuously monitor this as the charity grows and develops to ensure the amount held in reserves mirrors the level of activity.

The free reserves of the charity at the year end, calculated as unrestricted funds less fixed assets, were £19K.

Basis of Accounting

The accounts of the charity have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with charity regulations.

This report was approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by



Mr Alex Garmston

Trustee

3rd July 2023

**Little Stars Baby Bank
Independent Examiners Report**

**Little Stars Baby Bank
Independent Examiners Report for the year ended 31 December 2022**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 8 to 9.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiners Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date - *4th July 2023*

Little Stars Baby Bank
Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022
Receipts and payments account

	Unrestricted 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts				
Grants	4,360	33,592	37,952	34,712
Donations and fundraising income	39,375	1,885	41,260	3,568
Bank Interest received	15	-	15	-
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Total Receipts	43,750	35,477	79,227	38,280
Payments				
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Purchases for service users	4,849	661	5,510	2,671
<i>Costs of fundraising</i>				
Fundraising events and promotion	198	-	198	478
<i>Support costs</i>				
Wages and Salaries	14,583	-	14,583	-
Employers National Insurance	1,570	-	1,570	-
Employers Pension Contributions	192	-	192	-
Accountancy	-	600	600	-
Consultancy	-	10,320	10,320	-
Insurance	250	-	250	469
Marketing	1,856	-	1,856	1,366
Office admin (inc'g telephone)	62	-	62	47
Bank charges	81	-	81	101
Rent and storage costs	3,631	-	3,631	2,196
IT costs	420	85	505	563
Vehicle costs	2,013	-	2,013	576
Purchase of a van	-	-	-	5,995
Sundry	215	-	215	45
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Total Payments	29,920	11,666	41,586	14,506
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Net (Payments)/Receipts - unrestricted funds	13,830	23,811	37,641	23,774
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Cash and bank balances brought forward	5,012	18,762	23,774	-
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Cash and bank balances carried forward	18,842	42,573	61,415	23,774

Little Stars Baby Bank
Financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2022
Statement of funds

	2022 £	2021 £
Monetary assets		
Current account	61,339	23,698
Paypal account	76	76
	61,415	23,774
 Other assets		
Van	5,995	5,995
	67,410	29,769
 Funds		
Unrestricted Funds	24,837	11,007
Restricted Funds		
Project Co-ordinator fund	4,965	13,781
Other restricted fund	5,496	4,981
Salaries Fund	32,112	-
	42,573	18,762
	67,410	29,769

The Project Co-ordinator fund relates to restricted funding received for the appointment of a Project Co-ordinator, funded by The Postcode local trust

The Other restricted fund relates to restricted funding provided by The Postcode local trust, Tesco and The National Lottery to be used for the baby bank service.

The Salaries Fund relates to restricted funding provided by The Postcode local trust Tesco and The National Lottery to be used for wages and salaries.

LITTLE STARS BABY BANK

England & Wales - Charity number 1191130

Accounts



Trustees' Report and Accounts unaudited For the year ended 31 December 2021

Little Stars Baby Bank
Registered Charity No. 1191130
www.littlestarsbabybank.co.uk

Little Stars Baby Bank
Financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2021
Reference and administration details

Charity registration number	1191130
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Trustees	L Simcoe K Mckinstry E Jones (Resigned 5th April 2022) B Jones

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Trustees' Annual Report

The Trustees of Little Stars Baby Bank are pleased to present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2021.

Our Vision and Mission

Little Star's vision is a world where all babies and children have access to the basic essentials that they need to feel safe and secure.

Our mission is to alleviate the emotional stress and financial pressure of families by providing quality essentials for babies, children and pregnant women. We believe that every family, no matter how complex their situation, should be shown kindness and support at the time they need it most.

Statement of Public Benefit

Our service benefits children of families who, for various reasons, do not have access to the basic essentials that every child deserves. We deliver bundles to various referral partners around the county of Shropshire. In delivering our services we further benefit the public, as follows:

- **Families:** Providing essentials has a significant impact on the family, the service helps keeps babies and young children clothed, clean and safe. This not only helps to remove financial pressure, but also alleviate the emotional stress by providing the basic provisions.
- **Wider community:** The local community are able to donate their pre-loved baby items which not only helps the family who are receiving those items but it also reduces landfill waste and helps the environmental impact.
- **Referral partners:** Professionals now have a service within the county they can use after a visit to a family they know need the basics.

Due to the kind support of fundraiser and donors, Little Stars is able to contribute and supplement the bundles with brand new equipment needed that cannot be donated as pre-loved. Voluntary income enables Little Stars to continue the work and develop the service. In defining our charitable programme, we have regard for the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporation Organisation ("CIO") which was registered with the Charity Commission on 3rd September 2020 and is governed by a constitution as a Foundation CIO.

Methods used to recruit and appoint new trustees

New Trustees are recruited openly in line with Little Stars Baby Bank's Trustee Recruitment Policy. Trustees receive a full induction to the charity and a set of key documents, to enable them to gain the required information to fulfil their role.

An annual skills analysis ensures the Trustees offer a suitable range of knowledge and skills to support the charity. Where a skills gap is identified we aim to seek Trustees to bridge this gap.

The Board will aim to adhere to the principles of the Charity Governance Code for Small Charities. This is an ongoing process, and we are working towards fulfilling all aspects of the code.

Objectives

The general aims and objectives of Little Stars are to support families living and working within Shropshire by:

- Working alongside various organisations to provide relief of financial hardship for families who cannot afford the essential baby/children items needed.
- Provide quality items which not only helps the family receiving them but also the environment impact.
- Giving help to pregnant women with essentials needed after giving birth.

Activities

Our Bundles

We provide items free of charge which include, although not limited to; clothing, prams and cots (with a new mattress included). As babies grow and explore, we are able to provide the right safety equipment in the home such as stairgates and socket covers. We are very proud to offer a hospital bag pack and maternity clothing, ensuring pregnant ladies are looked after with all the basics they need too.



Our partnerships

Little Stars are able to offer support to those fleeing domestic abuse and are in need of items urgently for their young child; those who may be on the brink of homelessness; or families where there has been a job loss and the household income has been impacted.

Little Stars have built relationships with many different organisations across Shropshire over their first year of operating and continue to build on existing relationships whilst developing new ones. This ensures Little Stars reaches as many families as we can.

Our fundraising

Little Stars was launched during the pandemic so very little public fundraising has taken place to date. However, a Just Giving page was set-up which enabled the charity to raise funds at the beginning of their journey. The focus for raising funds since the charity formed have been through approaching trusts and foundations for grants and corporates who might like to partner with Little Stars.



Achievements and performance

Little Stars is providing a completely new service in the county of Shropshire. Since launching they have:

- Provided 161 bundles to vulnerable families with items including clothing and equipment along with nappies, wipes and toiletries.
- Provided 38 hospital bag essential packs to pregnant ladies which include maternity pads and breast pads that are essential after giving birth.
- Built relationships with 19 local professional organisations for example health visitors; social workers; midwives and domestic abuse services.
- Given out over 5500 donated items, which has lifted a financial burden for families. This has an estimated monetary value of £8750.70.

Item	Total given out	Item	Total given out
Stairgates (new)	19	Nappies and wipes	370
Car seats (new)	2	Toiletries	296
Moses basket	15	Baby bath	11
Cots/cot beds	14	Bouncer	12
Mattress (new)	29	playmat	10
Highchairs	8	Toys/books	126
Pram/pushchair	24	Clothing	4731

Christmas 2021

The charity's inaugural Santa's Little Stars campaign provided a Christmas gift to 288 children via the network of professionals the charity has worked with over the financial year. The launch was hugely successful with the support of volunteers and their facilities from the company Aico.



Our Impact

We work closely with our referral partners to gather feedback and case studies so that we can understand the impact our work. It also helps us to identify areas where we can make changes and improve the services we offer.

Case Study

A was just 17 years old when enrolled onto a programme with one of our referral partners. She had a history of difficulties with attendance and engagement at school and college. This was following conflicts with peers and at home. A's mum has a history of mental health problems and alcohol abuse. Her childhood was unhappy. Her parents divorced when she was ten and she lived with her dad for a while. She then returned to her mum's house but was very unhappy with the situation there.

In 2021 A found out she was pregnant. Her baby's dad, whom she was in a relationship with for a few months was charged with murder. He is now serving a life sentence in prison after his conviction. A removed herself from her family and her hometown and came to live in Shropshire where her boyfriend's Mum lives. She lived with her for short period of time but was unable to stay there as it was unsafe to do so, due to domestic abuse and drug use. A was moved into social care, to a safe place where she now remains, and she is hoping to find her own home soon. A has cut her self-off completely from her own family and from her boyfriend's family. She has no friends and the only support she receives is from professionals.

A has received support from Little Stars so that she has the items she needs for both herself and her baby. This includes hospital bags, which are thoughtfully put together, a car seat; a pram; a baby chair; moses basket; sheets; clothes; nappies and many more items. This support has been invaluable to A as she prepares to welcome her little one into the world.

Testimonials

'The Little Stars Baby Bank team have worked with our often-vulnerable clients to provide essentials and much needed baby goods, without which they may not have been able to afford. Referrals are dealt with in a speedy, flexible, and professional manner with feedback provided. Leanne and the team have helped a variety of clients from young families to those affected by domestic violence, and those on low income without family support. It is so fantastic that we have this great facility to draw on and we are proud to be referral partners for such a vital service.'

'The service that I am employed by supports many local families. The focus of my role within the service is to assist in the provision of quality care for women experiencing emotional difficulties. Families are facing increased adversity with day to day life. Emotional circumstances are evident however it is also becoming apparent that the day to day living costs for families are rapidly increasing. Therefore having the access to Little Star's Baby Bank is essential. Little Stars Baby Bank have provided one mum with a variety of baby essentials. The baby bundle requested, provided essential items for an 8 month old baby that included nappies, wipes, toiletries and even a few items for mum. Also included in the bundle were some interactive age appropriate toys. These surprise items were such a lovely treat for the family. Using these toys in play supported mum and baby's communication skills and encouraged her baby's fine motor skills. The family were extremely grateful and thankful for the bundle from Little Stars Baby Bank. It meant for this family the financial pressures and stress of every day were significantly eased. This case study demonstrates how a collaborative approach between charities and resources provided necessary support for a local family.'

Acknowledgments

Little Stars have been delighted with the support of so many wonderful families, individuals, and organisations.

Thank you to the families and individuals who donate their pre-loved baby and children clothing for Little Stars to pass onto other families in need of a helping hand.

Thank you to all the individuals who have donated money to Little Stars.

Thank you Aico, who have helped push Little Stars further in the first year than what was ever thought possible. Through their Corporate Social Responsibility programme Aico have helped with creating marketing materials, a video for Little Stars website and monetary donations throughout the year. This has enabled Little Stars to continue their work and purchase a vehicle to help with deliveries and collections.

Thank you Morrisons for setting up 'Pick up Pack' donation stations in their stores. This has enabled Little Stars to be well stocked with nappies, wipes and toiletries to provide to families.

Thank you The Charles Lewis Foundation who matched our funding, to allow Little Stars to bring on a charity consultant to help Little Stars look to the future and put plans in place for sustainability.

Future plans

Little Stars have developed a strong foundation since launching the charity and have a good reputation for quality pre-loved bundles given in a timely manner with support growing from the local community. As the charity look towards the new financial year the strategic focus will be:

- Completing the charities strategic plan to give greater direction and focus.
- Developing and strengthening the board to ensure good governance.
- Recruiting volunteers to support projects and giving them the opportunity to develop new skills or build on their existing experience and knowledge.
- Diversifying income streams and growing our fundraising to provide sustainability and enabling us to grow our impact.
- Expanding the service from 0-5 years to 0-teens so that more families can be reached who need support.
- Providing school uniforms, working alongside schools within Shropshire, to help children and young people to fully participate in school.
- Developing our monitoring and evaluation so that we can feed this back into our work and provide the best possible service for our beneficiaries.

Financial review and reserves policy

The charity has had a successful first year, generating income of over £38k. Expenditure was £15k leaving £23k in monetary funds carried forward. £19k of this is restricted funding as set out on page 9.

The Board have no concerns about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The trustees agree to hold free reserves in the region of £5,000.

This is to ensure that there is sufficient funds to cover the running costs of the charity for 6 months. Trustees have taken possible risks into account and considered the loss of gifted storage space.

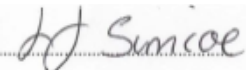
The Trustees agree to continuously monitor this as the charity grows and develops to ensure the amount held in reserves mirrors the level of activity.

The free reserves of the charity at the year end, calculated as unrestricted funds less fixed assets, were £5,012.

Basis of Accounting

The accounts of the charity have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with charity regulations.

This report was approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by



Mrs Leanne Simcoe

Trustee

5th April 2022

Little Stars Baby Bank
Independent Examiners Report for the period ended 31 December 2021

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 8 to 9.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiners Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date - *22 April 2022*

Little Stars Baby Bank
Financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2021
Receipts and payments account

	Unrestricted 2021 £	Restricted 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Receipts			
Grants	14,200	20,512	34,712
Donations and fundraising income	3,568	-	3,568
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Total Receipts	17,768	20,512	38,280
Payments			
<i>Charitable activities</i>			
Purchases for service users	1,421	1,250	2,671
<i>Costs of fundraising</i>			
Fundraising events and promotion	478	-	478
<i>Support costs</i>			
Insurance	469	-	469
Marketing	866	500	1,366
Office admin (inc'g telephone)	47	-	47
Bank charges	101	-	101
Rent and storage costs	2,196	-	2,196
IT costs	563	-	563
Vehicle costs	576	-	576
Purchase of a van	5,995	-	5,995
Sundry	45	-	45
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Total Payments	12,756	1,750	14,506
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Net (Payments)/Receipts - unrestricted funds	5,012	18,762	23,774
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Cash and bank balances brought forward	-	-	-
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Cash and bank balances carried forward	5,012	18,762	23,774
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Little Stars Baby Bank
Financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2021
Statement of funds

		2021 £
Monetary assets		
Current account		23,698
Paypal account		76
		23,774
 Other assets		
Van		5,995
		29,769
 Funds		
Unrestricted Funds		11,007
Restricted Funds		
Project Co-ordinator fund	13,781	
Other restricted fund	4,981	
	18,762	
		29,769

The Project Co-ordinator fund relates to restricted funding received for the appointment of a Project Co-ordinator next year, funded by The National Lottery and The Charles Lewis Foundation.

The Other restricted fund relates to restricted funding provided by The National Lottery to be used for office storage costs and professional fees.