



Trustees' Annual Report for Bare Necessities Toiletry Bank (reg no 1193427)

Principal Address – Unit 3a Watsons Mews, 3 Hawthorn Lane, Wilmslow SK9 1AA

January 1st 2024 – 31st December 2024

Our Vision – Alleviation of hygiene poverty so that no-one has to choose between eating and keeping clean.

Our Mission – To provide hygiene essentials and toiletries to other charities and organisations in the North-West which support people in need.

Our Values – Our work is informed by our belief in and commitment to; fairness, tolerance, integrity and probity, inclusivity and diversity, equality, respect and transparency

These activities have been conducted by the trustees with due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and informed by our belief in, and commitment to fairness and equality.

Our Objectives

- To continue to provide monthly support 32 charities/organisations in five sectors; women, foodbanks, mother & baby, youth & schools and homeless
- To provide these with regular donations of either donated hygiene products and/or purchased items by us
- To fund special projects such as Give a Smile and SUDs Give a Wash Day from time to time to address a particular need
- To maintain our volunteer pool at a level sufficient to enable collection and collating donations and making deliveries
- To raise funds from a combination of donations, grants and fund raising
- To continue to communicate about our charity's purpose and who we help through our website, use of social media and PR
- To keep under review the processes and reporting structure to describe and record our activity and monitor our financial performance and ensure compliance

- To maintain and or increase the number of donation boxes within the community

Activities

Delivered through;

- Supported 39 charities, (364 regular deliveries to 32 with one off deliveries to 7) in five sectors; women, foodbanks, mother & baby, youth & schools and homeless
- Delivered 2105 of our tote bags each specifically tailored to the charity's clients' needs
- Delivered 5513 small packs including 719 five days of dignity bags for street homeless, 912 women's well-being packs, 337 Mother's Day and 181 Father's Day for children to give their parents (distributed through youth charities). In addition, 3207 dental hygiene packs through our 'Give a Smile' campaign, and over 2534 Xmas gift packs via a cross section of all the charities we help
- Delivered 14 full pallets of toiletries to foodbanks including to some two Crewe and Oldham based charities increasing our reach
- Ran two phases of SUDs Give a Wash Day (17 deliveries -almost 100,000 laundry detergent pods giving over half a million days of clean clothes to poorer households)
- Our network of trustees and volunteers collate, pack and distribute the Tote bags/small packs
- Grew our Sewing Bees group to 19 regular volunteers making hand sewn bags of all sizes increasing our volunteer network, community engagement and in line with our eco aspirations
- Donated products are sorted by type and records kept of deliveries made to the charities/organisations we support and we maintain regular contact with them to ascertain their needs
- Donations are made through our donation boxes which are located throughout the community. These are collected by our volunteers and delivered to our office. In addition, we purchase products using funds obtained through grants/donations and fundraising
- Attending local events and maintaining close relationships with other local charities, organisations, businesses and educational organisations to staying connected within our community

Key Achievements and Performance

- Increasing the products, we distributed with an estimated retail value of almost £100k in 2024 providing sustained support to the organisations and charities

- We bought 6,261 bottles of shampoo, 6,726 bottles of shower gel, 12,992 tubes of toothpaste, 11,964 toothbrushes, 7,122 deodorants, 131,652 laundry detergent pods
- Developing our regular volunteer group, (Team Tuesday) who support us in our activities
- Conducting regular training for our volunteers and facilitating 360 feedback and continual improvements
- Funding two phases of SUDs Give a Wash Day our second special initiative
- Expanding our award-winning 'Give a Smile' dental hygiene initiative which ran on three occasions distributing 3,245 dental packs to local families and individuals in need through the charities and organisations we support and benefitting 7,997 people; (1661 individuals and 6,336 families of four
- We have 25 drop off points for donations
- We held three fundraising events, a coffee morning, a running festival, a golf day and a lunch which raised substantial funds and allowed us to increase our profile
- Developing relationships which connect the community including with other charities, the Freemasons, the High Sherrif, the Wilmslow BID and Wilmslow's Way Better team and local businesses
- Continued our board development reviewing the operation of the trustee board, developing trustee skills, continuing to review our policies and procedures and creating our strategy
- Receiving recognition of our work by being invited to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace
- Launching our new brand identity provided pro bone for us

Financial

- Opened the year with £32,023 in the bank and ended with £32,464
- BN ended the year in a robust financial position with income exceeding forecast
- We raised £90,832, national lottery award (£20,000) and donations, (£29,139) and the balance from fundraising events netting £41,231 and interest £463
- The single highest value donation received from an individual was £3024
- Our income was skewed – partly due to two of the fundraising events which both fall within Q3 & 4 and the timing of donations
- £79,515 was spent on purchasing products to supplement donated items
- £4,811 was spent on operating costs
- No investments are held beyond placing some of our income into a deposit account with our bank

Reserves Policy

- Our Reserves policy is to maintain sufficient funds to cover one year's rent, insurance and IT costs and is set at £5,000

Structure, Governance and Management

- Governing document – Trust Deed dated 26 January 2021
- Constitution – unincorporated Trust
- No employees are employed by the charity
- We have a pool of 35 volunteers who have been actively working for the charity during this financial period
- Trustees are recruited with consideration to relevant skills and experience
- We have in place policies which are shared by the trustees and with the volunteers as appropriate
- Trustees are in place until they retire and the Chair and Secretary are re-elected each year, the trustees meet every three months
- None of the trustees have been paid during the financial period of this return, excluding out of pocket expenses

Trustees

Wendy Hobson – Chair
 Abigail Louise Gill - Secretary
 Michael Richard Calderbank
 Beverly Carol Heagerty
 Diane Susan Smith
 Benjamin Lambert
 Louise Russell – appointed 11/01/2024
 Fiona Claire Miller – retired 31/10/2024

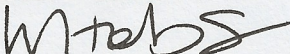
There are no corporate trustees. The charity does not own any property.
 The trust does not hold any funds as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

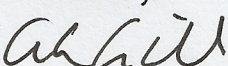
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Wendy Hobson – Chair

Signature - 

Date – 14.04.2025

Abigail Gill – Secretary

Signature - 

Date - 14/4/25

Bare Necessities Toiletry Bank Financial
Statement for the Year ended 31st December
2024

	2024 YTD		2023 YTD	
	31-Dec		31-Dec	
Income				
Donation	£	29,139	£	18,181
Grant	£	20,000	£	2,000
Fundraising	£	41,231	£	19,883
Interest	£	463	£	239
	£	90,832	£	40,303

Expenditure				
Product	-£	79,515	-£	36,639
Packaging	-£	2,016	-£	1,452
Gen Admin	-£	1,345	-£	323
Rent/Insurance	-£	3,466	-£	3,416
	-£	86,342	-£	41,830

Net Profit / (Loss)	£	4,490	-£	1,527
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Cash at Bank	31/12/2024		31/12/2023	
Opening Balance	£	32,464	£	34,023
Movement	£	4,490	-£	1,527
Closing Balance	£	36,954	£	32,496
Ring Fenced			£	-
Total In Bank	£	36,954	£	32,496

Prepared by

Mike Calderbank

Trustee

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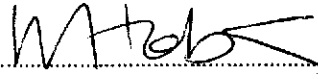
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Approved by

Wendy Hobson

Chair

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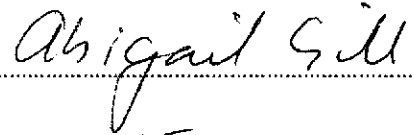

Dated 15/01/25

Approved by

Abigail Gill

Trustee

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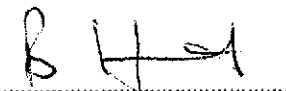

Dated 15/10/25

Approved by

Beverly Heagerty

Trustee

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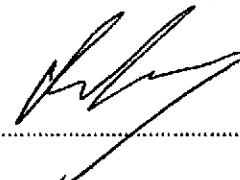

Dated 15/1/25

Approved by

Ben Lambert

Trustee

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Dated 15/01/2025

Approved by

Diane Smith

Trustee

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Dated 15/01/25

Approved by

Louise Russell

Trustee

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Dated 15/1/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bare Necessities Toiletry Bank Registration number 1193427

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 can 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 Trust 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.



Robert Staniland

Chartered Accountant (ICAS)

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20th February 2025