



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

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

1st January 2025 – 31st December 2025

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 to 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 ensure day to day operations do not rely on any single individual
- 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 utilising external support where appropriate

- To keep under review our processes and reporting structure to describe and record our activity, monitor our financial performance and ensure compliance
- To maintain and or increase the number of donation boxes within the community

Activities

Delivered through;

- Supported 37 charities, (286 regular deliveries to 32 with one off deliveries to 5 others) in five sectors; women, foodbanks, mother & baby, youth & schools and homeless
- Delivered 1964 of our tote bags each specifically tailored to the charity's clients' needs
- Delivered 4318 small packs including 531 five days of dignity bags for street homeless, 575 women's well-being packs, 379 Mother's Day and 165 Father's Day for children to give their parents (distributed through youth charities), 179 Prom Packs to teenagers in poorer households. In addition, 2344 dental hygiene packs through our 'Give a Smile' campaign, and over 1915 Xmas gift packs via a cross section of all the charities we help
- Delivered 21.5 full pallets of toiletries to foodbanks including to two Crewe and Oldham based charities increasing our reach
- Ran two phases of SUDs Give a Wash Day (7.5 pallets to 15 charities – over 70,000 laundry detergent pods giving over 176,000 days of clean clothes to poorer households)
- Our network of trustees and volunteers collate, pack and distribute the Tote bags/small packs
- Our Sewing Bees group of 20 regular volunteers made over 3,000 hand sewn bags of all sizes increasing our volunteer network, community engagement and in line with our eco aspirations and saving us £2,500 vs purchased tote bags
- Donated products are sorted by type and records kept of deliveries made to the charities/organisations we support. We maintain regular contact with them to ascertain their needs
- Donations, an estimated 20% of what we need, are received through our donation boxes which are located throughout the community. These are collected by our volunteers and delivered to our office. We purchase at wholesale circa 80% of products we give out 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 number of products; we distributed with an estimated retail value of almost £122k in 2025 providing sustained support to the organisations and charities
- 7,572 bottles of shampoo, 9,756 bottles of shower gel, 10,980 tubes of toothpaste, 10,596 toothbrushes, 9,001 deodorants, 71,712 laundry detergent pods were purchased
- 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 although phase one was significantly reduced due to finances.
- Ran two phases of our award-winning 'Give a Smile' dental hygiene initiative distributing 2,449 dental packs to local families and individuals in need through the charities and organisations we support and benefiting 5,656 people; (1,380 individuals and 1069 families of four)
- We have over 20 drop off points for donations
- We held four fundraising events, a running festival, a live music gig, 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 High Sheriff, 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
- Launching our new donation boxes provided pro bono for us

Financial

- Opened the year with £32,464 in the bank and ended with £36,954
- BN ended the year in a robust financial position with income exceeding forecast
- We raised £88,146, from a national lottery award (£20,000) donations; (£24,487), fundraising events netting £43,349 and interest £310
- 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 & Q4 - and the timing of donations
- £77,545 was spent on purchasing products to supplement donated items
- £4,444 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 45 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 at least four times a year
- 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 – retired 31/03/2025
Beverly Carol Heagerty
Diane Susan Smith
Benjamin Lambert – retired 31/12/2025
Louise Russell
Jacqueline Waugh – appointed 25/03/2025
Veronica Robinson – appointed 25/03/2025

Declarations

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.

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Wendy Hobson – Chair

Signature -



Date --

08/06/26

Abigail Gill - Secretary
Signature -

Abigail Gill

Date - 08/06/26.

Bare Necessities Toiletry Bank
Financial Statement for the Year Ended
31 December 2025

	2025 Full Year	2024 Full Year
	£	£
Income		
Donation	19,487	29,139
Grants	25,000	20,000
Fundraising (net)	43,349	41,231
Interest	310	463
	88,146	90,832
Expenditure		
Product	(77,545)	(79,515)
Packaging	(1,308)	(2,016)
Gen Admin	(954)	(1,345)
Rent/Insurance	(3,490)	(3,466)
	(83,296)	(86,342)
Net profit / (loss)	4,849	4,490
Cash at Bank	31-Dec-25	31-Dec-24
Opening balance	36,954	32,464
Movement	4,849	4,490
Closing balance	41,803	36,954
Reserve	(5,000)	(5,000)
Unreserved	36,803	31,954

Prepared by:

Paul Grundy
Finance Officer
Bare Necessities Toiletry Bank



16 February 2026

Dated

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Bare Necessities Toiletry Bank Registration number 1193427 for the year ended 31st December 2025

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 for the year ended 31st December 2025 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

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16th February 2026