



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1st	Month JAN	Year 2023		Day 31st	Month DEC	Yea 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	STEPPING STONES BABY BANK
Other names charity is known by	N/A
Registered charity number (if any)	1193593
Charity's principal address	16 FAIRFIELD GARDENS OSSETT
Postcode	WF5 0LX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	KAREN STOCKHILL	FOUNDER/CHAIR	N/A	N/A
2	TIM STOCKHILL	TRUSTEE	N/A	N/A
3	KATHRYN MCATEER	TRUSTEE	N/A	N/A
4	VICTORIA FALLAS	TRUSTEE	N/A	N/A
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

CONSTITUTION

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

FOUNDATION MODEL CONSTITUTION

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

SELECTED VIA TRUSTEES

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

For the public benefit; the prevention, or relief of financial hardship among people living within, but not exclusively the Wakefield area. This will be achieved by providing new parents & families with babies and young children essential items of clothing, toys and equipment to which they could not otherwise afford through lack of means.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In planning our activities during the year, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commissions Guidance on public benefit.

The number of referrals continued to increase during the reporting dates of January 2023 to December 2023. This mainly consisted of referrals from health/social professionals and other agencies, whilst also helping with some private referrals from individuals.

We have continued to see a rise in the referral rate and assisted where possible with the delivery of support packages to families dealing with hardship and poverty.

The families we supported came from diverse backgrounds including victims of domestic abuse, families experiencing homelessness and families seeking asylum or refugee status to name a few.

We ran a successful campaign in Nov/December 2023 to provide Christmas presents to children who due to financial hardship within their families may not have received any gifts for Christmas.

As a charity, we have continued to try to find ways to reach more families and work collaboratively with other agencies/Charities.

Working alongside other charities and organisations, we have managed to maintain our minimal landfill objective and promote environmental sustainability through our use of preloved items.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- Had a direct impact on the health and outcomes for families struggling with financial hardship within our community.
- Continued to support families.
- Increased the age range of clothes and equipment that we stock.
- Increased the range of professionals/agencies using our service.
- Engaged with other charities to provide support when necessary. Engaged with more volunteers.
- Provision of Christmas presents to children that due to financial hardship may not have got anything for Christmas.
- Acted as a signposting service for a variety of professionals.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We should always have 6 months reserves to cover rent and utilities.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

- Fundraising.
- We have allocated funds to provide safety gates, new cot mattresses and other necessary equipment to support vulnerable families.
- We have allocated funds to provide packs, including household essentials to families leaving domestic abuse situations.

Section F

Other optional information

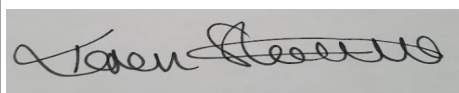
Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

KAREN STOCKHILL

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

CHAIRPERSON

Date

11/10/24