



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	6th	April	2023		31st	March	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Bundles of Blessings

Other names charity is known by

N/A

Registered charity number (if any)

1194009

Charity's principal address

33 Baskerville Road

Sonning Common

Reading

Postcode

RG4 9LS

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	Delcia Richter	Chairperson		
2	Angela Surendorff	Treasurer		
3	Suzanne Pearce	Secretary		
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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
Heather Hewgill	
Cath Hewgill	

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)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Founding trustees we agreed at commencement of constitution, and appointed positions during the first trustee meeting; also proposed and seconded the appointment and election of trustees/managing trustee positions. Replacement trustee was elected by the committee at an AGM.

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.

Trustees are familiar with policies and procedures related to charitable work, and in particular any that may be relevant to Bundles of Blessings (BOB).
All trustees have received a copy of the constitution, and the guide for trustees from the Charity Commission.
They actively communicate using email and WhatsApp messages, which means all trustees are aware of the status of the charity and activities at any given time.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

To advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public in Shepway, Dover and the surrounding areas, in accordance with the statements of belief appearing in the schedule. In furtherance of this object but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: a. To engage with different agencies, schools, care homes and faith networks b. To donate gifts and activity packs to people who are feeling marginalised, ill, mentally ill or simply lonely or discouraged

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)

We are pleased to report that we feel we have retained our objectives of advancing the Christian religion by being able to donate bags to a wide range of people in our community.
This has had a far-reaching public benefit:
Bags were given to a very wide range of people (in age, and social standing) and the contents of the bag consider the suitability and safety of the recipients. E.g. Adult women's bags look different to children's bags.
The response from people receiving the bags is that they are profoundly impacted in being cared for. A common response is that the timing was 'just perfect', and the bags 'meant so much at a hard time'.

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.

During this period all trustees have had an opportunity to suggest and co-ordinate the delivery of bags to recipients.
The goods included in the bags have generally been included after mutual agreement. We have just agreed to add more diversity to bags. Income continues to come from charitable giving, and we have not needed further fundraising. Perhaps this will be explored much later, but this small and manageable charity seems to work well for now. It has a personal touch, with each bag sewn and chosen with care and attention. This still feels important to us as a charity.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The trustees are all very involved and supportive, and have had unanimous agreement on the objectives, and outcomes. This retains a harmonious and unified feel.

This has been a quieter year, and we expect next report to show another quieter year, however several of our trustees (who do all the work too) have had major life changes, some extremely difficult. This means we did not do as much as we expect to do in 25/26 year.

We unanimously receive very positive reports about how the bags have brought some 'sunshine' to people's difficult days. This is in alignment with our charity aims.

We continue to make inroads with appropriate charities etc to give bags to the deserving recipients. E.g. we have this year started to work with a charity which provides upmarket clothing to women who are fleeing domestic violence or experience homelessness.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We are a very small charity. We also have very low costs; and these are only related directly to the creation of each bag. We do not have a requirement to produce 'x' number of bags, as they are produced when the trustees are notified of a need. Therefore, we still agree we do not currently need a policy on cash reserves.

Nevertheless, there is a healthy cash reserve in the bank, should we want to make several hundred of bags very quickly. We have informally agreed that should the balance run under £1500 we will re-group about initiating some fundraising.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

We have no deficits

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.

All cash remains in our nominated bank, and we ensure 3 trustees can access those accounts and payments are counter-signed.

We have a diligent treasurer and are grateful for a very healthy bank account.

Section F

Other optional information

It would be by agreement of all trustees that we may at some point in the future, try to enlarge the reach of this charity. However, for now, we enjoy it being manageable as it stands (given the work it takes to make and produce each bag), and that these bags make a real difference to those in our community who are vulnerable for many reasons.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Delcia Richter	Angela Surendorff
Full name(s)	Delcia Richter	Angela Surendorff
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	Treasurer
Date	28 th January 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bundles Of Blessings

1194009

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01.04.2023

To

Period end date
31.03.2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	4,630	-	-	4,630	-
Interest	8	-	-	8	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,638	-	-	4,638	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,638	-	-	4,638	-
A3 Payments					
Gift bag contents	420	-	-	420	-
Sewing services	1,238	-	-	1,238	-
Interest from bank	60	-	-	60	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,718	-	-	1,718	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,718	-	-	1,718	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,920	-	-	2,920	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,881	-	-	3,881	-
Cash funds this year end	6,801	-	-	6,801	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Closing bank balance #	6,801	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,801	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Angela Surendorff	Angela Surendorff	29.01.2025