

LITTLE ACORNS BABY CHARITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1194199

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-04-22

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1) THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF POVERTY AMONG SOCIALLY AND/OR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN COUNTY DURHAM/CHESTER-LE-STREET AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WHO ARE PREGNANT OR HAVE CHILDREN AGED, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, UNDER 2 YEARS AND ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE BASIC EQUIPMENT, CONSUMABLES, FOOD, CLOTHING AND TOYS FOR BABIES AND CHILDREN BY SUPPLYING THEM WITH NEW AND RECYCLED ITEMS FREE OF CHARGE. 2) TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT GOOD HEALTH OF BABIES AND CHILDREN UNDER 2 YEARS IN COUNTY DURHAM/CHESTER-LE-STREET AND THE SURROUNDING AREA BY FACILITATING PROJECTS RELATING TO PARENTING AND THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF BABIES AND CHILDREN.

Activities: Little Acorns Baby Charity supports individuals and families who are pregnant or have babies aged 0-2 years in Durham/Chester Le Street and surrounding areas. We aim to provide products needed for mothers after giving birth and essential baby consumables and clothing. We take referrals from a variety of professionals who are best placed to assess the needs of the family.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£1,013	£1,120	-	-
2024-04-05	£374	£956	-	-
2023-04-05	£776	£1,846	-	-
2022-04-05	£2,851	£1,403	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sally Garlick	Chair	2020-12-07
Neil Garlick		2020-12-07
Rebecca Anderson		2020-12-07

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Trustees' Report

6th April 2024 to 5th April 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

Little Acorns Baby Bank was set up on 7th December 2020 and was registered with The Charities Commission for England and Wales as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 22nd April 2021 and became Little Acorns Baby Charity (registration no. 1194199).

Trustees:

Rebecca Anderson

Neil Garlick

Sally Garlick

The charity is managed and run by the trustees.

As detailed in the charity's constitution, there must be at least three trustees, new trustees will be appointed by a meeting of the existing trustees, and appointed for a minimum term of 2 years.

Principal Address: 1 Carr Row, Leamside, DH4 6QH

Objectives and Activities

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document:

1. The prevention and relief of poverty among socially and/or economically disadvantaged individuals and families in Durham/Chester le Street and the surrounding areas who are pregnant or have children aged, in particular but not exclusively, under 2 years and are unable to provide basic equipment, consumables, food, clothing and toys for babies and children by supplying them with new and recycled items free of charge.
2. To preserve and protect good health of babies and children under 2 years in Durham/Chester le Street and the surrounding area by facilitating projects relating to parenting and the health and wellbeing of babies and children.

The original aim was to set up a baby bank service to help those struggling during the pandemic by collecting good quality used and new baby items from the public and re-distributing them to families

in need free of charge. We initially explored projects and partnership working in order to reach more people quickly. We then established donation points, collected and stored enough items to enable us to meet requests and rely less on grants for buying in items.

Where we are based/area covered

We continue (since June 2021) to rent the upper hall at Bethel United Reform Church in Chester le Street. Rent remains at £25 a month (since September 2022). We delivered referrals to postcodes DH1, 2, 3 and 4 but accepted referrals from across County Durham providing collection could be made and there wasn't a closer baby bank service to the family.

What we collect and supply

We accept items such as baby clothing, toiletries, nappies, sterilisers and maternity items. We had two donation points throughout this year: Chester le Street Methodist Church and Clart About Sensory Café in Consett. The Little Wardrobe NE shop based in Newton Hall Durham was used as a donation point up until end of July 2024 when it became a pop up shop in another business in Bear Park (DH7), and was no longer feasible as a donation point. We continue to use a wishlist of items to match high need/low stock. This was advertised on our Facebook page and donations were dropped off or purchased through our Amazon wishlist.

The only large equipment item we supplied were safety gates purchased new, primarily from Babybase Wholesale who sell to charities.

Referral process

We continued to use our Google form for professionals to refer individuals for support. Referrals are then packed and then either collected by the professional or are delivered directly to the family by a member of the Little Acorns team.

Donations/Fundraising

The charity Just Giving page is set up for donations from the public.

No fundraising was undertaken this year. A grant from Karbon Homes was obtained for the bulk of baby items expenditure this year (Safety gates and changing mats).

Public benefit statement

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit as published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. In setting our objectives and planning activities our Trustees have given consideration to the public benefit and in particular to the prevention or relief of poverty.

Achievements and Performance

Little Acorns Baby Charity received and fulfilled 34 referrals this year. We were able to give generously with clothing bundles due to the established stock built up through public donations and were able to offer most other baby and maternity items requested from our donated stock. We bought safety gates and changing mats, and formula when we did not have the right brand in stock.

We applied for and secured a grant from Karbon Homes Durham of £580 for buying in 20 safety gates and 20 changing mats.

We continued a relationship with the Community Champion at Morrisons Chester-le-Street who supported us through their 'Pick Up Packs' when we were in need of baby items in May 2024. In November 2024 'Lorraine Big Baby Bank Appeal' ran nationally in partnership with the Baby Bank Alliance and Morrisons to collect baby items for local baby banks. Morrisons Chester-le-Street and Morrisons Consett ran the appeal for Little Acorns Baby Charity.

Financial Review

Little Acorns Baby Charity accounts for the period 6th April 2024 to 5th April 2025 shows a deficit of £107 in year and cash at bank at year end of £373.

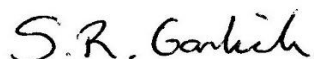
We have no reserves policy set. Our current costs are £25 a month rent and annual insurance cost £99. We undertake a monthly bank reconciliation and spending is very much dependent on income. We have established a good level of public donations and have access to community support through Morrisons Chester-le-Street. The main item we buy in is baby gates. We applied for a grant from Karbon Homes Durham this year to cover the bulk of buying these in.

We remain in a good position moving forward and there are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees



Sally Garlick (Chair)

Date: 21.01.26



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Little Acorns Baby Charity

No (if any)
1194199

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
6th April 2024

To

Period end date
5th April 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	433	-	-	433	374
Grants	580	-	-	580	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,013	-	-	1,013	374
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,013	-	-	1,013	374
A3 Payments					
Rent	300	-	-	300	300
Insurance	99	-	-	99	99
Expenses	20	-	-	20	14
Baby/Maternity items for referrals	701	-	-	701	543
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,120	-	-	1,120	956
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,120	-	-	1,120	956
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 107	-	-	- 107	- 582
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	480	-	-	480	-
Cash funds this year end	373	-	-	373	582

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	Cash at bank	373	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	373	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Shelving/storage		1,004	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	<i>S.R. Garlick</i>	Sally Garlick	20.01.26	

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Neil Garlick

Sally Garlick

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2. To preserve and protect good health of babies and children under 2 years in Durham/Chester le Street and the surrounding area by facilitating projects relating to parenting and the health and wellbeing of babies and children.

The original aim was to set up a baby bank service to help those struggling during the pandemic by collecting good quality used and new baby items from the public and re-distributing them to families

in need free of charge. We initially explored projects and partnership working in order to reach more people quickly. We have for the last 2 years established donation points, collected and stored enough items to enable us to meet requests without partnership grants to fund buying in items.

Where we are based/area covered

We continue (since June 2021) to rent the upper hall at Bethel United Reform Church in Chester le Street. Rent remains at £25 a month (since September 2022). We delivered referrals to postcodes DH1,2,3 and 4 but accepted referrals from across County Durham providing collection could be made and there wasn't a closer baby bank service to the family.

What we collect and supply

We accept items such as baby clothing, toiletries, nappies, sterilisers and maternity items. We had three donation points this year: Chester le Street Methodist Church, Clart About Sensory Café in Consett and The Little Wardrobe NE shop based in Newton Hall Durham. We used a wishlist of items to match high need/low stock. This was advertised on our Facebook page and donations were dropped off or purchased through our Amazon wishlist.

We continued a relationship with the Community Champion at Morrisons Chester-le Street who supported us through their 'Pick Up Packs' when we were in need of support.

The only large equipment item we supplied were safety gates purchased new through a wholesaler that sold to charities.

Referral process

We continued to use our Google form for professionals to refer individuals for support. Referrals are then packed and then either collected by the professional or are delivered directly to the family by a member of the Little Acorns team.

Donations/Fundraising

The charity Just Giving page is set up for donations from the public.

The Little Wardrobe NE held a second hand uniform sale and raised £55 for us in year.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit as published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. In setting our objectives and planning activities our Trustees have given consideration to the public benefit and in particular to the prevention or relief of poverty.

Achievements and Performance

Little Acorns Baby Charity received and fulfilled 40 referrals this year. We were able to give generously with clothing bundles due to the established stock built up through public donations and able to offer other items requested from our stock. We had very little buying in of items apart from safety gates, which we buy new, and formula when we did not have the right brand in stock.

We built a relationship with Grace Stewart at The Little Wardrobe NE who offered to become a donation point for us and also fundraised in year for us.

Financial Review

Little Acorns Baby Charity accounts for the period 6th April 2023 to 5th April 2024 shows a deficit of £582 in year and cash at bank at year end of £480.

The £374 of donations shown in the accounts is made up of £55 raised by The Little Wardrobe NE and £319 from the public. We are very grateful for the support of both.

The £75 gift card received from Morrisons shown in the 22/23 accounts was not fully spent in that year. £27.19 was in the cash in hand figure at 22/23 year end and spent early this financial year on baby items.

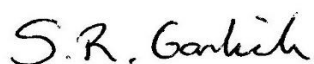
We have no reserves policy set. Our current costs are £25 a month rent and annual insurance cost £99. We undertake a monthly bank reconciliation and spending is very much dependent on income. We have established a good level of public donations and community support through Morrisons Chester le Street and find we need to buy in very little to fulfil our referral requests. The main items we buy in are baby gates and formula when not in stock. If public donations do not cover buying in these items going forward, we would apply for further grants or fundraise before making purchases.

We remain in a good position moving forward and there are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees

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Sally Garlick (Chair)

Date: 14.01.25



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Little Acorns Baby Charity

No (if any)
1194199

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 6th April 2023	To	Period end date 5th April 2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	374	-	-	374	701
Gift card	-	-	-	-	75
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	374	-	-	374	776
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	374	-	-	374	776
A3 Payments					
Rent	300	-	-	300	340
Insurance	99	-	-	99	99
Expenses	14	-	-	14	21
Baby/Maternity items for referrals	543	-	-	543	488
Storage	-	-	-	-	894
Other costs	-	-	-	-	4
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	956	-	-	956	1,846
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	956	-	-	956	1,846
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 582	-	-	- 582	- 1,070
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,062	-	-	1,062	-
Cash funds this year end	480	-	-	480	- 1,070

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

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B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	480	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	480	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Shelving/storage	unrestricted	1,004	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Sally Garlick	14.01.25	

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As detailed in the charity's constitution, there must be at least three trustees, new trustees will be appointed by a meeting of the existing trustees, and appointed for a minimum term of 2 years.

Principal Address: Oak House, Satley, County Durham, DL13 4HT

Objectives and Activities

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The original aim was to set up a baby bank service to help those struggling during the pandemic by collecting good quality used and new baby items from the public and re-distributing them to families

in need free of charge. We explored projects and partnership working in the previous financial year in order to reach more people quickly. We were able to establish donation points, collect and store enough items in 2022-23 to enable us to meet requests without partnership grants to fund buying in items this year.

Where we are based/area covered

We continue (since June 2021) to rent the upper hall at Bethel United Reform Church in Chester le Street. Rent decreased from £35 back to £25 a month from September 2022. We delivered referrals to postcodes DH1,2,3 and 4 but accepted referrals from across County Durham providing collection could be made and there wasn't a closer baby bank service to the family.

What we collect and supply

We accept items such as baby clothing, toiletries, nappies, sterilisers and maternity items. We had two donation points one at Chester le Street Methodist Church and the other at Clart About Sensory Café in Consett. We used a wishlist of items to match high need/low stock. This was advertised on our Facebook page and donations were dropped off or purchased through our Amazon wishlist.

We continued a relationship with the Community Champion at Morrisons Chester-le Street who supported us through their 'Pick Up Packs' scheme and at Christmas they chose us as their store Charity for their Christmas tree bauble scheme raising £75. This was given to us as a Morrisons' gift card in February 2023.

The only large equipment item we supplied were safety gates purchased new through a wholesaler that sold to charities.

Referral process

We continued to use our Google form for professionals to refer individuals for support. Referrals are then packed and then either collected by the professional or are delivered directly to the family by a member of the Little Acorns team.

Donations/Fundraising

The charity Just Giving page is set up for donations from the public. Durham University Sustainable and Ethical Fashion society (DUSEF) held a second hand clothing sale and fundraised £395.35 for us in October 2022.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit as published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. In setting our objectives and planning activities our Trustees have given consideration to the public benefit and in particular to the prevention or relief of poverty.

Achievements and Performance

Little Acorns Baby Charity received and fulfilled 32 referrals this year. We were able to increase our offering of items available this year and give generously with clothing bundles due to the established stock built up through public donations. We had very little buying in of items apart from safety gates, which we buy new, and formula when we did not have the right brand in stock.

In 2022, we were able to start purchasing plastic storage boxes for clothing through monies supplied by the Barbour Foundation and donations from the public. We sorted and stored all clothing from cardboard boxes into plastic boxes. This was a huge task for us and thanks go to family and members of Great Lumley Methodist Church who helped across two Saturdays in September doing the bulk of the work. Clothing is now stored and organised well helping ensure quality of clothing is maintained and an easier system for putting clothing bundles together for referrals is in place.

Financial Review

Little Acorns Baby Charity accounts for the period 6th April 2022 to 5th April 2023 shows a deficit of £1,070 in year and cash at bank at year end of £1,061. As stated in last year's accounts only £456 of the Barbour Foundation Grant of £1,500 (received in November 2021) was spent in 2021/22. The remaining £1,044 was spent in full in 2022/23 on storage solutions and buying in of baby items, such as safety gates, as planned.

The £701 of donations shown in the accounts is made up of £395 DUSEF and £306 from the public. We are grateful for the support of both.

The £75 gift card received from Morrisons shown in the accounts was not fully spent in the year. £47.81 was spent on baby items in year. The remaining £27.19 is in the cash at bank and in hand figure at year end and was spent early in 2023/24.

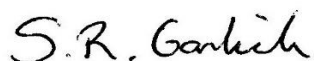
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We remain in a good position moving forward and there are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. R. Garlick'.

Sally Garlick (Chair)

Date: 18.01.24



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Little Acorns Baby Charity	No (if any) 1194199
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 6th April 2022	To	Period end date 5th April 2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	-	-	-	-	1,500
Donations	701	-	-	701	1,246
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	105
Gift Card	75	-	-	75	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	776	-	-	776	2,851
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	776	-	-	776	2,851
A3 Payments					
Rent	340	-	-	340	315
Insurance	99	-	-	99	99
Expenses	21	-	-	21	34
Baby/Maternity items for referrals	488	-	-	488	934
Storage	894	-	-	894	-
Other costs	4	-	-	4	21
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,846	-	-	1,846	1,403
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,846	-	-	1,846	1,403
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,070	-	-	- 1,070	1,448
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,132	-	-	2,132	-
Cash funds this year end	1,062	-	-	1,062	1,448

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	Cash at bank and in hand	1,062	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,062	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Shelving/storage	unrestricted	1,004	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	S. R. Garlick	Sally Garlick	18.01.24	

LITTLE ACORNS BABY CHARITY

England & Wales - Charity number 1194199

Accounts



Little Acorns Baby Charity (registration no. 1194199)

Trustees' Report

7th December 2020 to 5th April 2022

Structure, Governance and Management

Little Acorns Baby Bank was set up on 7th December 2020 and was registered with The Charities Commission for England and Wales as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 22nd April 2021 and became Little Acorns Baby Charity (registration no. 1194199).

Trustees:

Rebecca Anderson

Neil Garlick

Sally Garlick

Iain Anderson (acted for 1 year until 7th December 2021)

The charity is managed and run by the trustees.

As detailed in the charity's constitution there must be at least three trustees, new trustees will be appointed by a meeting of the existing trustees, and appointed for a minimum term of 2 years.

Principal Address: Oak House, Satley, County Durham, DL13 4HT

Objectives and Activities

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document:

1. The prevention and relief of poverty among socially and/or economically disadvantaged individuals and families in Durham/Chester le Street and the surrounding areas who are pregnant or have children aged, in particular but not exclusively under 2 years and are unable to provide basic equipment, consumables, food clothing and toys for babies and children by supplying them with new and recycled items free of charge .
2. To preserve and protect good health of babies and children under 2 years in Durham/Chester le Street and the surrounding area by facilitating projects relating to parenting and the health and wellbeing of babies and children.

The original aim was to set up a baby bank service to help those struggling during the pandemic by collecting good quality used and new baby items from the public and re-distributing them to families in need free of charge. We explored projects and partnership working early on in order to reach more people quickly. Believe Housing provided a grant of £500 to help in their communities supplying baby items, this provided a source of income to start helping the community quickly, as we were a new start up and needed to build up donations from the public. The Believe Project ran from January 2021 until July 2021. Alongside the Believe community project, we set up the service as follows:

Where we are based/area covered

We focused initially on the areas around where the Trustees lived in County Durham. We obtained a grant of £400 from Mid Durham AAP to hire Satley Parish Hall for three months (March – June 2021) and purchase shelving for storage. This allowed us to more effectively sort and organise donations coming in. Satley Hall was a temporary solution to storage as the Hall would be needed once Covid-19 restrictions were lifted. In June 2021 we found and started renting the upper hall at Bethel United Reform Church in Chester le Street for £25 a month, which increased to £35 a month in January 2022. We restricted our delivery of items to postcodes DH1,2,3 and 4 but accepted referrals from across County Durham as long as collection could be made and there wasn't a closer baby bank service to the family.

What we collect and supply

We accept items such as baby clothing, toiletries, nappies, sterilisers and maternity items. Two donation points were established one at Chester le Street Methodist Church and the other at Clart About Sensory Café in Consett. We also set up a wishlist of items to match high need and low stock. This was advertised on our Facebook page and donations could be dropped off or purchased through our Amazon wishlist.

We established a relationship with the Community Champion at Morrisons Chester-le Street in November 2021 and they support us through their 'Pick Up Packs' scheme.

Health Visitors often enquired about safety gates so we expanded our offering to include these. We found a wholesaler that sold to charities and were able to buy in new safety gates at a cheaper cost.

Referral process

We created a Google form to enable professionals to refer individuals for support. Hampers are then packed and are then either collected by the professional who made the referral or are delivered directly to the family by a member of the Little Acorns team.

Donations/Fundraising

We set up a Just Giving page for donations from the public. We also were contacted by LullaBaby Durham who fundraised at a couple of their events for us. We also undertook fundraising ourselves at a LullaBaby Durham event by holding a tombola in December 2021.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit as published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. In setting our objectives and planning activities our Trustees have given consideration to the public benefit and in particular to the prevention or relief of poverty.

Achievements and Performance

Little Acorns Baby Charity received and fulfilled 52 referrals from start up in December 2020 up until 5th April 2022

Through the Believe Housing Project we supplied an additional 25 hampers of baby items with the £500 community grant between January and July 2021.

A £1,500 grant from the Barbour Foundation supported our funds for buying in items such as safety gates enabling us to fulfil all requests. The grant also covered our rent for the 2022 calendar year. This enabled us to have a secure financial position going forward as the costs of the Charity are covered by the grant for 2022 except for insurance.

We raised £105 at a tombola, having been given the table free of charge at a LullaBaby Durham Christmas Fair event with all items in the tombola being kindly donated by the other stallholders or LullaBaby Durham.

Financial Review

Little Acorns Baby Charity accounts for the period 22nd April 2021 to 5th April 2022 shows cash at bank of £2,132. Of this, £684 was from Little Acorns Baby Bank transferred to Little Acorns Baby Charity on registration as a CIO on 22nd April 2021. The surplus for the accounts period 22nd April 2021 to 5th April 2022 was therefore £1,448.

It is worth noting that the Barbour Foundation Grant of £1,500 received in November 2021 is unrestricted funds but was allocated out across four areas: rent for 2022, buying in for referrals, storage boxes and car parking expenses at our store at Bethel URC. At year end, £456 of the grant monies was spent against these four areas. Therefore of the surplus, £1,044 has been put aside to cover specific costs in the next financial year.

The £1,246 of donations shown in the accounts is made up of £600 from LullaBaby Durham and £646 from the public. We are grateful for the support of both.

We have no reserves policy set. Our current costs are £35 a month rent and annual insurance cost £99. We undertake a monthly bank reconciliation and spending is very much dependent on income. We have established a good level of public donations and community support through Morrisons Chester le Street and find we need to buy in very little to fulfil our referral requests, except for safety gates and formula. The Barbour Foundation Grant provides us with monies for buying in these items and in the calendar year 2022 covers rental costs.

With the grant monies covering known costs for the next financial year, apart from insurance, we are in a good position moving forward and there are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustee's report above .

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "S. R. Garlick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'S' and 'G'.

Sally Garlick (Chair)

Date: 28.01.23



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Little Acorns Baby Charity	No (if any) 1194199
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 22nd April 2021	To	Period end date 5th April 2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Donations	1,246	-	-	1,246	-
Fundraising	105	-	-	105	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,851	-	-	2,851	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,851	-	-	2,851	-
A3 Payments					
Rent	315	-	-	315	-
Insurance	99	-	-	99	-
Expenses	34	-	-	34	-
Baby/Maternity items for referrals	934	-	-	934	-
Other costs	21	-	-	21	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,403	-	-	1,403	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,403	-	-	1,403	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,448	-	-	1,448	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	684	-	-	684	-
Cash funds this year end	2,132	-	-	2,132	-

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	Cash at bank	2,132	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,132	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Shelving/storage	unrestricted	110	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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	S. R. Garlick	Sally Garlick	28.01.23	