

Trustees Annual Report
Bundles of Hope
Registration number 1197576
July 2023 to March 2024

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

The prevention or relief of poverty for those who have pre-school children, and to offer relief and support for those in need by reason of financial hardship through the provision of used clothing, bedding, baby food, nappies, and essential toiletries etc. for families in Long Eaton and the surrounding towns and villages to

a) Build a sense of community for those who are socially isolated.

b) Encourage an ethos of dignity and respect for all regardless of economic status.

c) Provide the opportunity for members of the community to meet and share resources to promote sustainable and environmentally friendly parenting and care, including sign posting to other organisations and resources (for example, local health visitors).

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.

Bundles of Hope runs a drop in for carers of children up to the age of 5. We provide rails of preloved clothes for people to take free of charge. We also provide nappies and other resources they may need, again free of charge. We also provide teas and coffee and healthy snacks for the children. This provides a safe place for people to gather and encourages a sense of community and encourages users that they are valued and respected.

We also partner with Baby Basics to supply Moses' baskets to health visitors and other health care professionals for their clients.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission regarding public benefit.

The trustees are aware of the guidance regarding Public Benefit. The public benefits from free access the resources supplied by Bundles of Hope and the opportunity to make use of the drop-in activities. While we seek primarily to support the people of Long Eaton and the surrounding areas, we would not refuse anyone support on the grounds that they do not live in this area.

Policy on grant making.

At the moment Bundles of Hope does not offer grants as our resources are limited

Policy on social investment including program related investment.

At the moment Bundles of Hope do not have a policy regarding Social Investment as our resources are limited.

Contribution made by volunteers.

All the goods and services provided by Bundles of Hope are provided free of charge and on a voluntary basis. The volunteers, under the direction of the Project Manager and the Trustees, support the project by offering their time and effort and sometimes they offer resources.

At times, members of the public offer various resources to help with the provision of the goods and services we offer our clients

Achievements and Performance

A summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

We supply an average of 15 to 20 Moses Baskets to health Care Professionals monthly.

We are in contact with roughly 300 families within the community of Long Eaton; most of these people return regularly to receive benefit from the services we offer during the drop-in times.

Clients frequently tell us that coming to the drop-in helps them socially and they share their positive experience of the project with others in their social network. This has increased the Charity's standing in the community.

We set out to provide support and encouragement to families with children up to the age of 5. The drop-in has been a tremendous success, offering support to a large number of families within the community. It was given many isolated individuals a safe place to engage with their community. The project has also been successful in encouraging sustainable parenting by encouraging users to share resources.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period

See Financial Statement

A statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held.

Our current policy is to hold 6 months of expenses. Plus, a further 6 months of income to cover unforeseen overheads and increases in costs of services. This will be reviewed annually to determine how much reserve is needed in order to limit the organisations risks.

Explanation of any uncertainties concerning the charity's ability to maintain its services.

None currently

Our principal source of funds comes from gifts given by interested individuals. There are also other charities and organisations who have given financial gifts to support to the work of Bundles of Hope.

A description of the principal risks facing the charity:

The main risks facing the Charity would be that we would fail to raise the support needed to sustain the project.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Constitution

How is the charity constituted?

CIO

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees are as detailed in the Constitution.

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees are as detailed in the Constitution.

Bundles of Hope is an independent charity that works alongside a number of other organisations as described in the next section.

Relationship with any related parties.

We have a relationship with the following organisations:

Baby Basics

New Harvest Community Church

Long Eaton Food Bank

Hope Long Eaton

Canaan Trust

Reference and Administrative details:

Bundles of Hope

Charity Registration number: 1197576

Charity's principal address:

Mohan Business Centre,
Tamworth Road,
Long Eaton,
Nottingham,
NG10 1BE
England

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

June Farrant	Chair of Trustees and Safeguarding Officer
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Jane Allen	Trustee and Project Manager
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Bryan Smith	Health and Safety Manager
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Celia Smith	Deputy Safeguarding Officer
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Christine Burton	Treasurer
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Linda Twigg

Miriam Stanyon

Margaret Radford

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees by,

June Farrant

Chair of Trustees

Date: 17/04/2024



Bundles of Hope

01 July 2023


to

31 March 2024

	This year £	Last year £
Income in		
Grants	0.00	
Donation	2,899.25	5,621.54
Regular Giving	5,068.00	6,725.00
Paypal Giving Fund	77.20	1,347.51
Interest	145.46	77.90
Rent	2,151.00	3,689.00
Rag Collection	127.00	196.75
Tesco Grant	375.00	1,125.00
Safe Guarding	0.00	90.75
Gift Aid	0.00	690.55
Ellis-Fermor	528.24	467.09
	0.00	
Co-op Gift Cards	170.00	0.00
	0.00	
Misc	102.00	54.40
2nd bank account (manual)	0.00	
Totals	11,643.15	20,085.49
Expenditure out	£	£
Rent	7,150.00	8,500.00
Insurance	264.70	256.48
Gifts	22.00	
BOH/BB	2,848.55	5,801.21
IT	135.00	120.00
Expenses	0.00	7.65
Safe Guarding	235.75	908.00
Tesco Grant	0.00	
Co-op Gift Cards	170.00	
	0.00	0.00
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	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00
Misc	12.70	54.40
2nd bank account (manual)	0.00	0.00
Totals	10,838.70	15,647.74
Surplus or (deficit) for the year	804.45	4,437.75
Balances brought forward		
Bank 1	1,874.87	657.70
Bank 2	12,327.37	9,000.29
Cash	37.58	0.00
	14,239.82	9,657.99
Balances in hand at		
year end		
Bank 1	936.69	1,874.87
Bank 2	14,107.58	12,327.37
Cash	0.00	37.58
	15,044.27	14,239.82

Assets and liabilities: In addition to the above cash balances the unit has equipment to the value of 2,700.00 and there are no other assets or liabilities.

Prepared by: Christine Burton
(PRINT NAME)

Signature and date:  24/4/24

Reviewer's Certificate: The above statements agree with the records and vouchers of Bundles of Hope

for the financial year ended 31 March 2024

Reviewed by:
(PRINT NAME)

Geoff Smith

Signature and date:  27/4/24

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