

Trustees Annual Report

Bundles of Hope

Registration number 1197576

1st of April 2024 to 31st March 2025

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

We supply an average of 18 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 Charities standing in the community. We set out to provide support and encouragement for 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 has 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. We also continue to sign post to other services when appropriate.

Financial Review

The exact details of Bundles of Hope income and expenditure have been presented in our annual accounts which have been reviewed and agreed by our trustees.

Our current policy is to aim 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.

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.

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

Bundles of Hope is a CIO with a constitution as a governing document.

The trustees meet 3 to 4 times a year to review our practices and ensure that we remain in compliance with our policies and procedures. We also have a project manager who is responsible for the smooth running of the project.

As an independent charity we work alongside a number of other organisations including the national charity Baby Basics, a local church 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

Jane Allen Trustee and Project Manager

Bryan Smith Health and Safety Manager

Celia Smith Deputy Safeguarding Officer

Christine Burton Treasurer

Linda Twigg

Miriam Stanyon

Margaret Radford

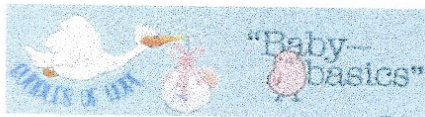
Declaration

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: 6th December 2025



Bundles of Hope

01 April 2024

to 31 March 2025

| | This year £ | Last year £ |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Income in | | |
| Gift Aid | 701.76 | 690.55 |
| Donations | 8,142.14 | 3,759.05 |
| Regular Giving | 6,383.00 | 6,651.00 |
| Paypal Giving Fund | 77.16 | 87.20 |
| Interest | 236.76 | 177.11 |
| Rent | 2,250.00 | 2,802.00 |
| Rag Collection | 104.55 | 163.25 |
| Tesco Grant | 0.00 | 375.00 |
| Safe Guarding | 0.00 | 90.75 |
| Ellis-Fermor | 496.58 | 995.13 |
| Co-op Gift Cards | 0.00 | 170.00 |
| Easy Fundraising | 165.41 | 0.00 |
| In Memory of Paul Farrant | 400.00 | 0.00 |
| Postcode Lottery | 5,000.00 | 0.00 |
| Misc | 0.00 | 102.00 |
| 2nd bank account (manual) | 0.00 | |
| Totals | 23,957.36 | 16,063.04 |
| Expenditure out | | |
| Rent | 11,200.00 | 8,650.00 |
| Insurance | 288.17 | 264.70 |
| BB/BOH | 6,700.43 | 4,001.64 |
| Co-op Gift Cards | 0.00 | 170.00 |
| IT | 136.00 | 135.00 |
| Gifts | 0.00 | 22.00 |
| Safe Guarding | 202.58 | 326.50 |
| Electricity | 461.50 | 0.00 |
| | 0.00 | 0.00 |
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| | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Misc | 0.00 | 12.70 |
| 2nd bank account (manual) | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Totals | 18,988.68 | 13,582.54 |
| Surplus or (deficit) for the year | 4,968.68 | 2,480.50 |
| Balances brought forward | | |
| Bank 1 | 936.69 | 1,257.03 |
| Bank 2 | 14,107.58 | 11,296.54 |
| Cash | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | 15,044.27 | 12,553.57 |
| Balances in hand at year end | | |
| Bank 1 | 966.85 | 936.69 |
| Bank 2 | 19,046.10 | 14,107.58 |
| Cash | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | 20,012.95 | 15,044.27 |

Assets and liabilities: In addition to the above cash balances the unit has equipment to the value of 7,000.00 and there are no other assets or liabilities.

Prepared by: CHRISTINE BURTON Signature and date: CB 10/4/25

Reviewer's Certificate: The above statements agree with the records and vouchers of Bundles of Hope for the financial year ended 31 March 2025

Reviewed by: Geoff Smith Signature and date: GS 7/5/25

Notes: £7500.00 from the deposit account has been 'Ring Fenced' for contingency purposes

