

Baby Bank Herts Trustees' Annual Report 2024-2025

Objectives and Activities

Baby Bank Herts exists to relieve child poverty across Hertfordshire by providing essential items to families in need. We support children from birth to teens with clothing, equipment, baby formula, and other necessities. Families are referred to us by professional partners such as health visitors, midwives, social workers, schools, and local charities.

Our objectives are to:

- Alleviate hardship and deprivation among families with children.
- Reuse and recycle quality pre-loved items to benefit the community and environment.
- Strengthen collaboration with local referral agencies to ensure help reaches the most vulnerable families.

Achievements and Performance

This year has been a significant period of growth and consolidation for Baby Bank Herts.

Families supported: We assisted 3000 families across Hertfordshire, providing essential items including clothing, baby equipment and formula milk.

Van acquisition: We acquired a fully electric Mercedes-Benz Sprinter van, donated thanks to the Baby Bank Alliance. The van has transformed our operations, allowing us to deliver larger items, collect donations more efficiently, and reduce our environmental footprint.

New trustees: In January 2025, three new trustees joined our board, strengthening governance and bringing skills in fundraising, marketing, HR, finance, and strategic planning. This has broadened our expertise and will help steer the charity into its next phase of growth.

Community engagement: We ran successful online fundraising campaigns, strengthened relationships with local donors, and maintained our volunteer numbers.

Financial Review

Income: £9686 (fundraising, grants, and donations)

Expenditure: £4002 (supporting families with formula milk and essentials, running costs of the van, drop-in hub costs, and operational expenses).

Reserves: The charity ended the year with a surplus, providing a modest financial cushion for the next year.

The trustees are satisfied that the charity remains financially sustainable and that funds are being applied effectively to achieve our charitable purposes.

Structure, Governance and Management

Baby Bank Herts is a registered charity governed by a board of trustees who meet regularly to review performance, oversee compliance, and ensure effective delivery of our charitable objectives. Trustees are recruited for their relevant skills and experience, and new trustees are provided with an induction to understand their legal responsibilities.

The charity is run with the support of volunteers, referral partners, and the local community. Day-to-day operations are overseen by the founder and trustees.

Plans for the Future

Looking ahead, Baby Bank Herts is committed to building on this year's successes. Our priorities for 2025-26 include:

Expanding referral partnerships to reach even more families in need.

Growing income streams through grants, community fundraising, and partnerships.

Establishing a new storage hub to better manage donations and improve efficiency.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Our activities are undertaken to further our charitable purposes and to relieve child poverty in Hertfordshire.

Reserves Policy

The trustees recognise the importance of building unrestricted reserves to ensure the sustainability of the charity and to protect service delivery in the event of unexpected income shortfalls or increases in demand.

The trustees' aim is to build reserves equivalent to three months of core running costs. This will provide a buffer to cover essential outgoings such as rent, insurance, and basic operational expenses, ensuring continuity of support for families.

Our reserves this financial year are £465 to cover legal costs and van running costs for three months.

Approved by all trustees and signed by the Chair A. Startaite
15th July 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Baby Bank Herts

No (if any)
1197928

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
02/06/2024

To

Period end date
01/06/2025

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	6,571		-	6,571	2,504
Restricted funds		3,000	-	3,000	-
Cash donations	115	-	-	115	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,686	3,000	-	9,686	2,504

Total receipts	6,686	3,000	-	9,686	2,504
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A3 Payments

Misc Other Incl Hall Hires	737				
Drop In Hub Rent	1,392				
Volunteer Exp Incl Corporate	150				
Van Charing & Upkeep	51				
DBS Checks	80				
Toiletries	64				
Charitable Activities	252	-	-	252	-
Website	515	-	-	515	-
Microsoft package	85	-	-	85	-
Formula	1,024	626	-	1,650	-
Travel Systems,Cots,Gates		1,500	-	1,500	-
Insurance	1,795				
Sub total	6,145	2,126	-	4,002	-

Total payments	6,145	2,126	-	4,002	-
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Net of receipts/(payments)	541	874	-	1,415	2,504
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	541	874	-	1,415	2,504

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		541	874	-
	Last year	2,504	-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	3,045	874	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details			
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			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	<i>A. Startaite</i>	Aida Startaite	15.07.25	
	<i>J. O'Brien</i>	Jane Obcena	15.07.25	