

Sefton Baby Baskets

Charity No. 1199971

Report and Accounts

for the year ended 31st December 2023

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The Board present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023.

REPORT OF THE BOARD

The Charity

Sefton Baby Baskets was incorporated by a Trust Deed on 5th August 2022.

Trust address: Sefton Baby Baskets, 27 Bonnington Avenue, Crosby, Liverpool L23 7YJ.

Trust operating address: St Edmund's Presbytery, 62 Oxford Road, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 8QF.

Aims and Objectives

Sefton Baby Baskets is a volunteer-led charity that aims to support pregnant women and families across Merseyside by gifting a Moses basket filled with essential mother and baby supplies to those who are struggling to provide these items for themselves.

As poverty and unemployment increases, many families need help to ease the financial burden of preparing for a baby's arrival.

We passionately believe that no baby should go without the essential items to be kept warm, clean and comfortable, and every mother should have everything she needs for a comfortable and healthy pregnancy, and transition into motherhood. The contents of our baby baskets are brand new or in freshly laundered second hand condition. All mattresses and toiletries are brand new.

In partnership with a local fitness provider SBB also support wellbeing courses for expectant and new mothers.

Organisation

The activities of the Trust are carried out by the board members and local volunteers. The baskets are distributed to our clients via a network of referral partners.

The business of the Trust is conducted at bi-annual Trustee Meetings and ad-hoc activities over WhatsApp.

The Board

The following have been members of the Board during the year ended 31st December 2023: -

Gillian Ruane - Chair

Lauren Ruane – Vice-Chair

Naomi Chandler – Secretary

Fergus Seavers - Treasurer

Clara Burton – Trustee

Emma Hedley - Trustee

Rachel Brown-Finnis – Trustee

Nicola Thomas - Trustee

Accounts Examiner: Jane Lee

Sefton Baby Baskets has continued to grow in 2023 across all areas.

Over the course of the year, we have helped 359 mums. The help we've supplied this year has expanded due to the needs of the mums referred to us. We have continued to supply essentials for new babies, gifting them a Moses basket to provide a safe place to sleep and filling it with clothing and bedding to keep them warm. We have extended the contents of the toiletry packs we give due to so many of the families we help support suffering from hygiene poverty. We also now regularly provide other essential items (prams, baby baths, sterilisers, chairs) and are also now providing clothes for older children and mums. Again, these items and clothes are donated by the local community.

Our regular volunteer group has increased in size, and they are helping out for longer hours also. We now have a group of 12 volunteers who come to help at least once a week. We meet on a Monday and Wednesday morning between 9.00 - 12.00. We have made links with quite a few people and groups that knit and crochet items, cardigans, blankets, toys as well.

We had some success in funding applications in 2023, including grants from The National Lottery and Sport England. This was targeted funding for thermometer packs, electric clothes dryers, baby sleep bags, exercise classes for mums and babies and a family wellbeing event. These are all things that without the funding we would not have been able to provide, and we know from feedback how well they have been received and the difference it has made to the mums we help support.

One of the major things for us this year was trying to secure new premises and we finally managed to do that and move in November to St Edmunds old presbytery. With the help of an amazing group of people we managed to get everything moved and set up in a day and most importantly with no downtime to the services we offer. We have settled well into our new premises but are finding that with an increased demand we may soon need more space.

We have done some outreach in 2023, increasing the number of organisations that make referrals to us and the areas they work in. We have also attended many local fairs and markets to spread the SBB word. We have gained more support across Instagram and Facebook; this is important to us as this is how people hear about us and then donate items we need.

Our challenge for 2024 is to continue to grow and help more mums, to secure more funding applications, to build links with local businesses that could help us and to maintain and keep our volunteer base.

Gillian Ruane - Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name *
Sefton Baby Baskets

No (if any)
1199971

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2023		31/12/2023

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 (see Notes 1 & 2)	5,000	19,602	-	24,602	6,492
Donations	12,449	-	-	12,449	7,468
Fundraising	1,735	-	-	1,735	3,263
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	19,184	19,602	-	38,786	17,223

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	19,184	19,602	-	38,786	17,223	

A3 Payments						
Rent	2,117	-	-	2,117	1,080	
Insurance	181	-	-	181	155	
Supplies for baskets	10,653	5,030	-	15,683	10,278	
Costs of Wellbeing courses	-	5,542	-	5,542	-	
Expenses (See Note 3)	845	-	-	845	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	13,796	10,572	-	24,368	11,513	

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
Shelving	200	-	-	200	156	
	-	-	-	-	156	
Sub total	200	-	-	200	156	
Total payments	13,996	10,572	-	24,568	11,669	

Net of receipts/(payments)				
A5 Transfers between funds	5,188	9,030	-	14,218
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	9,849*	-	-	9,849
	15,037	9,030	-	24,067
				5,554

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	Bank	15,036	9,030	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	15,036	9,030	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error (see Note 4)	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	Furniture	356	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

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
	Gill Ruane	21.10.24
	Naomi Chandler	15.10.24

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2023

Note 1: During 2023 we received the following restricted grants:

- National Lottery and Sports England to fund our wellbeing courses for new mothers in 2023 and 2024. This amounted to £9,602.
- National Lottery gave us £10,000. Money was requested for bedding and sleep bags, baby and room thermometers and electric clothes dryers (£6,500) and to help fund the wellbeing courses and events (£3,500).

Note 2: During 2023 we received a non-restricted grant from Marsh Commercial of £5000 to help fund our activities.

Note 3: Expenses were primarily spent on our volunteers who give up their time during the week to prepare the baskets. In 2023 the spend primarily included a Christmas meal out for the volunteers, tickets to attend the Pride of Sefton Awards night and SBB sweatshirts.

Note 4: There were 2 payment totals that were rounded down from 46p and 47p resulting in a £1 difference between the amount of money in the Bank and that calculated by the spreadsheet template.

Report to the trustees of Sefton Baby Baskets
on the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2023 set out on pages 4 to 8.

Respective Responsibilities

As the charities trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2001 Act;
2. to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
3. to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and the comparison of the accounts presented with those records.

It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:-
 - a. to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
 - b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirement of the 2011 Act have not been met: or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts be reached.

Signed

Jane Lee

2/10/2024