

Sefton Baby Baskets

Charity No. 1199971

Report and Accounts

for the year ended 31st December 2024

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The Board present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024.

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 2024: -

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

ANNUAL REVIEW FROM THE CHAIR 2024

2024 was another year of growth for Sefton Baby Baskets. We helped 460 mums, an increase of 101 on 2023. This increase could partially be due to our increase in profile (all our social media followings grew) but I'd say it is far more likely because of the difficult financial situations people are now facing.

We have seen an increase in mums needing more than just a Moses basket, baby clothes, bedding and toiletries. It is much more regular now for mums to need items such as prams, sterilisers, baby baths, mats, etc. We have been able to meet these demands because of the great support we get from mums across Liverpool (and often beyond) who donate all their baby items to us. It's encouraging to see and hear them say how much they want to help mums to be that are in need.

We have also been very lucky to have been the beneficiaries from the monies raised by The Anne Williams golf day. This money has helped us achieve financial security and enables us to purchase items in bulk and make savings.

Our volunteer base has remained stable and we are very fortunate that this remarkable group of women choose to help and support Baby Baskets. Unfortunately, the premises we moved into towards the end of 2023 haven't been as good as we hoped and we are needing to move again in early 2025, hopefully this will be to our forever home. It is going to be to cheaper and better for our volunteers and people dropping off and picking items up.

The aims for 2025 are really quite simple, to continue to support and expand the help given to mums and families across the whole of Liverpool and beyond. We will do this by continuing to apply for funding as opportunities arise, to reach out to areas we don't get referrals from, to attend local events to raise our profile and fundraise, and to keep our volunteer base.

Gillian Ruane - Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Sefton Baby Baskets	1199971

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2024		31/12/2024

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)	7,000	14,762	-	21,762	24,602
Donations	14,461	-	-	14,461	12,449
Fundraising	30,852	-	-	30,852	1,735
Refunds (see Note 3)	760	-	-	760	
Received in Error (see Note 4)	330	-	-	330	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	53,403	14,762	-	68,165	38,786

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	53,403	14,762	-	68,165	38,786

A3 Payments

Rent	3,749	-	-	3,749	2,117
Insurance	177	-	-	177	181
Supplies for baskets	17,331	-	-	17,331	15,683
Costs of Wellbeing courses	-	11,581	-	11,581	5,542
Expenses (See Note 5)	687	-	-	687	845
Refunds and errors (see Notes 3 & 4)	297	-	-	297	-
Sub total	22,241	11,581	-	33,822	24,368

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Shelving	-	-	-	-	200
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	200
Total payments	22,241	11,581	-	33,822	24,568

Net of receipts/(payments)	31,162	3,181	-	34,343	14,218
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	(note 6) 15,035	9,030	-	24,065	9,849
Cash funds this year end	46,197	12,211	-	58,408	(note 6) 24,067

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	46,197	12,211	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	46,197	12,211	-
	(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

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

Gill Ruane
Clara Burton

Print Name

Gill Ruane
Clara Burton

Date of approval

1.9.25.
3.9.25.

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2024

Note 1: During 2024 we received the following restricted grant:

- National Lottery Grant to fund our wellbeing and fitness courses for new mothers in 2024 and 2025. This amounted to £14,762.

Note 2: During 2024 we received non-restricted grants from Cockbain Wealth Associates, Sefton Enterprise Grants and a Charities Trust award.

Note 3: Refunds were received for on-line supply orders where not all the requested goods were delivered. We also refunded one person's fundraising ticket cost where they could not attend.

Note 4: There were some errors where the SBB bank card was used to make some none charity related purchases. These payments were subsequently paid back to the charity account.

Note 5: Expenses were primarily spent on our volunteers who give up their time during the week to prepare the baskets. In 2024 the spend primarily included a Christmas meal out for the volunteers, summer tops for volunteers and the printing of flyers advertising our services.

Note 6: Due to the rounding of amounts to the nearest pound the 2023's account final balance was £2 more than the actual balance in the bank. When using that amount in 2024's accounts the correct amount from the bank is included.

Report to the trustees of Sefton Baby Baskets
on the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2024 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

15-10-2025