

Reference and administrative details of the charity

Charity name: Lover Baby Bank

Charity registration number: 1204744

Address of principal office: Meadowlands, School Road, Lover, Salisbury,
SP5 2PW

Website: <http://www.loverbabybank.co.uk>

Names of trustees: Rebecca Seabridge (Chair), Lucy Breedon, Abigail White, Tiffany Lewins

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees are pleased to present their annual report on the affairs of Lover Baby Bank including the Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 1st April 2024.

Structure, governance and management

Lover Baby Bank is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). We are governed by a constitution which was formulated in September 2023, with CIO status assigned on 15 September 2023. We operate on a foundational model, where the only voting members are the charity trustees.

Public benefit

Lover Baby Bank's aims fall within the classification of

- General Charitable Purposes
- Disability
- The Prevention or Relief of Poverty

The trustees confirm that their activities are fully consistent with the Objectives and the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit has been borne in mind throughout the year.

Most benefits are provided to families who lack the necessities to care for and support their young children and are provided as resources in kind (e.g. cots, pushchairs, highchairs, children's clothing, nappies, safety equipment etc.)

The benefits are provided to people referred to Lover Baby Bank by health and social care professionals and various other charities, housing associations, and support organisations. The referral system is a reasonable restriction to ensure goods are directed towards genuine need and provides accountability to our donors.

The charity's operations are restricted to residents of postcode-defined areas of Salisbury, Downton, Fordingbridge and Ringwood. The trustees consider this a

reasonable restriction given the network of baby banks across the UK that serve localities, the size of our organisation, the available storage facility, location of our donors and the practicalities of collection of goods, and the need to build and sustain close relationships with referring organisations.

Objectives and activities

The objectives of Lover Baby Bank are the relief of poverty by providing essential items of baby clothing and equipment to parents and families with young children, who are in conditions of need or hardship by reason of their economic or social circumstances.

Our activities since we commenced in September 2023 until year end 1st April 2024 have supported our duty of public benefit, helping 17 families with essential items.

Achievements and performance

After much work, we became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 15th September 2023.

We remain grateful to a generous regular monthly donation which covers costs such as purchasing new items such as Moses basket mattresses.

This year we have received a generous one-off donation from an employee of Google, via their employee Benevity grant scheme. This was used to assist with our start-up costs which the Trustees considered essential, namely Public Liability Insurance.

We received a fantastic response from our local community when our charity was first launched. Our stock of pre-loved and second-hand items quickly grew, enabling us to be able to respond to our first referrals in November 2023 and fulfil the requests completely.

Local charitable partners have supported us with words of advice, practical support, sharing of donations and networking. We are very grateful to Fordingbridge Surfery, Lover Repair Café, Downton 4 Family, The Salvation Army (Fordingbridge), The Trussell Trust, Downton Baptist Church and Acts 4 Caring (Ringwood) for taking us under their wings.

A local GP surgery adopted our charity and promoted our mission via their social media and newsletters. They generously collected donations of new items such as toiletries, nappies and feeding equipment during the month of February. We remain extremely grateful for their generosity.

We have received donations via our Amazon Wishlist. These items are small-medium purchases of new equipment, toiletries etc which are essential to complete our Baby Bundles, to meet our strict hygiene and health and safety standards.

We received a generous donation of a laptop, via the Baby Bank Alliance/Deloitte's scheme. This has ensured we have been able to maintain accurate records, run our small website, respond promptly to emails and referrals and use social media to promote our cause and appeal for donations.

Promoting our cause was high on our agenda for the first 6 months. We participated in a local Christmas Tree Festival in Downton, where a Christmas tree was decorated with Baby Bank items, and displayed with over 50 other trees, decorated by local causes. This event was purely promotional, raising awareness of the Baby Bank and promoting discussion.

Finally, we held a 'Donation Morning' in March 2024, promoting our charity, asking for donations of specific items, and offering a space for families to come and meet the team and have a chat. The response was overwhelming, with our shelves being filled to the brim with items. Thank you to our families who all gave up time to support on the day, and to Downton Baptist Church who allowed us to use their space for this event.

Our trustees have worked hard to support the growth of Lover Baby Bank since its inception. They have given hours and hours of their own time, donated items bought with their own money and offered space within their homes for storage and meetings to be held. We would like to thank all of them for everything they have done for the charity.

A financial review

Lover Baby Bank's finances remain small with a balance at 1st April 2024 of £279.

The balance stays low as we are a new charity, and most of our donations are in the form of goods received from the public and then redistributed. It is impractical to estimate the value of these in financial terms.

Our main expenditure is for public liability insurance. Our other regular outgoings are for purchases of new items such as baby mattresses, toiletries, nappies etc. This will increase as our referrals increase, but for the year ending 1st April 2024 it has not been necessary to make these purchases.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Lover Baby Bank 1204744

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from 1st April 2023 To 1st April 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					
Charitable Giving Benevity - one off	330	-	-	330	-
Donations - regular	50	-	-	50	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	380	-	-	380	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	380	-	-	380	-
A3 Payments					
Public Liability Insurance	101	-	-	101	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	101	-	-	101	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	101	-	-	101	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	279	-	-	279	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	279	-	-	279	-

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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	279	-	-
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Elitebook Laptop		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
L. E. Breedon	LUCY BREEDON	5.2.25
Rebecca Seabridge	REBECCA SEABRIDGE	5.2.25