

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025.

### 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 between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 until year end 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 have supported our duty of public benefit, helping 45 families with essential items. Our trustees continue to serve the interests of the charity and the structure has not changed during this period.

### Achievements and performance

We remain grateful to a generous regular monthly donation which covers costs such as purchasing new items such as Moses basket mattresses. During the period that this report covers, we also received one-off donations via PayPal from members of the public, following social media campaigns. We again received a generous Benevity from a Google employee during this financial year.

We continued to operationally run from our base within a converted garage, however our stock of pre-loved and second-hand items has grown exponentially and while this enables us to be able to fulfil the requests we receive quickly and completely, we have, at times, needed to turn down donations due to lack of storage space.

Local charitable partners have supported us with words of advice, practical support, sharing of donations and networking. We are very grateful to Lover Repair Café, Downton Doctors, The Salvation Army (Fordingbridge), The Trussell Trust, Downton Baptist Church and Acts 4 Caring (Ringwood) for all their continued support. The Baby Bank Alliance continue to offer regular updates and support, and secure charitable grants for Baby Banks nationally, of which we were lucky enough to benefit from during this year – this boosted our funds hugely and helped us feel financially able to continue our current model of purchasing new items where there is a time-constraint and we cannot wait for donations to come in. The Hygiene Bank has also supported us with donations of toiletry products to help complete our mum-to-be and new baby bundles. We are also very grateful for the support of a much larger Baby Bank located in a neighbouring locality, benefitting from their knowledge, expertise, surplus stock and signposting of referrals.

When purchasing new items, we always ensure we try to find the most cost-effective way of purchasing, including making use of offers and bulk buys. Our vision remains at

the heart of our decision making while we are mindful of our funds and ensuring equity and transparency.

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.

Promoting our cause continues to be high on our agenda. We again 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.

Our trustees have continued to work hard to support the operational running of Lover Baby Bank this year. They have volunteered their time, donated goods, and provided space in their homes for storage and meetings. 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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 of £1,234.

The balance stays low as we are a small 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 new items for our baby bundles such as baby mattresses, toiletries, nappies etc. This year we spent around £860 on items needed, as well as our usual Public Liability Insurances. We paid a small fee for a stall at the Downton Cuckoo Fair during this period, however the Fair was held in the next financial year.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Lover Baby Bank

No (if any)

## Receipts and payments accounts

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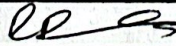
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Lover Repair Café	650	-	-	650	50
Paypal Donations	97	-	-	97	-
Save The Children grant	1,200	-	-	1,200	-
Benevity Donation	310	-	-	310	330
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>2,257</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,257</b>	<b>380</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>2,257</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,257</b>	<b>380</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Amazon	810	-	-	810	-
Zurich Public Liability insurance	101	-	-	101	101
Boots	47	-	-	47	-
Downton Cuckoo Fair stall	65	-	-	65	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,023</b>	<b>101</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,234</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,234</b>	<b>279</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>1,234</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,234</b>	<b>279</b>



## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		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
			RACHEL RUSSELL	21/1/2026