

FOOTPRINTS BABY LOSS TWIN & TRIPLET SUPPORT

England & Wales · Charity number 1206261

Details

Other names	FOOTPRINTS BABY LOSS
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2023-12-19
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF FAMILIES WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE DEATH OF A BABY FROM A TWIN, TRIPLET OR HIGHER ORDER MULTIPLE PREGNANCY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THROUGH THE PROVISION OF PEER-TO-PEER BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT AND BY RAISING PUBLIC AND HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL'S AWARENESS OF THE NEEDS OF SUCH FAMILIES.

Activities: Provision of support to bereaved parents and families, where a baby has died from a twin, triplet or higher order multiple pregnancy before, during or after birth. Promoting best practice for employers and health professionals when dealing with bereaved families.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£79,907	£39,914	-	-
2024-12-31	£45,053	£7,954	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dominic Darke	Chair	2023-10-19
Casey Balkham		2024-08-01
Jo Royce		2024-08-01
Shimona Chowdhury		2024-08-01
Tim Scofield		2023-10-19
Venetia Leonidaki		2024-08-01

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025
FOR
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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
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TRUSTEES	D Darke - Chair of Trustees T Scofield C Balkham S Chowdhury V Leonidaki J Royce
PRINCIPAL ADDRESS	8 Millers Way Middleton Cheney Banbury Oxfordshire OX17 2GA
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1206261
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Bronsens Chartered Certified Accountants Hillside Albion Street Chipping Norton Oxfordshire OX7 5BH

FOOTPRINTS BABY LOSS TWIN & TRIPLET SUPPORT

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

2025 has been a year of meaningful growth and reflection for Footprints Baby Loss Twin & Triplet Support. As we have continued to develop our services and reach, we have also learned from the families we support, ensuring that our work remains compassionate, responsive, and centred on their experiences.

As we pass our second anniversary, we are proud of how the charity has continued to develop while remaining firmly rooted in its founding purpose: ensuring that families affected by the loss of a twin, triplet or multiples feel seen, understood and supported.

Demand for our services has continued to grow throughout the year, both within the UK and internationally. Families continue to reach out to Footprints for support, guidance, and connection, reflecting both increased awareness of our work and the ongoing gap in specialist support for twin and triplet loss. In response, we have expanded our services carefully and compassionately, ensuring that care, sensitivity and lived experience remain at the heart of everything we do.

Supporting families

In 2025, Footprints directly supported over 450 families through a range of peer-led services. Our one-to-one befriending service remained central to our offer, with 55 new befriending matches created during the year and more than 100 families receiving ongoing befriending support. These relationships, built on shared lived experience, continue to provide reassurance, understanding and connection during some of the most isolating moments of grief.

Alongside befriending, our online support groups brought families together regularly in spaces designed to reflect the different experiences of twin and triplet loss. These included groups for loss of both twins or all triplets, groups for surviving twins or triplets, dads, termination for medical reasons and pregnancy after loss. Our private online community and WhatsApp groups further strengthened this network of support, offering immediate connection and a safe and moderated place for families to talk openly about their babies.

We also continued to develop practical resources to support families within healthcare settings. Our personalised stickers for red books (Children's Health Record) and maternity notes reached over 130 families this year, with additional sets shared with hospital trusts. These resources help ensure that parents' experiences are recognised and that care is delivered with sensitivity and awareness.

Volunteers and staff

Footprints remains a volunteer-orientated organisation, and our work would not be possible without the dedication of our volunteers. 40 volunteers contributed over 300 hours of support in 2025, offering befriending, facilitating groups, moderating online spaces, fundraising and representing the charity at events. Volunteer wellbeing and supervision remain a priority, supported by structured training, reflective practice and ongoing guidance.

A key milestone this year was the appointment of our first two part-time staff members. This has strengthened our capacity, improved continuity of support for families and volunteers, and enabled the charity to respond more effectively to increasing demand while maintaining strong governance and safeguarding.

Partnerships, research and influence

Raising awareness and improving understanding of twin and triplet bereavement remains a core aim of Footprints. In 2025, we expanded our partnerships with healthcare professionals, researchers, charities and national organisations. We contributed to a wide range of training sessions, conferences and events, helping to improve standards of care and ensure that the voices of bereaved multiple-loss families are represented.

We were honoured to welcome Donna Ockenden as our first ambassador, reflecting growing recognition of the importance of specialist support for multiple pregnancy loss. Our peer support work was also strengthened through the publication and dissemination of our position paper, shared nationally and internationally.

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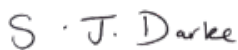
Fundraising and financial support

We are deeply grateful to everyone who has supported Footprints financially throughout the year. Our charity-led and community-led fundraising events have been held in memory of much-loved babies and reflect the generosity, commitment and compassion of our community. We also thank our grant funders for enabling us to deliver support events, develop resources and invest in the foundations needed for sustainable growth. Ben Nevis was such a great accomplishment for the charity and everyone involved, raising £37,000.

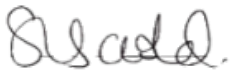
Looking ahead

Looking to 2026, our focus is to continue raising awareness of the unique needs of families affected by twin and triplet loss. Our priorities include expanding the distribution of resources to hospitals, developing new materials for surviving twins, triplets and siblings, furthering research, and continuing to deliver high-quality training for healthcare professionals and volunteers. Throughout this, our commitment remains unchanged: to provide compassionate, specialist, peer-led support for families experiencing the loss of a twin, triplet or higher order multiples.

We would like to thank every family who has trusted Footprints during the hardest moments of their lives, every volunteer who has given their time and care, and every supporter and partner who has helped make this work possible.



Sharon Darke - Chief Executive Officer



Suzie Scofield - Chief Operations Officer

Footprints Baby Loss Twin & Triplet Support

Date: 20 April 2026

FOOTPRINTS BABY LOSS TWIN & TRIPLET SUPPORT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and activities

The objective of the charity is to relieve the needs of families who have experienced the death of a baby from a twin, triplet or higher order multiple pregnancy, by:

- providing **support** to bereaved parents and families of twins, triplets and higher order multiples through befriending, online support groups, social media, literature and education;
- facilitating networks of peer-to-peer baby loss **community** support;
- providing **education** and support, specific to twins, triplets and higher order multiples, to healthcare professionals, employers and carers of bereaved parents and families;
- promoting best practice in **high quality care** during and after pregnancy for twins, triplets and higher order multiples;
- **collaborating** with other charities to raise awareness and promotion of high-quality bereavement support.

Activities and performance

During 2025, Footprints Baby Loss has continued to focus on sustainably extending its services in line with its objectives. Footprints was awarded a grant from The National Lottery to assist with core running costs in 2025 & 2026. The largest fundraising event for 2025 was the charity's climb of Ben Nevis, with around 40 participants raising money for Footprints exceeding expectations. Together with the other fundraising events, grants and donations during 2025, Footprints has built a stable foundation to facilitate embarking on part-time employment to enhance its service offering now and into future years.

Key performance indicators

The trustees monitor the following indicators to establish the reach and impact of its services in achieving its charitable objectives:

	2025	2024
Cumulative number of people directly supported	453	253
Cumulative online private Facebook group	353	204
Cumulative befriender matches	102	47
Number of online group meetings	35	25
Online group meeting attendees	309	129

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The attached financial statements are for the year ended 31 December 2025 (2024 - period 19 December 2023 to 31 December 2024). The financial statements show a surplus for the year of £39,993 (2024 - £37,099) and the charity has net assets of £77,092 at 31 December 2025 (2024 - £37,099).

Reserves policy

The trustees consider that an ideal level of unrestricted reserves should be kept at a level of six to twelve months of projected running costs. Footprints' purpose is to sustainably provide bereavement support services and this reserves policy allows the charity to react to unforeseen circumstances and fluctuations in donations and maintain sufficient flexibility to operate on a day-to-day basis in providing continued ongoing support to bereaved families.

As a relatively new charity, our trustee board took the decision to maintain a prudent level of reserves to ensure organisational stability while our income patterns are still emerging and not yet fully predictable. This approach reflects responsible financial management and supports the long-term sustainability of the charity, by ensuring the charity commences with services and employment contracts when there is reasonable certainty the charity can continue to meet its responsibilities and support our bereaved community.

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PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The charity intends to extend its employed staffing structure during 2026 in line with the growth of the charity and its service offering, dependent on available funding and its sustainable service offering focus.

Footprints continues to develop its offering of literature and seeking out opportunities to collaborate with relevant health care professionals, related charities and organisations to sustainably aid its charitable objectives.

The Co-Founders of the charity have been invited to contribute their expertise at a number of external events, podcasts and webinars, reflecting the growing recognition of the charity's specialist knowledge in multiple birth loss. They have also been asked to review and provide input into a range of multiple birth-specific resources and training materials planned for 2026.

These opportunities not only raise awareness of the unique experiences of families affected by twin and higher order loss, but also support the development of informed, compassionate practice across the sector.

Volunteer recruitment and training, together with fundraising efforts and enhancement of the charity's profile remain at the forefront of Footprints plans and integral to achieving the aims of the charity.

Risk management

The trustees consider the significant risks which the charity is exposed to and establish processes to address these, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity and are satisfied that systems, procedures and insurances are in place to mitigate exposures to major risks.

Funding income remains a significant risk for Footprints, as it is reliant solely on generous donations, grants and gifts, the future receipt of which is not guaranteed. Accordingly, the trustees have maintained the above reserves policy to mitigate this risk.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Footprints Baby Loss Twin & Triplet Support is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales with the Charity Commission on 19 December 2023 (Registration number 1206261). Its governing document is its constitution.

The charity is administered by the Board of Trustees in accordance with its constitution. Footprints currently has six trustees, who meet on a quarterly basis to discuss the performance, risks, budgeting, future events and any other business of the charity to forward the objects of the charity.

Details of the trustee's holding office in the period are given on page 1.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit when preparing the report and consider that the public benefit criteria are satisfied by the charitable aims and objectives of Footprints Baby Loss Twin & Triplet Support.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20 April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



D Darke - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
FOOTPRINTS BABY LOSS TWIN & TRIPLET
SUPPORT**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Footprints Baby Loss Twin & Triplet Support

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Footprints Baby Loss Twin & Triplet Support (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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20 April 2026

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Notes	Year Ended 31.12.25 Unrestricted fund £	Period 19.12.23 to 31.12.24 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		76,143	43,886
Other trading activities	2	2,822	1,008
Investment income	3	<u>942</u>	<u>159</u>
Total		<u>79,907</u>	<u>45,053</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		1,789	3,202
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities		27,685	2,065
Other		<u>10,440</u>	<u>2,687</u>
Total		<u>39,914</u>	<u>7,954</u>
 NET INCOME		 39,993	 37,099
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		<u>37,099</u>	<u>-</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		 <u><u>77,092</u></u>	 <u><u>37,099</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Notes	31.12.25 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	3,050	715
Cash at bank		<u>117,158</u>	<u>37,754</u>
		120,208	38,469
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(43,116)	(1,370)
		<u>77,092</u>	<u>37,099</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			
		<u>77,092</u>	<u>37,099</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			
		<u>77,092</u>	<u>37,099</u>
NET ASSETS			
		<u>77,092</u>	<u>37,099</u>
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds	8	<u>77,092</u>	<u>37,099</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			
		<u>77,092</u>	<u>37,099</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20 April 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



D Darke - Trustee

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Year Ended 31.12.25 £	Period 19.12.23 to 31.12.24 £
Event entry fees	2,470	200
Merchandise sales	<u>352</u>	<u>808</u>
	<u>2,822</u>	<u>1,008</u>

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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Year Ended 31.12.25 £	Period 19.12.23 to 31.12.24 £
Deposit account interest	<u>942</u>	<u>159</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the period ended 31 December 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the period ended 31 December 2024.

5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	Year Ended 31.12.25	Period 19.12.23 to 31.12.24
Administration	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.25 £	31.12.24 £
Prepayments	<u>3,050</u>	<u>715</u>

7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.25 £	31.12.24 £
Deferred income	17,810	-
Accrued expenses	<u>25,306</u>	<u>1,370</u>
	<u>43,116</u>	<u>1,370</u>

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8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.25 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	37,099	39,993	77,092
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>37,099</u>	<u>39,993</u>	<u>77,092</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	79,907	(39,914)	39,993
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>79,907</u>	<u>(39,914)</u>	<u>39,993</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	37,099	37,099
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>37,099</u>	<u>37,099</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	45,053	(7,954)	37,099
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>45,053</u>	<u>(7,954)</u>	<u>37,099</u>

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9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2025.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Year Ended 31.12.25 £	Period 19.12.23 to 31.12.24 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	62,741	41,886
Grants	<u>13,402</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	76,143	43,886
Other trading activities		
Event entry fees	2,470	200
Merchandise sales	<u>352</u>	<u>808</u>
	2,822	1,008
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	<u>942</u>	<u>159</u>
Total incoming resources	79,907	45,053
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Merchandise purchases	1,789	3,202
Charitable activities		
Wages	17,824	-
Social security	2,028	-
Pensions	468	-
Printing and postage	1,172	650
Event entry fees	2,665	930
Event costs	2,369	269
Volunteer training	<u>1,159</u>	<u>216</u>
	27,685	2,065
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Wages	5,941	-
Social security	676	-
Pensions	156	-
Insurance	251	96
Telephone	119	76
Stationery	46	67
Independent examiner's fee	720	720
Website costs	240	1,728
Carried forward	8,149	2,687

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025**

	Year Ended 31.12.25 £	Period 19.12.23 to 31.12.24 £
Governance costs		
Brought forward	8,149	2,687
Conferences	1,437	-
Travel	<u>854</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>10,440</u>	<u>2,687</u>
Total resources expended	<u>39,914</u>	<u>7,954</u>
Net income	<u><u>39,993</u></u>	<u><u>37,099</u></u>

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
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TRUSTEES

D Darke Chair of Trustees (appointed 19.12.23)
S Darke (appointed 19.12.23) (resigned 1.8.24)
S Scofield (appointed 19.12.23) (resigned 1.8.24)
T Scofield (appointed 19.12.23)
C Balkham (appointed 1.8.24)
S Chowdhury (appointed 1.8.24)
V Leonidaki (appointed 1.8.24)
J Royce (appointed 1.8.24)

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 19 DECEMBER 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024

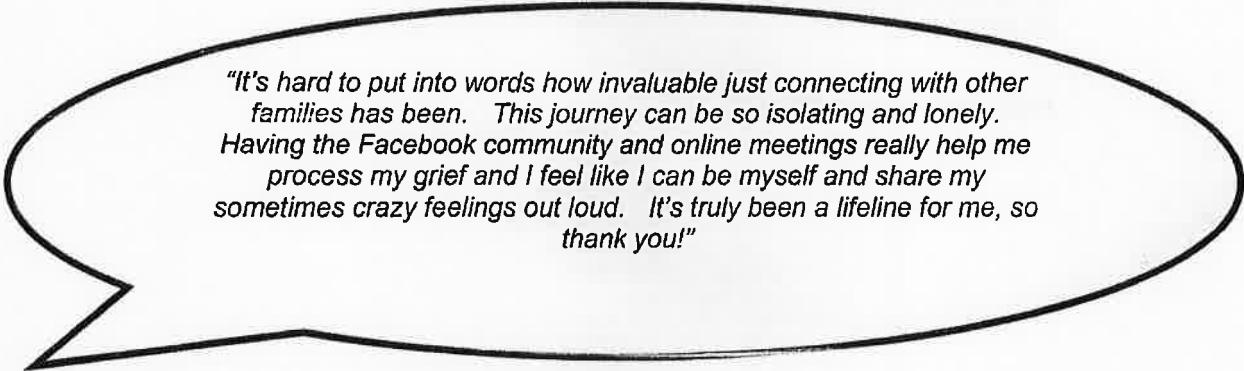
Footprints Baby Loss Twin & Triplet Support ('Footprints', 'Footprints Baby Loss' or 'The Charity') was registered with the Charity Commission on 19 December 2023 and launched to the public on 23 January 2024.

Since Launching in January 2024, Footprints has exceeded our expectations in its first year of growth. The passion and reason for our existence has always been about building a community for those experiencing this unique loss, and our families can access it at any point during their grief, for all types of twin and triplet loss, before, during or after birth.

All of our support is provided by those who have lived experience of twin or triplet loss, with over 35 dedicated volunteers, including mums, dads and a granny. Their voices have been key to shaping and developing Footprints.

In our first year, we have directly supported 250 families through services such as befriending, online support groups, online community and WhatsApp groups. We have matched around 50 individuals to befrienders and hosted 25 online support meetings with 130 attendees across a range of different personal experiences.

Our online support community has provided vital support to around 200 of our families, creating a safe, welcoming and inclusive space to talk about their babies and experiences.



"It's hard to put into words how invaluable just connecting with other families has been. This journey can be so isolating and lonely. Having the Facebook community and online meetings really help me process my grief and I feel like I can be myself and share my sometimes crazy feelings out loud. It's truly been a lifeline for me, so thank you!"

The Footprints Baby Loss website has developed significantly since we launched and is now a comprehensive area of support, including details of how to access our services, read personal experiences and download our leaflets.

The website is also a great platform for us to showcase and praise our fundraisers and events. I would like to say thank you again to everyone who has supported us this year. It has been truly amazing watching people get involved. From the Footprints events - Initial Launch Campaign, Miles in March, Bake for Babies, Footprints in the sand, Dragon Boat Racing and London Royal Parks 50k Challenge, Footprints Bingo; to the personal events - Donut Sale, Rave on the Rec, Dog Show, Cake Sales, Gala Ball, Line Dance Raffle, Easter Raffle and Cardiff Half Marathon.

Every event, whether fundraising or not, gives parents and families a meaningful opportunity to remember and talk about their babies who have died.

We are incredibly proud to have launched our position paper, alongside TAPS Support - The Role of Peer Support in Multiple Pregnancy Complications and Loss. This document explores the critical impact of peer support and why it should be recognised as an integral part of the support system for families dealing with the complexities of multiple pregnancies. We are committed to the role of peer support in helping families navigate the unique and complex challenges of multiple pregnancies, particularly when complications or loss occur. Peer support offers a crucial connection for families, allowing them to share their experiences with others who truly understand. This shared lived experience provides comfort, practical guidance, and emotional validation that complements medical care and counselling.

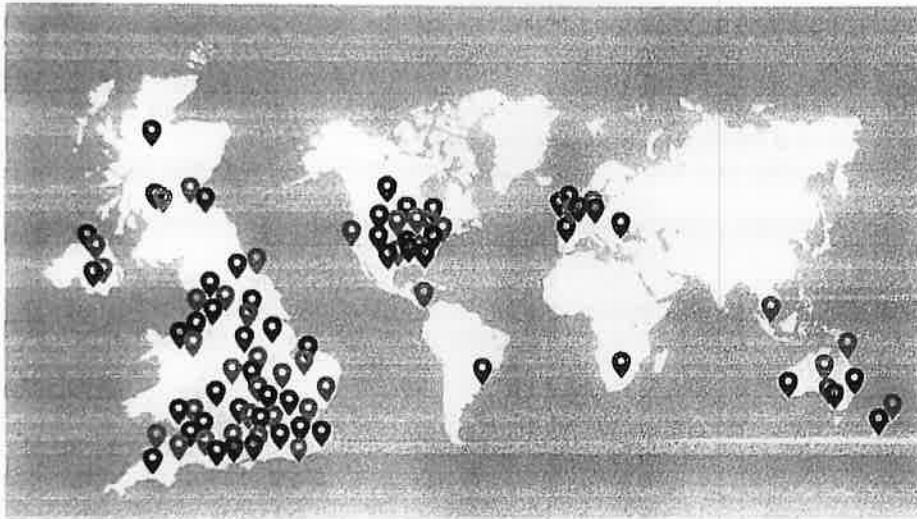
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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD 19 DECEMBER 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

We are proud of the partnerships and collaborations that we have made this year and we thank everyone for the support of our new charity.

This year marked the 22nd year of Baby Loss Awareness Week - a week for us all to come together to remember and commemorate our much-loved and missed babies. We came together with all of the other baby loss charities to remember our babies and raise awareness of pregnancy and baby loss and provide support to anyone affected by pregnancy loss and the death of a baby. We had a busy week holding our own events and ended the week with a virtual live Wave of Light. It was a beautiful way to end Baby Loss Awareness Week. I was privileged to read out almost 200 of our babies' names as the candle flickered, burning for an hour, creating a wave of light across the world. It was so beautiful to see so many candle photos shared afterwards.

We have been pleasantly surprised by the reach of our support, extending to many countries all over the world. We rarely have an online support group that doesn't have someone from outside of the UK. Our wider online community is growing rapidly enabling us to support more families who now know about Footprints.



I look forward to 2025 and the continued growth of the charity.

S. J. Darke .

Sharon Darke
Chief Executive Officer

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE PERIOD 19 DECEMBER 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Footprints Baby Loss Twin & Triplet Support was registered with the Charities Commission on 19 December 2023 and launched to the public on 23 January 2024.

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objective of the charity is to relieve the needs of families who have experienced the death of a baby from a twin, triplet or higher order multiple pregnancy, by:

- providing support to bereaved parents and families of twins, triplets and higher order multiples through befriending, online support groups, social media, literature and education;
- facilitating networks of peer-to-peer baby loss community support;
- providing education and support, specific to twins, triplets and higher order multiples, to healthcare professionals, employers and carers of bereaved parents and families;
- promoting best practice in high quality care during and after pregnancy for twins, triplets and higher order multiples;
- collaborating with other charities to raise awareness and promotion of high-quality bereavement support.

Activities and performance

In this inaugural year, Footprints Baby Loss has focused on establishing sustainable services in line with its objectives and in its first year has benefited from generous donations of services from volunteers, companies and venues in order to establish the charity and its services.

Key performance indicators

The trustees monitor the following indicators to establish the reach and impact of its services in achieving its charitable objectives:

	2024
Number of people directly supported	253
Online private Facebook group	204
Cumulative befriender matches	47
Number of online group meetings	25
Online group meeting attendees	129

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The attached financial statements are for the period 19 December 2023 to 31 December 2024. The financial statements show a surplus for the period of £37,099 and the charity has net assets of £37,099 at 31 December 2024.

Reserves policy

To ensure Footprints can sustainably provide bereavement support services, the trustees consider that unrestricted funds should be maintained at a level of six to twelve months of projected running costs. This policy facilitates the charity to react to unforeseen circumstances and fluctuations in donations during the year and maintain sufficient flexibility to provide continued ongoing support to bereaved families on a day-to-day basis. The unrestricted funds at 31 December 2024 represents around nine months of projected spend on charitable activities for 2025.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
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FUTURE PLANS

The charity intends to establish an employed staffing structure to further the growth of the charity and its service offering during 2025, dependant on available funding and its sustainable service offering focus.

Footprints continues to develop its framework of literature and seeking out opportunities to collaborate with relevant health care professionals, related charities and organisations to sustainably aid its charitable objectives.

Volunteer recruitment and training, together with fundraising efforts and enhancement of the charity's profile remain at the forefront of Footprints plans and integral to achieving the aims of the charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Footprints Baby Loss Twin & Triplet Support is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales with the Charity Commission on 19 December 2023 (Registration number 1206261). Its governing document is its constitution.

The charity is administered by the Board of Trustees in accordance with its constitution. Footprints currently has six trustees, who meet on a quarterly basis to discuss the performance, risks, budgeting, future events and any other business of the charity to forward the objects of the charity.

Details of the trustee's holding office in the period are given on page 1.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 23 May 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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D Darke - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
FOOTPRINTS BABY LOSS TWIN & TRIPLET
SUPPORT**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Footprints Baby Loss Twin & Triplet Support

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Footprints Baby Loss Twin & Triplet Support (the Trust) for the period 19 December 2023 to 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Philip Burton BSc FCA
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date:

23rd May 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD 19 DECEMBER 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM		
Donations and legacies		34,737
Other trading activities	2	10,157
Investment income	3	<u>159</u>
Total		<u>45,053</u>
EXPENDITURE ON		
Raising funds		3,202
Charitable activities		
Charitable activities		2,065
Other		<u>2,687</u>
Total		<u>7,954</u>
NET INCOME		<u>37,099</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>37,099</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**FOOTPRINTS BABY LOSS TWIN & TRIPLET
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**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	5	715
Cash at bank		<u>37,754</u>
		38,469
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(1,370)
		<u>37,099</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		
		<u>37,099</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		37,099
		<u>37,099</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>37,099</u>
FUNDS	7	
Unrestricted funds		<u>37,099</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>37,099</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23 MAY 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



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D Darke - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**FOOTPRINTS BABY LOSS TWIN & TRIPLET
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD 19 DECEMBER 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	£
Community events	9,349
Merchandise sales	<u>808</u>
	<u>10,157</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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3.	INVESTMENT INCOME		£
	Deposit account interest		<u>159</u>

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 December 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the period ended 31 December 2024.

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

			£
	Prepayments		<u>715</u>

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

			£
	Other creditors		<u>1,370</u>

7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	37,099	37,099
	<u>37,099</u>	<u>37,099</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	45,053	(7,954)	37,099
	<u>45,053</u>	<u>(7,954)</u>	<u>37,099</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE PERIOD 15 DECEMBER 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

8. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the period ended 31 December 2024.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD 19 DECEMBER 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	
Donations and legacies	
Donations	32,737
Grants	<u>2,000</u>
	34,737
Other trading activities	
Community events	9,349
Merchandise sales	<u>808</u>
	10,157
Investment income	
Deposit account interest	<u>159</u>
Total incoming resources	45,053
EXPENDITURE	
Other trading activities	
Merchandise purchases	3,202
Charitable activities	
Printing and postage	650
Event entry fees	930
Event costs	269
Volunteer training	<u>216</u>
	2,065
Support costs	
Governance costs	
Insurance	96
Telephone	76
Stationery	67
Independent examiner's fee	720
Website costs	<u>1,728</u>
	<u>2,687</u>
Total resources expended	<u>7,954</u>
Net income	<u>37,099</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements