

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1206281

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD
19 DECEMBER 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**FOR
FOOTPRINTS BABY LOSS TWIN & TRIPLET
SUPPORT**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE PERIOD 19 DECEMBER 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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

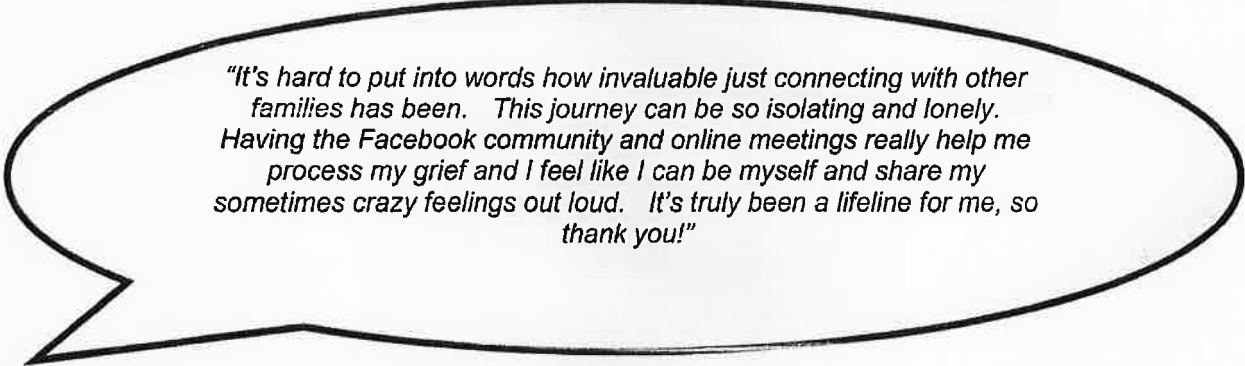
Footprints Baby Loss Twin & Triplet Support ('Footprints', 'Footprints Baby Loss' or 'The Charity') was registered with the Charity Commission on 19 December 2023 and launched to the public on 23 January 2024.

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.

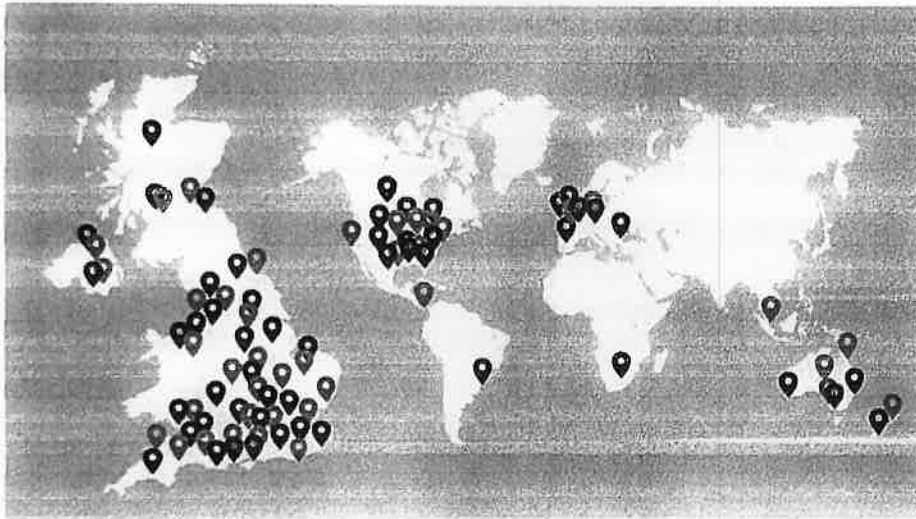
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We are proud of the partnerships and collaborations that we have made this year and we thank everyone for the support of our new charity.

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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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

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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	<u>(1,370)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>37,099</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<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

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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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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

Deposit account interest	£ <u>159</u>
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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>
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6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Other creditors	£ <u>1,370</u>
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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		
	<u>37,099</u>	<u>37,099</u>

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			
	<u>45,053</u>	<u>(7,954)</u>	<u>37,099</u>

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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**

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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>
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Total incoming resources	45,053
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EXPENDITURE

Other trading activities

Merchandise purchases	3,202
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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>

2,687

Total resources expended	<u>7,954</u>
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Net income	<u>37,099</u>
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This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements