

BABY BASICS LOWESTOFT
(CHARITY No. 1208120)
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENT ACCOUNT
FOR PERIOD 05/03/2024 TO 31/12/2024

INCOME

Opening Balance	£4155.68
Donations	£1078.00
Sale of Excess Stock	£154.65
TOTAL INCOME	£5388.33

EXPENDITURE

Purchase of Mattresses	£483.75
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£483.75

BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD £4904.58

Co-operative Bank Account £4904.58

These accounts are signed by the Treasurer:

Charles A. Goddard

Charles Goddard (Treasurer)

Date: 15th September 2025

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TRUSTEE REPORT

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Structure, governance and management

Baby Basics Lowestoft was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Charity Commission on 5th March 2024.

The current trustees of the Charity are:

Judith Goddard

Muriel Wilkinson

Lesley Thompson

Objectives and activities

The objectives of the CIO are: The prevention or relief of poverty in Norfolk and Suffolk by providing clothing and other essential items to families in need, whilst working with other organisations or projects working to prevent or relieve poverty for families.

Chairs Report

Since registration Baby Basics Lowestoft has helped 295 families by providing clothing for pre-school children and newborn babies, Safe places for babies and children to sleep by providing Moses baskets and cot/beds with new mattresses. We have also provided essentials from nappies and toiletries to formula, highchairs and prams.

Baby Basics Lowestoft exists to support expectant mothers and families with pre-school children who are struggling financially and cannot therefore provide the essentials for their babies/children. This is done in conjunction with health and social care professionals and other charities who seek to help deprived families.

Achievements and Performance

Supporting Families

Since registration we have continued to help families within Norfolk and Suffolk who live in areas of high deprivation. Many of these families are dependent on benefits, others are victims of domestic abuse, teenage pregnancies and an increasing number of refugees who have no recourse to public funds or benefits.

Raising Awareness

Trustee Judith Goddard has been raising awareness by speaking to local Women's Institute groups and Rotary Clubs.

Fundraising and Donations

We have received monetary donations from the above-mentioned groups and continue to receive donations of clothing and baby equipment from the general public. Fundraising has been through the sale of surplus stock which we are unable to store and are mainly donated items which have not been required by our clients, we have also signed up to Easyfunding to try and raise the funds necessary to provide new mattresses.

Operations and Administration

We opened our own bank account; our funds previously being held within the accounts of the Church where we are located. We have also welcomed Charles Goddard as our Treasurer.

Practical challenges have been mainly due to a lack of space both to store equipment and compile requested items. This has a knock-on effect resulting in delayed response to requests and an inability to involve more volunteers.

Finances

There have been no financial developments to report. The trustees continue to try and raise awareness and explore more ways to raise funds. The trustees continue to ensure that all funds raised are directed towards achieving the core purposes of the charity.

Looking Forward

In 2025 our priorities will include:

- Continuing to raise awareness
- Exploring opportunities for new fundraising initiatives.
- Applying for grants to enable moving the charity to larger premises.

Conclusion

Despite working in cramped conditions and with a limited workforce the charity has been able to make a positive impact on the lives of vulnerable families. As trustees we are committed to continuing this work through collaboration with Health and Social Care professionals as well as other charities and will endeavour to secure grant funding to enable us to expand the help we can offer.



Judith Goddard

Chair of Trustees