



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	01 04 2023	To	31 03 2024

## Section A

## Reference and administration details

Charity name

FRIENDS OF THE BABY UNIT FUND

Other names charity is known by

F.O.B.U.

Registered charity number (if any)

516864

Charity's principal address

66 SWANMORE ROAD

LITTLEOVER

DERBY, DERBYSHIRE

Postcode

DE23 3SY

## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	KATE REPTON	AMBASSADOR/TRUSTEE		
2	ANDREW BLURTON	CHAIRMAN		
3	PAULINE SKIDMORE	TRUSTEE		
4	ANGELA HARDING	SECRETARY		
5	PATRICK JOHN DYSON	TREASURER		
6	LINDA WILCOX	TRUSTEE	RESIGNED 10 JANUARY 2024	
7	LISA WAINWRIGHT	VICE CHAIR		
8	ASHLEY WAINWRIGHT	TRUSTEE		
9	BERNADETTE DRAKE	TRUSTEE		
10	NICOLA RAWSON	HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE/TRUSTEE		
11	BECKI JEROME	HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE/TRUSTEE		
12	KARA SWIFT	TRUSTEE		
13	JESSICA CUSHLEY	TRUSTEE		
14	KAREN SOULSBY	TRUSTEE		
15	LAURA MASON	TRUSTEE		

**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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## Section B Structure, governance and management

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

CONSTITUTION

How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

ASSOCIATION

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

APPOINTED

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

THE OBJECT OF THE FRIENDS OF THE BABY UNIT IS THE CARE OF PREMATURE AND SICK BABIES WHO ARE PATIENTS AT THE NEO-NATAL UNIT OF THE ROYAL DERBY HOSPITAL NHS TRUST. THIS IS ACHIEVED BY THE PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES FOR THE SPECIALISED CARE OF THESE VERY YOUNG PATIENTS AND BY PROVIDING WELLBEING SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE TO PARENTS. .

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHARITY'S FUNDS IS MADE BY OUR VOLUNTEERS THROUGH THE ORGANISING OF FUNDRAISING EVENTS, COLLECTIONS AND THE SALE OF CRAFT ITEMS, PARTICULARLY KNITWEAR, MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE CHARITY.



**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

£38,126 WAS RECEIVED FROM DONATIONS AND OTHER FUND RAISING ACTIIVITIES DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024.

OVERALL, THE LEVEL OF DONATIONS AND OTHER INCOME WAS HIGHER THAN THAT OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR (£30,490). ALTHOUGH FUNDRAISING RECEIPTS CONTINUED TO BE ADVERSLEY AFFECTED BY THE ENDURING IMPACT OF NEGATIVE ECONOMIC FACTORS, PARTICULARLY RISING GAS AND ELECTRICITY COSTS AND OTHER INFLATIONARY PRESSURES ON EVERYDAY SPENDING, OUR FUNDRAISING PROJECTS ACHIEVED PRE COVID RETURNS.

MONIES RECEIVED IN THE CURRENT AND PRIOR YEAR ENABLED SUNDRY TEMS TO BE PURCHASED IN 2023/2024 FOR THE NEONATAL UNIT TOGETHER WITH A COMPLETE REVAMP OF THE FOBU WEBSITE. LOOKNG AHEAD, FURTHER SIGNIFICANT EXPENDITURE IS PLANNED ON A NEW INCUBATOR (£79,000), 20+ BREAST FEEDING CHAIRS (£17,500), WARMING BEDS (£25,000) AND THE REDESIGN OF THE FAMILY ROOM (£21,000).

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, VARIOUS OTHER ITEMS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT FOR THE UNIT TO IMPROVE FACILITIES ON THE WARD OR TO CONTRIBUTE TO BABY HEALTH AND WELL BEING. THESE INCLUDE COT SHEETS, FLEECE COT BLANKETS, MUSLIN CLOTHS AND BIBS, ETC.

A NUMBER OF FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED DURING THE YEAR, THE PROCEEDS FROM WHICH HAVE BEEN AUGMENTED BY THE SALE OF SUNDRY ITEMS BEARING THE FOBU LOGO WHICH WILL HELP PROMOTE THE CHARITY IN THE WIDER LOCAL COMMUNITY.

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

THE FOBU OPERATES WITH THE INTENTION THAT FUNDS GENERATED FROM FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES ARE SPENT WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF RECEIPT ON KEY EQUIPMENT SPECIFIED BY THE NEONATAL UNIT. CASH RESERVES ARE THEREFORE HELD THAT ARE SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE CERTAINTY OF FUNDING FOR ONGOING CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AS AND WHEN REQUIRED BY THE NEONATAL UNIT AND FOR ONGOING RUNNING EXPENSES.

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

THE SALE OF GOODS AT LOCAL FETES AND MARKETS CONTINUES TO GENERATE REVENUES WHICH HELP TO MEET THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY AND RAISE ITS PROFILE IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

DONATION RECEIPTS VIA JUST GIVING AND SUM UP HAVE AGAIN BOOSTED INCOME AND IT IS HOPED THAT THESE RECEIPTS WILL INCREASE VIA AN IMPROVED FOBU WEB SITE AND AN ENHANCED PROFILE ON SUCH MEDIA PLATFORMS AS FACE BOOK AND INSTAGRAM.

CASH FUNDS NOT IMMEDIATELY REQUIRED FOR EXPENDITURE IN THE UNIT ARE CURRENTLY INVESTED USING A LOCAL INVESTMENT FUND MANAGER TO GENERATE FURTHER INCOME WHILST AWAITING SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT REQUESTS.

WITH REGARD TO THE FUTURE OUTLOOK IN 2024/2025 AND BEYOND, THE OVERALL LEVEL OF DONATIONS AND OTHER FUNDRAISING INCOME HAS BEEN MAINTAINED DESPITE A CHALLENGING ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE CHARITY WILL BE ABLE TO BENEFIT NOT ONLY FROM DAY TO DAY COLLECTIONS AND ATTENDANCE AT FETES AND OTHER PUBLIC EVENTS BUT ALSO FROM LARGE SCALE FUND RAISING PROJECTS LIKE THE QUIZ NIGHT REFERRED TO ABOVE .

ADDITIONALLY, THE CHARITY'S MINIMAL OVERHEADS BASE HAS ENABLED IT TO RETAIN SATISFACTORY LEVELS OF CASH WHICH WILL ENABLE THE CHARITY TO CONTINUE THE FINANCING OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASES IN 2024/2025 AND FUTURE PERIODS..

## Section F


## Other optional information

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Section G	Declaration
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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	ANDREW BLURTON	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	
Date	24..01.2024	