



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	01	04	2024	To	31	03	2025

## 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	ROB WAINGROVES	TRUSTEE	APPOINTED 8 NOVEMBER 2025	
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	CHRISTINE THOMAS	TRUSTEE	APPOINTED 8 NOVEMBER	
16	EMILY LUCAS	HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE	APPOINTED 8 NOVEMBER 2025	

17	LAURA MASON	TRUSTEE		
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**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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<b>Section C</b>	<b>Objectives and activities</b>
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**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**

£21,292, WAS RECEIVED FROM DONATIONS AND OTHER FUND RAISING ACTIIVITIES DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025 COMPARED TO 38,126 IN THE PRIOR YEAR.

OVERALL, THIS LEVEL OF DONATIONS AND OTHER INCOME WAS SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN THAT OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR. 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.

THE YEAR ON YEAR DECREASE IN INCOME FROM OUR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES WAS, HOWEVER, OFFSET BY TWO SUBSTANTIAL ONE TIME RECEIPTS RELATING TO AN INSURANCE CLAIM (£2,500) AND A LEGACY OF £16,753.

MONIES RECEIVED IN THE CURRENT AND PRIOR YEAR ENABLED ITEMS TOTTALLING £18,414 TO BE PURCHASED IN 2024/2025 FOR THE NEONATAL UNIT TOGETHER WITH A COMPLETE REVIEW OF THE FOBU WEBSITE.

EXPENDITURE INCLUDED THE PURCHASE OF TEMPERATURE PROBES, RECLINER CHAIRS PILLOWS AND FOOTRESTS. PLANNED FUTURE EXPENDITURE INCLUDES AN INCUBATOR (£79,000), BREAST FEEDING CHAIRS (£17,500) AND. WARMING BEDS (£25,000)

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, VARIOUS OTHER ITEMS HAVE BEEN BOUGHT 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 2025/2026 AND FUTURE PERIODS..

## Section F

## Other optional information


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Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)	<div>  </div>		
Full name(s)	ANDREW BLURTON		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR		
Date	30.01.2026		



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Friends of the Baby Unit Fund

516864

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/04/2024

To

Period end date  
31/03/2025


### 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>					
Donations	19,399	-	-	19,399	31,734
Fundraising	1,893	-	-	1,893	6,392
Insurance receipt	2,500	-	-	2,500	-
Legacy received	16,753	-	-	16,753	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>40,545</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,545</b>	<b>38,126</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>40,545</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,545</b>	<b>38,126</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Equipment purchased	18,414	-	-	18,414	161
	-	-	-	-	-
Bereavement room expenditure	3,570	-	-	3,570	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Charity's 45th anniversary costs	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry expenses	6,849	-	-	6,849	9,077
	-	-	-	-	-
Motor expenses	655	-	-	655	703
Website design	-	-	-	-	2,976
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>29,488</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,488</b>	<b>12,917</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
St James Place Unit Trust	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>29,488</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,488</b>	<b>12,917</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>11,057</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,057</b>	<b>25,209</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>84,900</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84,900</b>	<b>59,691</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>95,957</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,957</b>	<b>84,900</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>	Lloyds bank current account	91,513	-	-
	Lloyds bank Special Events account	4,269	-	-
	Cash float	175	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>95,957</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	St James Place Unit Trust		80,000	121,610
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Motor van		13,000	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	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
	Andrew Blurton	30/01/2026
	Chair/trustee	





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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

#### Report to the trustees

Charity Name

FRIENDS OF THE BABY UNIT FUND

#### On accounts for the year ended

31 MARCH 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

516864

#### Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 MARCH 2025**.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below\*~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

29/1/2026

Name:

ELIZABETH ROSE

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

FCCA

(if any):

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**Address:**

4 HESKETH CLOSE, CODNOR,

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE

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## Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**

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