



**Baby Bank  
Scotland**

**Annual Report of Trustees  
2024/2025**



Baby Bank Scotland SCIO

Scottish Charity Number: SC047393

Registered Address:

5 Bairds Crescent

Allanshaw Industrial Estate

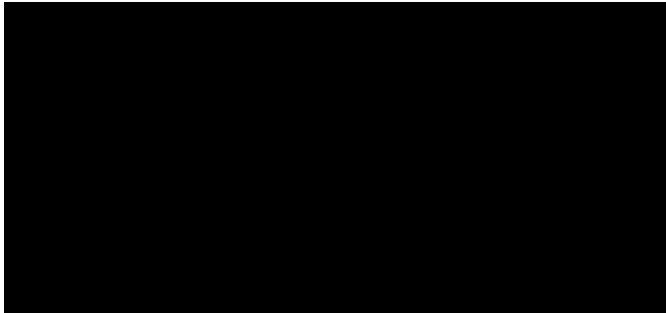
Hamilton

ML3 9FD



Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/BabyBankScot/>

## Charity Trustees



## Objectives and activities

Baby Bank Scotland supports families living in poverty or experiencing financial difficulty by providing baby and child essentials that they would otherwise struggle to afford.

Reasons for financial difficulty often include single parents with lack of support, families struggling on benefits, mental health issues, in work poverty and families fleeing domestic violence.

We provide a wide range of items from clothing and bedding to cots and prams and all sorts of baby equipment. We also provide nappies, baby wipes and baby care products.

We provide toiletries for the whole family to ensure basic hygiene levels can be maintained, anything from soap and shower gels to shampoo and deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes and feminine hygiene products.

The items we provide are mainly donated to us by local individuals and businesses and are predominantly pre-loved items.

Our unit in Hamilton is where the donations are sorted and stored and packaged and presented to families in need by our volunteers.

Families can be referred to us via professional and third sector organisations where a need for our service is identified. We also accept self-referrals where there is no direct link to other organisations or where this would prove difficult for the family.

Absolute discretion and confidentiality is applied to all service users in line with GDPR guidance and only the required information is retained for management information and statistical purposes.

## Structure, governance and management

### Constitution

Our Governing Document is in the form of a Constitution.

As a charity, we comply and adhere to our policies and principals as defined by our Constitution.

A copy of our Constitution is available upon request.

### Trustee recruitment and appointment

In the period 2024/2025 we appointed two new board members, [REDACTED].

Our Board of Trustees maintains the minimum requirements as set out in our Constitution.

It is expected that the charity will look to grow and strengthen the current board in the next financial year with the appointment of a new board member, specifically to the role of charity secretary.

## Achievements and performance

For the period January 2024 to December 2024

- 21 Adults (Parents/Carers) and 1984 Children were supported
- Around 814 packs of nappies were given out
- 266 Cots/Cotbeds/Moses were provided
- 306 prams/buggies
- Our Christmas 2024 toy appeal saw around 6,570 toys/gifts donated and 1095 local children benefit

In achieving this

- We have had the support of both regular volunteers and corporate volunteers
- We worked a total of 5,100 (estimated) voluntary hours
- We have received a total of £45,995 in financial donations from community grants and businesses that support the work we do
- Our 150 Club generated funds of £9,163.82

In 2024/25 we were awarded the following grants/corporate donations

HSBC matched funding - £1,000

Centrica Management Services - £200

Taylor Wimpey - £575

Charles Tennant & Co Ltd- £2,000

Aviva/Solace Community Fund - £14,720

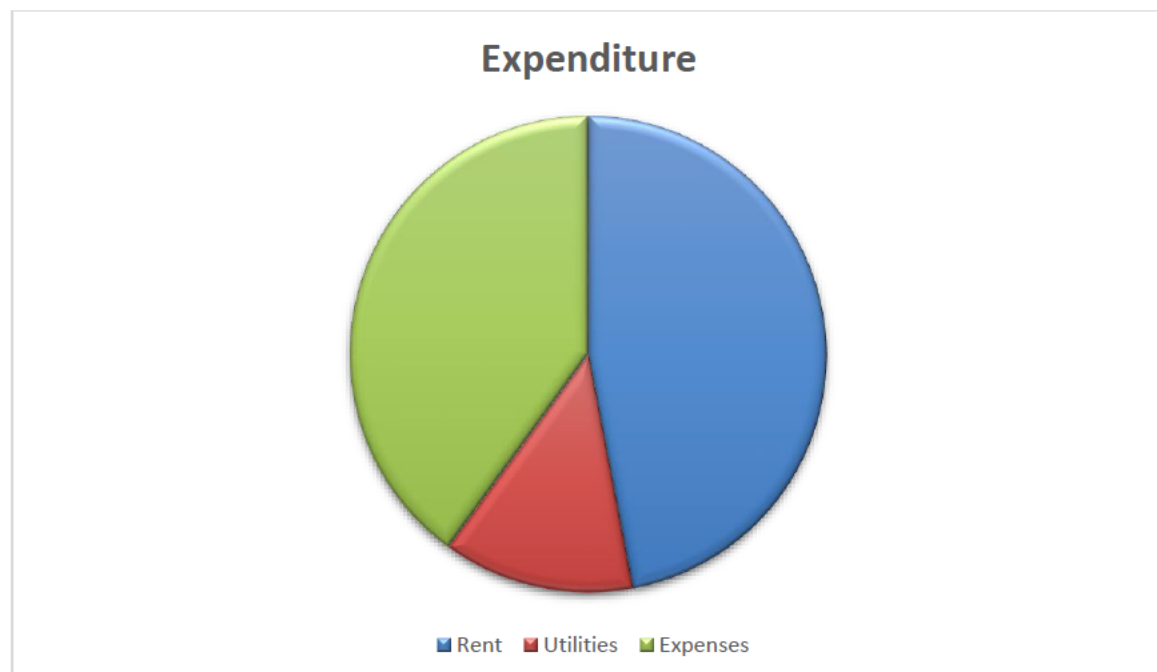
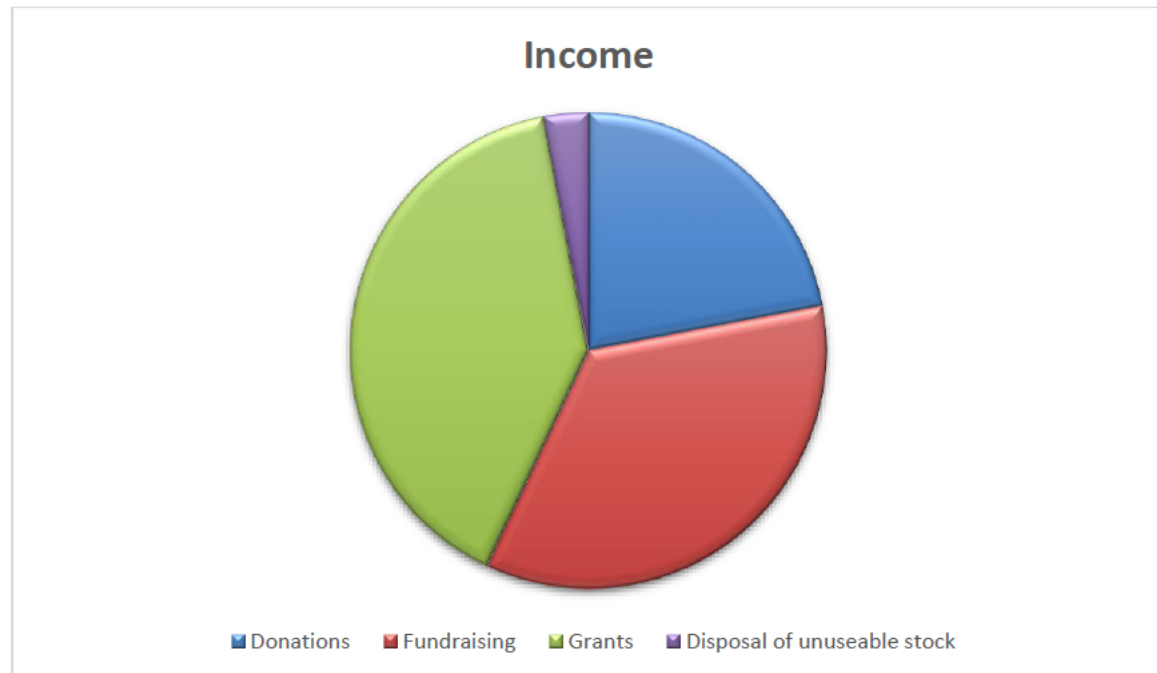
HSBC - £25,000

The Wood Foundation - £2,500 (YPI)

The funds allowed us to continue the support we provide to vulnerable families struggling particularly in the cost of living crisis and to support our Christmas gift appeal.

## Financial review

The following charts demonstrate the main areas of Income and Expenditure throughout the last financial year



## Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our Financial reserves policy states that 12 month's general running costs be held in reserve along with an additional amount of £3,000 to cover unforeseen emergency expenditure in relation to running costs. Based upon current levels of expenditure, 12 months running costs would total £20,200 and the emergency fund of £3,000 would mean that £23,200 would be held in reserve.

This amount allows a level of comfort in sustaining the charity should the level of donations or fundraising activities dwindle. The £3,000 emergency fund also provides a fair level of comfort to support unforeseen running costs.

It is also agreed that surplus funds beyond the amount to be held in reserve could be used for the benefit of the organisation. It was agreed that surplus funds could be used as follows –

- to maintain stock levels of certain items required but not often donated
- to pay volunteer expenses
- to purchase sundry items in relation to cleaning and running costs
- to cover costs relating to office stationery

This policy will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis.



**BABY BANK SCOTLAND (LBB) SCIO**  
**RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR END 1ST MARCH 2025**  
**Scottish Charity Number SC047393**

|                              | £<br>2025         | £<br>2024         |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Receipts</b>              |                   |                   |
| Donations                    | £14,602.40        | £18,771.58        |
| Fundraising                  | £15,021.30        | £13,837.43        |
| Cash for Clothes             | £1,920.84         | £1,851.63         |
| Grant                        | £27,573.20        | £250.00           |
| 150 Club                     | £9,163.82         |                   |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>        | <b>£68,281.56</b> | <b>£34,710.64</b> |
| <b>Payments</b>              |                   |                   |
| Rent                         | £15,000           | £15,600.00        |
| Utilities                    | £4,221.65         | £4,119.96         |
| Insurance/Membership         | £985.03           |                   |
| Baby Clothes/Supplies        |                   | £360.63           |
| Travel/Transport Costs       | £265.00           | £223.72           |
| Fundraising Costs/ Donations |                   |                   |
| Misc                         | £11,743.44        | £6,681.77         |
| Banking Fee                  | £4.25             |                   |
| <b>Total Payments</b>        | <b>£32,219.37</b> | <b>£26,986.08</b> |
|                              | <b>£36,062.19</b> | <b>£7,724.56</b>  |

**BABY BANK SCOTLAND (LBB) SCIO**  
**STATEMENT OF BALANCES AS AT 01st MARCH 2025**  
**Scottish Charity Number SC047393**

|                                | £<br>2025  | £<br>2024  |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Opening Balances               | £48,664.19 | £30,847.49 |
| (Deficit) Surplus for the year | £36,062.19 | £7,724.56  |
| Closing Balance                | £84,726.38 | £38,572.05 |

**Represented  
By**

|                         |            |            |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| Cash at Bank - 17894369 | £65,509.67 | £38,572.05 |
| Cash at Bank - 14394668 | £19,216.71 | £10,092.14 |
| Cash in hand            | £84,726.38 | £48,664.19 |

All funds remaining are unrestricted.

The members of the board are required to act in accordance with the charities constitution.



Dated 31/05/2025

# APPENDIX 3



| Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2         |  |           |             |    |                 |           |   |
|--|--|-----------|-------------|----|-----------------|-----------|---|
| Report to the trustees/members of                        | Charity name <b>Baby Bank Scotland</b>   |           |             |    |                 |           |   |
|  | Registered charity number <b>SC 047393</b>   |           |             |    |                 |           |   |
| On the accounts of the charity for the period            | Period start date  |           |             | to | Period end date |           |   |
|  | Day  | Month     | Year        |    | Day             | Month     | Year  |
| Set out on pages   | <b>01</b>  | <b>03</b> | <b>2024</b> |    | <b>28</b>       | <b>02</b> | <b>2025</b>   |
|  |  |           |             |    |                 |           | (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets) |
| Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner     | The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.  |           |             |    |                 |           |   |
| Basis of independent examiner's statement                | My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts. |           |             |    |                 |           |   |
| Independent examiner's statement                         | In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]  |           |             |    |                 |           |   |
|  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and</li> <li>to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations</li> </ul> </li> </ol>  |           |             |    |                 |           |   |
|  | have not been met, or  |           |             |    |                 |           |   |
|  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached</li> </ol>   |           |             |    |                 |           |   |
| Signed:  |  |           |             |    |                 |           |   |
| Name:  |  |           |             |    |                 |           |   |
| Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): |  |           |             |    |                 |           |   |
| Address:   |  |           |             |    |                 |           |   |

\*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

## APPENDIX 3

### Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

## Future plans

Continue to build on the community relationships we have with other organisations including Swaddle, Pathway Church and Diamonds in the Community.

Explore ongoing opportunities to work closer with other local organisations to improve and build on a strong support network for service users.

Continued networking and engagement with Health and Social care services across North and South Lanarkshire to build and maintain close working relationships and establish channels of support to those in need of help via our services.

Increase engagement with other third sector organisations to improve the level of help available to those in need at point of contact, through channels such as cross referrals.

Increase awareness of the services we provide and to whom.

Maintain consistent fundraising activities to allow us to cover our running costs and maintain the service we provide.

Seek funding to begin building a structured team which will include paid members of staff in order to maintain and secure the future of the service.

## Additional information

Baby Bank Scotland is currently an entirely voluntary led organisation, run by our Board of Trustees and our dedicated Volunteers. We rely on donations and support **from** the local community in order to provide **for** the local community.

## Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:



Print name

Jillian Thompson

Designation

Charity Trustee - Chair

Date

18/09/2025