

Charity Number 1015491

THE BABY BLUES APPEAL
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees

(during the year ended
31st August 2023 and to date)

Fiona Langford
Samantha Potter
Janine Lee

Chairman

Fiona Langford

Charity Number

1015491

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2023. These accounts are prepared in accordance with its governing document, and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" 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).

The legal and administrative information set out on page 2 forms part of this report. The governing document detailing how the charity is constituted can be obtained from the registered office. Trustees are appointed who can demonstrate that they are dedicated to the well-being of premature babies.

Objects of the charity, principal activities and organisation of our work

The main objective of the charity is to provide specialist equipment for neo-natal units at our local hospitals. Funds are generated from fundraising and from goods donated and sold in our charity shop. The day-to-day running of the shop is the responsibility of the one manager, whilst the three trustees are responsible for the overall control of the funds and the decision making.

Development, activities and achievements this year

We have had our first year at Cleveland Street and overall the sales have been moderate, as there were some improvements being made outside our shop door by the council which did affect us. Things are still improving and we are proud of our achievements and striving to keep morale at its highest for staff and loyal volunteers alike.

The three trustees; S Potter, J Lee and F Langford, are continuing to work well and remain steadfast in their support.

Future developments

We are positive about the future and continue to plan ways to increase our sales, ensuring the continuation of donations to the hospitals.

Reserves

We have a policy whereby unrestricted funds not otherwise committed or invested in fixed assets should be equal to approximately 12 month's management and administration expenses so that in the event of us being unable to trade we would have time to make alternative arrangements.

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Transactions and financial position

The statement of Financial Activities shows gross income for the year of £48,335 and reserves standing at £11,670 in total.

Trustees

All of the trustees named served during the year. Trustees are appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting. The Board has power to appoint trustees if it considers it necessary to do so.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees are required under the Charities Act 2011 to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ascertain the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable law and regulations. 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.

Risk Management

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks, which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established that mitigate these risks.

By order of the board

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Fiona Langford, Chairman

10th June 2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BABY BLUES APPEAL

I report on the accounts of The Baby Blues Appeal for the year ended 31st August 2023 set out on pages 6 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charity Act,
- To follow the basis procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5)(b) of the Charity Act, and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 seeking 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below..

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
 - to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act,
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Ian Richmond
Chartered Accountant

10th June 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

	Notes	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Donations received		-	1,181	1,181	4,781
Activities for generating funds	2	-	47,154	47,154	39,247
Grants received		-	-	-	550
Total incoming resources		-	48,335	48,335	44,578
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Costs of generating funds	3	-	40,925	40,925	41,776
Direct charitable expenditure	4	-	5,000	5,000	10,000
Management and administration	5	-	2,179	2,179	2,064
Total resources expended		-	48,104	48,104	53,840
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		-	231	231	(9,262)
MOVEMENT OF FUNDS					
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year		-	231	231	(9,262)
Funds brought forward as at 1st September 2022		-	11,439	11,439	20,701
Funds carried forward as at 31st August 2023		-	11,670	11,670	11,439

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2023

3	Costs of generating funds	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
	Shop salaries	-	25,000	25,000	25,000
	Shop rent, rates and service charge	-	10,370	10,370	8,643
	Van collection costs	-	-	-	-
	Insurance	-	1,156	1,156	879
	Heat and light	-	2,051	2,051	1,924
	Cleaning costs	-	93	93	86
	Telephone	-	390	390	257
	Repairs and decorating	-	294	294	2,985
	Stationery and postage	-	76	76	99
	Card machine fees	-	551	551	492
	Incidental expenses	-	395	395	497
	Depreciation/Loss on disposal	-	549	549	914
		-	40,925	40,925	41,776
				2023 £	2022 £
4	Direct charitable expenditure				
	Donations to Neo-natal units			5,000	10,000
				2023 £	2022 £
5	Management and administration expenditure				
	Parking and travel expenses			814	714
	Accountancy - Audit			-	-
	Other services			1,365	1,350
	Bank charges			-	-
	Legal and professional charges			-	-
				2,179	2,064

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6	Employees		2023	2022
	The average number of employees during the year was:		1	1
			<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	The total emoluments (including monetary and non-monetary benefits-in-kind) of employees during the year were:			
	Gross salaries and wages		25,000	25,000
	Employers National Insurance		-	-
			<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	No employees earned more than £50,000 p.a.			
	None of the trustees received any remuneration in respect of their services or any reimbursement of any expenses.			
7	Tangible fixed assets			
	Cost	As at 1st September 2022 £	Additions £	Disposals £
	Office equipment	3,636	100	-
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Depreciation	As at 1st September 2022 £	Charge for the year £	Disposal adjustment £
	Office equipment	1,541	549	-
		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	Net book values	£		
	At 31st August 2023	1,646		
		<u>£</u>		
	At 31st August 2022	2,095		
		<u>£</u>		
8	Debtors: amounts falling due within one year		2023 £	2022 £
	Trade debtors		-	-
	Other taxes		1,142	1,365
	Prepayments and accrued income		1,280	1,171
	Other debtors		60	1,550
			<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
			2,482	4,086
			<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>

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9	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023 £	2022 £
	Trade creditors	411	698
	Other taxes and social security	361	361
	Accruals	755	660
	Other creditors	5,934	10,964
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		12,683	12,683
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