

Charity Number 1015491

THE BABY BLUES APPEAL
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees

(during the year ended
31st August 2024 and to date)

Fiona Langford
Samantha Potter
Janine Lee

Chairman

Fiona Langford

Charity Number

1015491

Charity Office

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Independent Examiners

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2024. 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

This has been our second year at Cleveland Street and overall the sales have improved even though there are still some ongoing improvements being made outside our shop by the council. 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 £55,490 and reserves standing at £9,257 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

9th May 2025

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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 2024 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

9th May 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

| | Notes | Restricted Funds 2024 £ | Unrestricted Funds 2024 £ | Total Funds 2024 £ | Total Funds 2023 £ |
|---|-------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | | | | |
| Donations received | | - | 1,324 | 1,324 | 1,181 |
| Activities for generating funds | 2 | - | 54,166 | 54,166 | 47,154 |
| Grants received | | - | - | - | - |
| Total incoming resources | | - | 55,490 | 55,490 | 48,335 |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | | | |
| Costs of generating funds | 3 | - | 40,999 | 40,999 | 40,925 |
| Direct charitable expenditure | 4 | - | 15,000 | 15,000 | 5,000 |
| Management and administration | 5 | - | 1,904 | 1,904 | 2,179 |
| Total resources expended | | - | 57,903 | 57,903 | 48,104 |
| Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year | | - | (2,413) | (2,413) | 231 |
| MOVEMENT OF FUNDS | | | | | |
| Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year | | - | (2,413) | (2,413) | 231 |
| Funds brought forward as at 1st September 2023 | | - | 11,670 | 11,670 | 11,439 |
| Funds carried forward as at 31st August 2024 | | - | 9,257 | 9,257 | 11,670 |

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 2024

| 3 | Costs of generating funds | Restricted Funds 2024 £ | Unrestricted Funds 2024 £ | Total Funds 2024 £ | Total Funds 2023 £ |
|---|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Shop salaries | - | 25,000 | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| | Shop rent, rates and service charge | - | 10,492 | 10,492 | 10,370 |
| | Van collection costs | - | - | - | - |
| | Insurance | - | 1,183 | 1,183 | 1,156 |
| | Heat and light | - | 1,905 | 1,905 | 2,051 |
| | Cleaning costs | - | 123 | 123 | 93 |
| | Telephone | - | 426 | 426 | 390 |
| | Repairs and decorating | - | 43 | 43 | 294 |
| | Stationery and postage | - | 411 | 411 | 76 |
| | Card machine fees | - | 501 | 501 | 551 |
| | Incidental expenses | - | 504 | 504 | 395 |
| | Depreciation/Loss on disposal | - | 411 | 411 | 549 |
| | | - | 40,999 | 40,999 | 40,925 |
| | | | | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
| 4 | Direct charitable expenditure | | | | |
| | Donations to Neo-natal units | | | 15,000 | 5,000 |
| | | | | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
| 5 | Management and administration expenditure | | | | |
| | Parking and travel expenses | | | 514 | 814 |
| | Accountancy - Audit | | | - | - |
| | Other services | | | 1,390 | 1,365 |
| | Bank charges | | | - | - |
| | Legal and professional charges | | | - | - |
| | | | | 1,904 | 2,179 |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2024

| | | | | |
|----------|---|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 6 | Employees | | 2024 | 2023 |
| | 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 2023 £ | Additions £ | Disposals £ |
| | Office equipment | 3,736 | - | - |
| | | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> |
| | Depreciation | As at 1st September 2023 £ | Charge for the year £ | Disposal adjustment £ |
| | Office equipment | 2,090 | 411 | - |
| | | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> |
| | Net book values | £ | | |
| | At 31st August 2024 | 1,235 | | |
| | | <u>£</u> | | |
| | At 31st August 2023 | 1,646 | | |
| | | <u>£</u> | | |
| 8 | Debtors: amounts falling due within one year | | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
| | Trade debtors | | - | - |
| | Other taxes | | 931 | 1,142 |
| | Prepayments and accrued income | | 1,183 | 1,280 |
| | Other debtors | | 731 | 60 |
| | | | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> |
| | | | 2,845 | 2,482 |
| | | | <u>£</u> | <u>£</u> |

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| 9 | Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|----------|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Trade creditors | 802 | 411 |
| | Other taxes and social security | 969 | 361 |
| | Accruals | 640 | 755 |
| | Other creditors | 15,934 | 5,934 |
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| | | 18,345 | 12,683 |
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