Reports and Financial Statements

For the period ended 31st August 2026

Growbaby International

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Charity information and administrative details

Name	Growbaby International
Working name	Growbaby UK
Charity Registration Number	1185228
Principal office	28, Albert Palace Mansions Lurline Gardens London, SW11 4DG
Trustees:	
Noni Farrelly	Growbaby Co-ordinator, Retired Senior Pastor & Nurse Appointed on 4 April 2019
Peter Farrelly	Chairman, Retired Senior Pastor & School Bursar Appointed on 4 April 2019
Edward Farrelly	Director of Travel Appointed 11 February 2025
Joanna Lwanga	Business analyst Appointed on 4 March 2023
Anine Steytler	Chartered Accountant Appointed on 4 April 2019
Samantha Thwaites	Former Marketing executive Appointed 11 February 2025
Neil Woodward	Senior Pastor Appointed on 4 April 2019
Bankers	Lloyds Bank PO Box 1000 Andover, BX1 1LT
Insurers	Ansvar Insurance Company Ltd Ansvar House, St. Leonards Road Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 3UR
ICO Certificate	ZB385682

Growbaby International

Report for the year ended August 2026

Trustees' Report

The Trustees of Growbaby International (working name Growbaby UK) present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2026. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2015).

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Structure, Governance and Management

Growbaby International (also known as Growbaby UK) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by a constitution dated 30th May 2019 and entered on the Register of Charities on 9th September 2019 (Charity Registration Number 1185228). Clause 6. (3) gives the CIO power to remunerate Trustees and connected persons.

The Trustees (as set out on page (i)) are responsible for the proper management and administration of the CIO and its property and funds (as detailed at clause 9). The selection criteria for Trustees are based on expertise and need; whereby the mix of skills and expertise (including legal & financial) on the Board are to be sufficient for the size and scope of the charity. General Trustee selection principles are: the majority of Trustees should desirably be (or have been) associated with a local Growbaby; one should desirably be a Vineyard Pastor; two to three members of the Board should be from business and it is desirable for a couple to be professionally qualified. Expertise is to be bought-in as necessary to deal with emerging issues.

Day-to-day control and management of the administration of the Trust is delegated to the Chair. This is controlled by requiring regular reporting back to the Board of Trustees, so that all decisions made under delegated powers can be ratified by the full Board.

We have introduced a formal risk management process to assess business risks and implement risk management strategies. This has involved identifying the major strategic, operational and financial risks to which the Trust is exposed, prioritising them in terms of potential impact and likelihood of occurrence, and establishing systems to mitigate those risks. The action plan is reviewed annually and as required to ensure its validity.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of Growbaby International (GbI) as stated in its Constitution (at clause 3) are:

1) The prevention and relief of child poverty

2) The relief of young people who are in need as a result of financial hardship, youth, ill-health, disability, or other social and economic, or just social, disadvantage

In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise the CIO may:

a) Support local Growbaby groups
b) Provide training to parents
c) Provide or assist in the provision of education and training
d) Provide advocacy for children

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e) Develop support strategies and training for care givers and professionals working with children
f) Provide grants, items and services to other Growbaby groups and carers or professionals working with children and families.

Achievements and Performance

Supporting Local Growbaby groups …

There are now 53 Growbaby projects (2025:51). Since September 2025, three projects have withdrawn from the connections, two projects closed and seven new Growbabys launched bringing the total number of projects to 53.

GbI continues to provide advice and support for proposed, new and existing Growbabys. This has been undertaken in a number of different ways; via zoom, in person, via phone, email and through the annual Growbaby "Being Jesus' Hands and Feet" conference and the closed Facebook connections group.

There continues to be an increase in individuals and churches approaching GbI with preliminary enquiries about starting up Growbabys and for the most part these have been followed up as those making the initial enquiries wish. Some have led to new Growbabys starting during this period. There are a few enquiries that we believe will lead to Growbabys in the near future but we do not push these contacts, rather remain available for conversation. There have been a number of enquiries from overseas, however most of them seem to decide not to pursue the conversation when it becomes clear that we do not provide initial or ongoing funding. However, there are two very real overseas possibilities that we believe will open in the near future; Uganda and Norway. We remain open to any and all conversations.

After our annual weekend away in 2025 the feedback was that one of the main stumbling blocks to attendance to the "Being Jesus hands and feet" conference was the distance to travel. This led to the decision that in 2026 we would hold local events in each connection area. They are booked in most of the areas for after the end of this report. However, in June 2026 we held the midlands BBQ Day. There was attendance from 5 of the Growbabys and the connections leaders hosted at meal at one of their homes. Several external agencies were invited to attend and it was a nice encouraging social event.

The Growbaby connections group on Facebook remains a lively and informed forum for sharing ideas, questions and suggestions and GbI has been proactive in informing the group of changes in legislation, new grant initiatives and other useful information. We have currently got 126 members of the group.

There has been an opportunity to visit a number of the Growbabys in person and it has been a chance for the Trustees to bring encouragement and some suggestions. It is clear that the Growbabys have different felt needs and, in line with our strategy, we aim to be responsive to need rather than overwhelming the local Growbabys with unwanted support.

A number of Growbaby leaders have asked for online one-on-one meetings to discuss issues and think things through with GbI.

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'Finest for Baby' continues to generously donate end of season boxes of baby clothes, blankets and hats which are fairly distributed by GbI to Growbaby projects throughout the UK. We would like it as a matter of record that Linda Gill and Finest for Baby have been an incredible support to the Growbabys over the years and we are incredibly grateful to them for all their beautiful clothes. We have reached 187 boxes since they started distributing through us.

Provide training to parents …

Tanya van Dalen has completed the Sensory Parenting manual with her colleague and this is now ready for proof reading. Once the manual has been signed off it will go to Samantha Thwaites (one of our Trustees) for formatting and design. This is in process. The website sensory parenting has been purchased, https://www.growbabysensoryparenting.com/: Tanya is also working with a colleague to create the train the trainer manual. The IP trademark has also been sought and granted for Growbaby Sensory Parenting.

Provide or assist in the provision of education and training …

Once the Sensory Parenting manual is complete the plan is to role this out across a number of Growbabys and therapists. The lawyers have created two sets of documents; one is an assignment of permission to practice the course and a service user's agreement.

Provide advocacy for children …

Currently GbI does not have a direct role in advocacy, however the local Growbabys are more than stepping into this space and the inclusion of Grace Advocacy in many of the Growbabys is increasing the support that we are able to provide children and their carers.

Develop support strategies and training for care givers and professionals working with children …

GbI has mostly been fulfilling this part of its aims though local Growbabys at this stage. Providing local support for local Growbabys has enabled us to trickle down information to a local level. We hope to see this become more direct support in the future. Once the parenting course is up and running, we hope that this will become part of our training for professionals.

Provide grants, items and services to other Growbaby groups and carers or professionals working with children and families …

The decision was taken by the Trustees to try and gain some funding prior to undertaking a second round of grants. Russ Mclean from Chelmsford Vineyard produced a list of potential funders and the Trustees have written to or emailed all of them. Some of them are secular organisations and some are Christian. We have currently had six rejections. The rest are outstanding.

Future plans …

Looking towards the future for GbI, the intention in 2026-27 is to focus on sourcing significant funders who believe in the vision and values of the charity and will be able to provide funds to take Growbaby International forwards.

We have also been in discussion with Kingston University about undertaking an impact study, the

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University was extremely interested to be involved and it has been decided to run a small pilot study looking at two local Growbabys to see how data can be collected and presented.

One of the highest felt needs from the Growbabys is to have a working information base, Morné van Dalen created such a base which he has gifted to GBI. The intention is to roll this out throughout the Growbabys in the next year.

We would also like to set up an advisory board with potential brand ambassadors and one our Trustees is looking into this.

We have an away day planned for all of the Trustees to do some thinking around long term planning.

Our plans for 2026-27 and beyond are three-fold:

1. To be a point of contact for advice and support to existing and emerging Growbabys/kids.

2. To source funders to enable GbI to continue to be a grant making organisation to help provide funds for Growbaby start-ups and / or specific projects by existing Growbabys/kids.

3. To help new Growbabys/Growkids/Growfamilies get going.

Management & administration …
"*We want to avoid any criticism of the way we administer this liberal gift. For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men.*" (2 Corinthians 8:20-21).
"*Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful*" (1 Corinthians 4:2).

Our aim is to be wise and responsible stewards, and to be a charity, which is fully compliant with legislation and operates with integrity. We are accountable to: (1) The Lord; and (2) Official institutions (such as the Charity Commission, HM Revenue & Customs, Health & Safety Executive, Independent Examiners, VAT Inspectorate, …etc). The principle being that these matters (especially financial) should be handled by people of integrity with the relevant skills, and it is for the latter reason that we have appointed these Trustees.

Review

Balancing the books …

Incoming resources for the period amounted to £13,526 (2025: £14,069) of which £3,000 (2025: £5,235) was restricted as to its use. The net incoming resources on the General Fund was £1,684 (2025: £(6,994)) and Restricted Funds was £3,000 (2025: £0) giving total reserves on the General Fund of £19,843 (2025: £18,158) and Restricted Funds of £3,000 (2025: £0). The Trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly and we have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

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Expenditure …

The management and administration expenditure has increased in tandem with our development as a charity but we do not envisage this growth continuing. Notwithstanding this, expenditure during the period has been minimal and broadly limited to insurance premiums and membership of Thirtyone:eight (a child protection advisory service / umbrella organisation).

Income …

The CIO's principle stream of income is contributions from generous donors, supplemented by one-off gifts from individuals / organisations and GiftAid. Their financial commitment to this charity enables us to develop existing charitable objects and pioneer new ones and so achieve the vision that we believe God has called us to fulfil.

Gifts in kind …

During the reporting period we received generous gifts in kind with a retail value of approximately £364,000 (2025-£396,900), which GbI fairly distributed to various Growbaby projects in the UK as support to local Growbaby projects and the provision of education and training.

Reserves Policy …

In line with Charity Commission guidance, the Trustees have reviewed their policy on the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ('the free reserves') and find that the charity should have:

'**Fixed reserves**' (or an Emergency Operating Reserve) of between 6-12 months of the resources expended plus rationalisation costs, which currently equates to £5,000 - £6,000 in general funds, to provide:

- Funds to restructure the charity in the event of the income dropping sharply;
- A 6-12 month foundation for the short term security of our charitable activities and to meet any contractual obligations.

'**Strategic reserves**' (or a treasure-chest') specifically set aside and built-up year-on-year in order to meet our medium and long-term plans.

Responsibilities of the Board of Trustees …

Charity law requires the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and resources expended for the period. In preparing those financial statements, the Board of Trustees should follow best practice and are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation; and

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- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2006. 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 and to provide reasonable assurance that:

- the charity is operating efficiently and effectively;
- all assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition and are properly applied;
- proper records are maintained and financial information used within the charity, or for publication, is reliable;
- the charity complies with relevant laws and regulations.

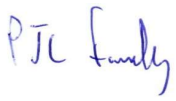
The systems of internal control are designed to provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. They include:

- An annual budget approved by the Trustees;
- Monthly consideration by the Trustees of: financial results and variances from budgets for both the year-to-date and month end; year-end forecast of outturn;
- Delegation of day-to-day management authority and segregation of duties; and
- Identification and management of risks.

The Board of Trustees, who are Trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out under Charity information and administrative details.

Examiners …
An independent examination is not needed because the gross income for the period did not exceed the £25,000 threshold as directed by the Charity Commission.

Approved by the Trustees on 7th October 2026
and signed on their behalf by



Peter JL Farrelly, Chairman

Consolidated statement of financial activities

	Notes	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	31 Aug 2026 Total £	31 Aug 2025 Total £
Incoming Resources	1 2				
Incoming Resources from Generated Funds	3a	-	3,000	3,000	-
Donations & Legacies	3a	10,526	-	10,526	8,834
Charitable Activities	3b	-	-	-	5,235
Total Incoming Resources		10,526	3,000	13,526	14,069
Resources Expended					
Charitable Activities	4a	1,635	-	1,635	15,397
Grants for charitable activities	4b	-	-	-	4,000
Governance Costs	4c	5,359	-	5,359	259
Support & administrative costs	4d	1,448	-	1,448	1,407
Cost of generated funds	4e	400	-	400	-
Total resources expended		8,842	-	8,842	21,063
Net incoming/(Outgoing) resources		**1,684**	**3,000**	**4,684**	**(6,994)**
Total Funds Brought Forward		18,158	-	18,158	25,152
Total Funds Carried Forward		19,842	3,000	22,842	18,158

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

All activities relate to the operations of Growbaby International.

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Balance sheets as at 31st August 2026

	Notes	31 Aug 2026 £	31 Aug 2025 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets		-	-
		-	-
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	7	22,605	17,829
Debtors	8	237	349
		22,842	18,178
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(-)	(20)
Net current assets		22,842	18,158
Net Assets		22,842	18,158
Funds			
Unrestricted Fund		19,842	18,158
Restricted fund	10	3,000	-
Total funds		22,842	18,158

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and signed on their behalf by

PJL Farrelly

Peter JL Farrelly, Chairman

Notes to the consolidated financial statements

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

1.2 Funds

All the funds of Growbaby International have been analysed over the different types of funds, which are:

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are those, which are not subject to any special restrictions and which can be used as the Trustees decide. Designated funds are part of unrestricted funds and are amounts the Trustees have set aside to cover particular expenditure.

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are those where the donor has imposed restrictions on how the funds may be used, but which do not prevent the fund being spent.

1.3 Income and expenditure

Income from donations and gifts has been included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis. Other income and interest together with all expenditure, has been included on an accruals basis.

1.4 Grants payable

Grants payable are recorded as expenditure when incurred and authorised by the Trustees.

1.5 Fixed assets

Fixed assets are depreciated over their estimated useful lives so as to write off their costs less estimated residual value. Depreciation rates vary according to the class of asset and are:

Computer equipment	- 50% per annum on written down value
Computer software	- 50% per annum on written down value
PA & Audio visual Equipment	- 25% per annum on written down value
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% per annum on written down value
Office equipment	- 25% per annum on written down value
Motor vehicles	- 25% per annum on written down value

2 Income and expenditure

Income and related expenditure is attributable to the principal activities of: 1) The prevention and relief of child poverty 2) The relief of young people who are in need as a result of financial hardship, youth, ill-health, disability, or other social and economic, or just social, disadvantage. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise the CIO may: a) Support local Growbaby groups b) Provide training to parents c) Provide or assist in the provision of education and training d) Provide advocacy for children e) Develop support strategies and training for care givers and professionals working with children f) Provide grants, items and services to other Growbaby groups and carers or professionals working with children and families.

The whole of the income arises in the UK.

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3 Incoming Resources

a) Donations & Legacies

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year ended 31 Aug 2026 Total £	Year ended 31 Aug 2025 Total £
Generated funds	-	3,000	3,000	-
Standing Orders	-	-	-	-
Gifts & Offerings	7,345	-	7,345	4,684
Gift Aid donations	2,545	-	2,545	3,320
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	636	-	636	830
	10,526	3,000	13,526	8,834

b) Charitable Activities

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year ended 31 Aug 2026 Total £	Year ended 31 Aug 2025 Total £
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Jesus' Hands & Feet Conference	-	-	-	5,235
	-	-	-	5,235

4 Resources Expended

a) Charitable expenditure

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year ended 31 Aug 2026 Total £	Year ended 31 Aug 2025 Total £
Provide education & training	285	-	285	13,848
Provide training for parents	-	-	-	609
Support for local Growbabys	1,350	-	1,350	940
	1,635	-	1,635	15,397

Notes to accounts **(Continued)**

b) Grants for charitable activities

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year ended 31 Aug 2026 Total £	Year ended 31 Aug 2025 Total £
Grants made include the following:				
To individuals	-	-	-	-
To institutions:				
Thetford Vineyard Growbaby	-	-	-	500
City Life Church Growbaby	-	-	-	500
Swindon CCRC Trust	-	-	-	500
Ivy Street Family Growbaby	-	-	-	500
Darlington Vineyard Growbaby	-	-	-	500
Kirkcaldy Vineyard Growbaby	-	-	-	500
Worcester Vineyard Growbaby	-	-	-	500
Sutton Vineyard Growbaby	-	-	-	500
	-	-	-	4,000

c) Governance costs

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year ended 31 Aug 2026 Total £	Year ended 31Aug 2025 Total £
Insurance Costs	271	-	271	224
Trustees' Meetings	-	-	-	-
Legal & Professional Fees	5,088	-	5,088	35
	5,359	-	5,359	259

d) Support and administrative costs

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year ended 31 Aug 2026 Total £	Year ended 31 Aug 2025 Total £
Office expenses	-	-	-	-
Travel & meetings	-	-	-	-
Dues & subscriptions	1,052	-	1,052	876
Telephone & postage	240	-	240	240
Gifts	156	-	156	291
	1,448	-	1,448	1,407

Notes to accounts **(Continued)**

e) Cost of raising funds

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year ended 31 Aug 2026 Total £	Year ended 31 Aug 2025 Total £
Funding bids	400	-	400	-
	400	-	400	-

5 Taxation

Growbaby International is registered with the Charity Commission and HMRC recognises it as a charity for tax purposes so it is accordingly exempt from taxation on its charitable activities.

6 Staff costs

	General Funds	Restricted Funds £	Year ended 31 Aug 2026 Total £	Year ended 31 Aug 2025 Total £
Staff costs were made up of:				
Wages & salaries	-	-	-	-
Travel & Subsistence	-	-	-	-
Other staff costs	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

	Number	Number
The average number of persons employed by the CIO during the year was:	-	-

Transactions with Trustees:

	2026 £	2025 £
Trustee's emoluments	607	1,181

During the period, Fiona Farrelly was reimbursed expenses of £607 (2025: £1,881). These expenses are related to costs of operating the charity.

Notes to accounts **(Continued)**

7 Cash at Bank

	Year ended 31 Aug 2026 Total £	Year ended 31 Aug 2025 Total £
Current Bank Account	22,605	17,829
	22,605	17,829

8 Debtors

	Year ended 31 Aug 2026 Total £	Year ended 31 Aug 2025 Total £
Due within one year:		
Trade debtors	-	-
Undeposited funds	-	125
Pre-payments	237	224
	237	349

9 Creditors & Accruals – Amounts falling due within one year

	Year ended 31 Aug 2026 Total £	Year ended 31 Aug 2025 Total £
Income in advance	-	-
Accruals	-	20
	-	20

Notes to accounts **(Continued)**

10 Restricted funds – Movements in the year

	Balance As at 1st Sep 2025 £	Incoming Funds £	Outgoing Funds £	Balance as at 31st Aug 2026 £
The Chalk Cliff Trust for development projects	-	3,000	(-)	3,000
	-	3,000	(-)	3,000

11 Gifts in kind – Movements in the year

The retail value of the gifts in kind generously donated to Growbaby International for onward distribution to Growbaby projects in the UK are as follows:

	Balance As at 1st Sep 2025 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Balance as at 31st Aug 2026 £
Support to local Growbaby groups				
'Kissy Kissy' & 'Finest for Baby' ([] boxes of baby clothes)	-	364,000	(364,000)	-
	-	364,000	(364,000)	-

The 'Kissy Kissy' boxes of baby clothing were donated to GbI by 'Finest for Baby' and sent to the following UK Growbaby projects:

- Ashford
- Aylesbury
- Birmingham
- Bideford
- Cambridge
- Cardiff
- Chelmsford
- Darlington
- Devizes
- Fife
- Great Yarmouth
- Gloucester
- Hellesond
- Hull
- Kingsdown Creekside
- Launceston
- Manchester 442
- Newcastle
- South Liverpool
- South Woodham Ferrers
- Sutton
- Swindon
- Teesside
- Thetford
- Torrington
- Truro
- Wandsworth

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- Dunstable
- Dunstable Rock & Redeemer
- Enfield
- Falmouth
- Newham
- Nuneaton
- Purley
- Rayleigh
- Whitstable
- Wokingham
- Worcester
- York