CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1191460

Hartlepool Baby Bank

Unaudited Financial Statements

28 February 2026

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Hartlepool Baby Bank

Financial Statements

Year ended 28 February 2026

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Hartlepool Baby Bank

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 28 February 2026

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 28 February 2026.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Hartlepool Baby Bank
Charity registration number	1191460
Principal office	29 Sedgewick Close Hartlepool TS24 9EU
The trustees	
	Emilie de Bruijn Sarah Louise Lavender Sarah Louise Hart Sophie Gregson Guadalupe del Carmen Lainez Alvarez Charlotte Louise Ayres Nicholson (Appointed 29 June 2025)
Independent examiner	Julie Todd Tremaine Chartered Certified Accountant 19 Tremaine Close Hartlepool TS27 3LE

Structure, governance and management

The Charity Commission of England and Wales approved registration of Hartlepool Baby Bank on 24 September 2020, based upon its constitution adopted 19 July 2019 as amended on 18 September 2020.

The charity was previously an unregistered organisation operating under its adopted constitution dated 19 July 2019.

Objectives and activities

Hartlepool Baby Bank started in February 2019 with three mums who wanted to help local families. They began this adventure with the underlying belief that every child needs a village, and they sought to fill the gaps and support families in raising their children through a variety of means. The aims remain the same more than seven years later:

- To provide resources, including a lending library of equipment, for families across Hartlepool with under 2's or who are pregnant (with support to parents with additional older children up to 12 years old as appropriate)
- To provide parent-to-parent antenatal support
- To provide parent-to-parent evidence-based information and support with feeding and other aspects of family life, including safe sleeping arrangements
- To provide a safe space for parents to meet other parents and access community-based support
- To signpost families to help with housing, benefits or other community agencies and local services, as appropriate

We support Families across Hartlepool and areas of Stockton on Tees and County Durham. Providing a safe space to engage with support, choose clothes and toys, and to chatter with other parents, families and volunteers. Sessions for families to attend run three days a week (Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10am and 2pm) through the year. For those in need, the service also delivers maternity packs, larger items and provides an emergency out-of-hours service.

Trustees review the aims, objectives and activities of the charity each year during our AGM and ensure that they remain focused. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The report highlights the success of and learnings from each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help Families can self-refer to the baby bank or they can be referred by professional bodies including schools, healthcare settings, churches and community centres. Key to this process is ensuring that we support as many families as possible with the appropriate level of dignity, whilst ensuring that their material and emotional needs are met as fairly and transparently as possible. Proof of address is requested to ensure families are from the areas that we serve.

All families are welcome to contact the baby bank, however the charity reserve the right to prioritise according to low income, immediate safety needs, loss of home, domestic abuse, disability, and asylum seekers and those with no recourse from public funds (this is not defined by benefit entitlement as the Baby Bank appreciate that the reasons for seeking support may vary).

Achievements and performance

Families receiving support from Hartlepool Baby Bank can access a wide range of essential resources and items including a safe space to sleep, pram, sling, clothing, shoes, baby equipment, formula, nappies, toiletries and other essential items for their children.

This support ensures their children have the opportunity to thrive, whilst easing the stress and burden their parents are experiencing.

For this financial year, 1/3/25-28/2/26 we received 2741 referrals and provided items for 5699 children.

Giving out over 18,500 items with a value of £302,671.90. This included 6532 bundles of nappies and wipes, 111 tubs of formula, 1974 bundles of clothes, 291 toiletry packs, 178 safe sleep spaces, 184 birthday packs and 122 maternity packs for mum's who needed items for their hospital bags

WASTE SAVED FROM LANDFILL
Amongst all the items we also recycled 3950.7kg of textiles.

Press, PR & accolades
Hartlepool Baby Bank were presented with the King's Award for Voluntary Service by the Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, Sue Snowdon. It was awarded for outstanding community impact in November 2023 and is not only the highest honour for volunteer groups in the UK (the equivalent of an MBE) but is awarded for life. In addition to hosting the Lord Lieutenant of County Durham, Emilie and Sarah attended the King's Garden Party to celebrate the Charity's achievement.

Emilie continues to work tirelessly raising awareness of the need for Baby Banks as well as additional support for families, including campaigning with other North East Baby Banks against the two child limit, and speaking with Sky News regarding the Baby Formula Crisis.

Staffing
Hartlepool Baby Bank has four members of staff. Working a total of 60 hours a week.

Volunteers
Volunteers form the backbone of Hartlepool Baby Bank. Completing referrals, cleaning items, greeting families and supporting the staff in all that they do. We are incredibly proud that almost all our regular volunteers have received support from the baby bank and wish to support us in this way.

Volunteers completed over 678 hours across the year.

Financial review

The total reserves of the charity as at 28 February 2026 amounts to £90,781, unrestricted funds (after designated reserves) of the charity amount to £65,701 of which free reserves (i.e. those not tied up in fixed assets and designated funds) amount to £65,701.

Designated funds relate to :

	2026 £
Contingency fund - 6 months operational costs should the charity receive no funding	42,000
Redundancy fund - current cost of redundancy should the charity close	8,500
Total	50,500

Reserves Policy and Risk Management

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds which are the free reserves of the charity, at a level which equates to approximately six to twelve months unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administration and support costs and to respond to emergencies.

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity face on a regular basis. The trustees are mindful of the reqirement to build up sufficent reserves to meet day to day running costs which will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 10 September 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Emilie de Bruijn
Trustee

Hartlepool Baby Bank

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Hartlepool Baby Bank

Year ended 28 February 2026

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Hartlepool Baby Bank ('the charity') for the year ended 28 February 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3. the financial statements do 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.

Julie Todd
Tremaine Chartered Certified Accountant
Independent Examiner

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11 September 2026

Hartlepool Baby Bank

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 28 February 2026

	Note	2026 Unrestricted funds £	2026 Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	**4**	9,921	56,819	66,740	70,255
Charitable activities	**5**	1,414	–	1,414	1,613
Total income		11,335	56,819	68,154	71,868
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	**6**	8,196	66,185	74,381	68,348
Total expenditure		8,196	66,185	74,381	68,348
Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds		3,139	(9,366)	(6,227)	3,520
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		62,432	34,576	97,008	93,488
Total funds carried forward		65,571	25,210	90,781	97,008

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

Hartlepool Baby Bank

Statement of Financial Position

28 February 2026

	Note	2026 £	2025 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		90,781	97,008
Net current assets		90,781	97,008
Total assets less current liabilities		90,781	97,008
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		25,210	34,576
Unrestricted funds		65,571	62,432
Total charity funds	**11**	90,781	97,008

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 10 September 2026, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Emilie de Bruijn
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is 29 Sedgewick Close, Hartlepool, TS24 9EU.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Defined contribution plans *(continued)*

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2026 £**
Donations			
Donations	4,923	–	4,923
Donations at Baby Bank	696	–	696
Fundraising	366	–	366
Gift Aid	249	–	249
Grants			
National Lottery Community Fund	–	22,583	22,583
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	–	5,400	5,400
John Armitage Charitable Trust	–	25,000	25,000
Point North	–	500	500
The Greatham Foundation	1,500	–	1,500
Red Gap Wind Farm	–	3,336	3,336
Baby Bank Alliance	2,187	–	2,187
	9,921	56,819	66,740

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Donations			
Donations	9,635	–	9,635
Donations at Baby Bank	1,702	–	1,702
Fundraising	158	–	158
Gift Aid	384	–	384
Grants			
National Lottery Community Fund	–	19,146	19,146
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	–	5,400	5,400
Neighbourly Fund	–	500	500
Wates Family Enterprise Trust	–	10,000	10,000
Karbon Homes	–	1,500	1,500
Tesco - Goundwork Uk	–	1,000	1,000
Save The Children Fund	1,200	–	1,200
Sainsburys	–	500	500
John Armitage Charitable Trust	–	15,000	15,000
Point North	–	4,130	4,130
	13,079	57,176	70,255

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2026 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Weigh In	1,207	1,207	1,221	1,221
Other	207	207	392	392
	1,414	1,414	1,613	1,613

6. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2026 £**
General Fund	8,196	–	8,196
Neighbourly Fund - Toiletries	–	256	256
Stairgates	–	224	224
National Lottery Community Fund - Salaries	–	27,829	27,829
National Lottery Community Fund - Cost of Living	–	3,436	3,436
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	–	5,400	5,400
Sainsburys	–	834	834
Stagecoach	–	242	242
Wates Family Enterprise Trust	–	8,118	8,118
Point North	–	500	500
Karbon Homes	–	1,010	1,010
John Armitage Charitable Trust	–	15,000	15,000
Red Gap Wind Farm	–	3,336	3,336
	8,196	66,185	74,381

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
General Fund	6,598	–	6,598
Neighbourly Fund - Toiletries	–	34	34
National Lottery Community Fund - Salaries	–	19,146	19,146
National Lottery Community Fund - Cost of Living	–	13,044	13,044
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	–	5,400	5,400
Sainsburys	–	166	166
Stagecoach	–	258	258
Groundworks UK - Tesco	–	1,000	1,000
Wates Family Enterprise Trust	–	1,882	1,882
Point North	–	4,130	4,130
Karbon Homes	–	490	490
Save The Children Fund	1,200	–	1,200
John Armitage Charitable Trust	–	15,000	15,000
	7,798	60,550	68,348

7. Independent examination fees

	2026 £	2025 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	250	250

8. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2026	2025
	£	£
Wages and salaries	37,430	31,280
Employer contributions to pension plans	382	–
	37,812	31,280

The average head count of employees during the year was 4 (2025: 4). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2026	2025
	No.	No.
Charitable activities	4	4

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2025: Nil).

9. Trustee remuneration and expenses

One or more trustees has been paid remuneration or received other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity.

In return for the day to day management and administration of the Baby Bank Centre, both E de Bruijn and S Hart (trustees) received remuneration in return for their services. In total remuneration of £17,119 (2025 - £10,464) was paid during the year. The remuneration is in line with the grant funders specifications.

One or more trustees has claimed expenses or had their expenses met by the charity.

The total amount of expenses reimbursed to trustees amount to £144 (2025 - £1,127) and represent travel cost which were reimbursed to one (2025 - one) trustee.

10. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £382 (2025: £Nil).

11. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 March 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	**At 28 February 2026**
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	62,432	11,335	(8,196)	(50,500)	15,071
Contingency fund	–	–	–	42,000	42,000
Redundancy fund	–	–	–	8,500	8,500
	62,432	11,335	(8,196)	–	65,571

	At 1 March 2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 28 February 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	55,538	14,692	(7,798)	–	62,432
	55,538	14,692	(7,798)	–	62,432

Restricted funds

	At 1 March 2025	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	**At 28 February 2026**
	£	£	£	£	£
Neighbourly Fund - Toiletries	466	–	(256)	–	210
Stairgates	224	–	(224)	–	–
National Lottery Community Fund - Salaries	8,682	19,147	(27,829)	–	–
National Lottery Community Fund - Cost of Living	–	3,436	(3,436)	–	–
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	–	5,400	(5,400)	–	–
John Armitage Trust	15,000	25,000	(15,000)	–	25,000
Sainsburys	834	–	(834)	–	–
Stagecoach	242	–	(242)	–	–
Wates Family Enterrpise Trust	8,118	–	(8,118)	–	–
Point North	–	500	(500)	–	–
Karbon Homes	1,010	–	(1,010)	–	–
Red Gap Wind Farm	–	3,336	(3,336)	–	–
	34,576	56,819	(66,185)	–	25,210

11. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

	At 1 March 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 28 February 2025 £
Neighbourly Fund - Toiletries	–	500	(34)	–	466
Stairgates	224	–	–	–	224
National Lottery Community Fund - Salaries	8,682	19,146	(19,146)	–	8,682
National Lottery Community Fund - Cost of Living	13,044	–	(13,044)	–	–
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	–	5,400	(5,400)	–	–
John Armitage Trust	15,000	15,000	(15,000)	–	15,000
Sainsburys	500	500	(166)	–	834
Stagecoach	500	–	(258)	–	242
Groundworks Uk - Tesco	–	1,000	(1,000)	–	–
Wates Family Enterrpise Trust	–	10,000	(1,882)	–	8,118
Point North	–	4,130	(4,130)	–	–
Karbon Homes	–	1,500	(490)	–	1,010
	37,950	57,176	(60,550)	–	34,576

12. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2026 £**
Current assets	65,571	25,210	90,781

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Current assets	62,432	34,576	97,008

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 28 February 2026

	2026	2025
	£	£
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	4,923	9,635
Donations at Baby Bank	696	1,702
Fundraising	366	158
Gift Aid	249	384
National Lottery Community Fund	22,583	19,146
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation	5,400	5,400
Neighbourly Fund	–	500
Wates Family Enterprise Trust	–	10,000
Karbon Homes	–	1,500
Tesco - Goundwork Uk	–	1,000
Save The Children Fund	–	1,200
Sainsburys	–	500
John Armitage Charitable Trust	25,000	15,000
Point North	500	4,130
The Greatham Foundation	1,500	–
Red Gap Wind Farm	3,336	–
Baby Bank Alliance	2,187	–
	66,740	70,255
Charitable activities		
Weigh In	1,207	1,221
Other	207	392
	1,414	1,613
Total income	68,154	71,868

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 28 February 2026

	2026	2025
	£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Wages and salaries	37,430	31,280
Pension costs	382	–
Rent, rates & service charges	17,810	16,432
Insurance	506	726
Travel expenses	298	336
Accountancy	250	250
Baby consumables	11,320	13,220
Baby equipment	5,371	5,675
Printing, postage & stationery	52	277
Admin	741	–
Subscriptions & membership	201	–
Bank charges	5	–
Misc	15	152
Total expenditure	74,381	68,348
Net (expenditure)/income	(6,227)	3,520