Sefton Baby Baskets

Charity No. 1199971

Report and Accounts

for the year ended 31st December 2025

The Board present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025.

REPORT OF THE BOARD

The Charity
Sefton Baby Baskets was incorporated by a Trust Deed on 5th August 2022.

Trust address: Sefton Baby Baskets, 27 Bonnington Avenue, Crosby, Liverpool L23 7YJ.
Trust operating address: Waterloo Town Hall, 26 Great George's Road, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 1RD.

Aims and Objectives

Sefton Baby Baskets is a volunteer-led charity that aims to support pregnant women and families across Merseyside by gifting a Moses basket filled with essential mother and baby supplies to those who are struggling to provide these items for themselves.
As poverty and unemployment increases, many families need help to ease the financial burden of preparing for a baby's arrival.
We passionately believe that no baby should go without the essential items to be kept warm, clean and comfortable, and every mother should have everything she needs for a comfortable and healthy pregnancy, and transition into motherhood. The contents of our baby baskets are brand new or in freshly laundered second-hand condition. All mattresses and toiletries are brand new.
In partnership with a local fitness provider SBB also support wellbeing courses for expectant and new mothers.

Organisation
The activities of the Trust are carried out by the board members and local volunteers. The baskets are distributed to our clients via a network of referral partners.

The business of the Trust is conducted at bi-annual Trustee Meetings and ad-hoc activities over WhatsApp.

The Board

The following have been members of the Board during the year ended 31st December 2024: -

Gillian Ruane - Chair
Lauren Ruane – Vice-Chair
Clara Burton - Secretary
Fergus Seavers - Treasurer
Emma Hedley - Trustee
Rachel Brown-Finnis - Trustee
Nicola Thomas - Trustee

Accounts Examiner: Jane Lee

ANNUAL REVIEW FROM THE CHAIR 2025

2025 was a year in which we continued to grow with support from our local communities, enabling us to help more families and expand the number of referring partners. It was a year in which we moved premises again, grew our volunteer base, strengthened our relationships with other charities and had some successes with funding applications.

In 2025 we helped 574 mums and families, a 25% increase on 2024. This increase was partly due to an increase in awareness by referring partners but it is also undoubtably due to the increased pressures that mums and families are experiencing. The requests for items have expanded now beyond those for new babies and we have started to provide clothing for children up to the age of 3 (and sometimes older). We realised that if a mum is struggling to provide the essentials for her baby it is likely that the same is also happening for other children within the family. We now have babies that we are providing ongoing support to.

The donations we receive from our local communities have continued to be amazing and we have been able to meet the demand for the majority of the items needed from this source. Our social media presence has continued to grow and this definitely helps keep a steady flow of donations.

We now receive referrals from more supporting agencies and across more areas of Liverpool. Social media has played a big part in this along with the sharing of our details amongst agencies.

We moved premises in April 2025 to Waterloo Town Hall. This move was facilitated by our local councillors and has resulted in a significant saving in rent. It is a much better space and crucially we have now got our own entrance and car parking. This allows easier access for people dropping off donations or picking up items for our mums and babies. It is also a much nicer environment for our volunteers to work in. We managed to complete the move in 2 days and had no downtime.

We have a committed volunteer group of 15 people that help once or twice a week. It is a very social group and good friendships have been formed. We have also started a waiting list for people who want to volunteer with us. Our volunteers help, not only with sorting donations, making up moses baskets and toiletry packs but also with fundraising. Over the year we have taken part in bag packing, wreath making, painting and prosecco evening, raffles and other activities.

We work very closely with other charities, passing to them items we don't need, which they in turn pass on to those they support. We also receive surplus items like toiletries from a large charity. This is a great help as toiletries are one of our main expenses.

One of our volunteers has taken on the role of writing our funding applications and we have been quite successful. This has meant that we have been able to offer extra things to our mums and families. The grants have funded amongst other things the purchases of mattresses, sterilisers, electric clothes maidens, thermometer packs, sensory toys and pjs / slippers for our mums.

Finally, there has been a change within the trustee board. Naomi, our secretary has stood down as she and her family have moved away from Liverpool. We have been very fortunate that Clara has stepped up to take on the role, bringing with her a wealth of experience. She is a perfect fit. Apart from this change our trustee board has remained the same.

Gillian Ruane - Chair

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Sefton Baby Baskets	1199971

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2025		31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants (see Note 1)	5,000	5,073	-	10,073	21,762
Donations	16,563	-	-	16,563	14,461
Fundraising	5,080	-	-	5,080	30,852
Refunds (see Note 2)	438	-	-	438	760
Received in Error (see Note 3)		-	-		330
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total*(Gross income for AR)*	27,081	5,073	-	32,154	68,165

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,081	5,073	-	32,154	68,165

A3 Payments

Rent	2,108	-	-	2,108	3,749
Insurance	197	-	-	197	177
Supplies for baskets	17,903	5,050	-	22,953	17,331
Restricted spends left from 2024	-	12,343	-	11,422	11,581
Expenses (See Note 4)	910	-	-	910	687
Refunds and errors		-	-		297
Sub total	21,118	17,393	-	38,511	33,822

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Shelving	413	-	-	413	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	21,531	17,393	-	38,924	33,822

Net of receipts/(payments)	5,550	(12,320)	-	(6,770)	34,343
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	46,197	12,211	-	58,408	24,065
Cash funds this year end	51,747	(109)	-	51,638	(note 6) 58,408

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	51,638	0	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	51,638	0	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Shelving	Furniture	769	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Ruane.	Gill Ruane	2.9.26.
Clara Burton	Clara Burton	2.9.26

Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2025

Note 1: During 2025 we received the following grants:

- Restricted: Police and Crimes Commission, Duchy of Lancaster and Plus Dane. This amounted to £5,073.
- Unrestricted: Joseph Levy Foundation for £5,000.

Note 2: Refunds were received for on-line supply orders where not all the requested goods were delivered. We also received our rental deposit back when we moved premises from St Edmunds.

Note 3: There were some errors where the SBB bank card was used to make some none charity related purchases. These payments were subsequently paid back to the charity account. This occurred in 2024 but note left in to explain the category.

Note 4: Expenses were primarily spent on our volunteers who give up their time during the week to prepare the baskets. In 2025 the spend primarily included a Summer and Christmas meal out for the volunteers and additional sweatshirt tops for them.

Report to the trustees of Sefton Baby Baskets

on the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2024 set out on pages 4 to 8.

Respective Responsibilities

As the charities trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You consider that an audit is not required for this year (under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2001 Act;
2. to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
3. 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 Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and the 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 you as 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 and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement 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:
    a. to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act, and
    b. to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirement of the 2011 Act have not been met: or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts be reached.

Signed 19/10/ 2026

Jane Lee