BABY BASICS LOWESTOFT

TRUSTEE REPORT

FOR PERIOD FROM 01/01/2025 UP TO 31/12/2025

Structure, Governance and Management

Baby Basics Lowestoft has been registered as a CIO since 5th March 2024, it continues to be managed by the same three Trustees.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the CIO remain: The prevention or relief of poverty in Suffolk and Norfolk by the provision of essential items such as clothing, cots toys and prams etc to families in need. This is achieved through joint working with other organisations or projects working to prevent or relieve poverty for families.

Chairs Report

During 2025 Baby Basics Lowestoft has helped 317 families who were struggling to provide essential items for either new born babies or pre-school children. We have provided safe places for babies and children to sleep, all with new mattresses. Provided toiletries for new mothers who could not afford to purchase them prior to hospital admission, as well as nappies and Formula for their new babies. We have also supported mothers wishing to breast feed by providing breast pumps and storage bags.

Baby Basics works in conjunction with health and social care professionals as well as Women's Refuges and other charities working with vulnerable families. However, we could not carry out this work without generous donations from the local community. Through working together with the community, we prevent a great number of items ending up in landfill and any clothing we are unable to use is sent for recycling, helping us to remain environmentally aware.

Achievements and Performance

Supporting Families

During 2025 we have continued to support families in Suffolk and Norfolk who live in areas of high deprivation. As a majority of the local industry is seasonal, many families are dependant on benefits, others are victims of domestic abuse, as well as an increasing number of refugees who have no recourse to public funds or benefits.

Fundraising and Donations

Through fundraising and donations throughout 2025 we have been able to start a Re-location fund. We hope to be able to add to this in the future so that we are able to move to larger premises. This will enable us to work more efficiently and stock more of the larger items such as cots and prams which are now regularly requested.

Operations and Administration

We continue to work in cramped conditions with a lack of storage space which hampers our ability to respond to requests as quickly as we would like. This also means that we are unable to involve volunteers which would allow us to expand our service.

Finance

Our finances have doubled since last year as we work towards raising funds to allow us to relocate to larger premises. The trustees continue to ensure that all funds are directed towards achieving the core purposes of the charity.

Looking Forward

In 2026 our priorities will include:

- Continuing to raise awareness
- Exploring opportunities for new fundraising initiatives.
- Applying for Grants to enable the charity to move to larger premises.

Conclusion

Despite working in cramped conditions and with a limited workforce the charity has been able to make a positive impact on the lives of vulnerable families. As trustees we are committed to continuing this work through collaboration with Health and Social Care professionals as well as other charities and will endeavour to secure grant funding to enable us to expand the help we offer.

JAGoddard

Judith Goddard

Chair of Trustees

BABY BASICS LOWESTOFT

(CHARITY NO 1208120)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR PERIOD 01/01/25 – 31/12/25

INCOME		
OPENING BALANCE	4,904.58	
DONATIONS	3,320.37	
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	2,376.68	

	10,601.63	
EXPENDITURE		
PURCHASE OF MATTRESSES		810.61
GROUNDWORKS UK (MATTRESSES)		500.00
MOSES BASKETS		306.00
MISCELLANEOUS		15.30
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	10,601.63	1,631.91
COOPERATIVE BANK ACCOUNT		8,969.72
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	10,601.63	10,601.63

These accounts are signed by the Treasurer:

CLGoddard

Charles Goddard (Treasurer)

Date: 14th September 2026