



Annual Impact Report

Baby Bank Network



2015 - 2025

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"Many of the families I have worked with are desperate. Often the parents are very young and so not entitled to any benefits. The toiletries and essential items such as nappies have meant that these children and babies are able to have the essential care they need. I think Baby Bank is an amazing service and the families in Bristol who use this service are so lucky to have them – as are we the professionals trying to support the best we can!"

Nic Jones, Family Nurse Sirona care & health.

Welcome from our Chair



I am delighted to have recently commenced in post as Chair of the Board of Trustees in April, having previously supported the charity for several years as an HR trustee. It is fantastic to be working with our trustees, staff, and volunteers once again to help alleviate child poverty in our local community and promote item reuse.

Baby Bank Network is thrilled to have reached it's 10th anniversary year, which is a huge milestone, having supported over 11,000 families to date. When reflecting on our story so far, it has been quite a journey, involving operational growth, referral partner expansion, and our warehouse evolution from Big Yellow, to Southmead, and now Fishponds.

At present there are over 400 baby banks around the UK and demand from families needing support is increasing, which is why we are so pleased to be a founding member of the national Baby Bank Alliance, supporting baby banks across the UK.

This has helped form our strategy for the forthcoming years, involving our aim to significantly increase the reach and impact of Baby Bank Network's work to support more families, and enable to the long term sustainability and development of our service. We hope this will include building closer links with referral partners, developing our income streams, moving to larger premises, and developing our service offer.

My heartfelt thanks and gratitude goes to our supporters, families, staff, volunteers, and trustees, without whom we could not achieve our ambitions. With sincere thanks to each and every one of you over the last 10 years, as we would not have reached this milestone without the support and dedication of our team, our supporters, and our families.

We will reference some specific highlights of the last 10 years throughout in this report, and I look forward to continuing to work together to make a difference to our community.

Karen Houseman. Chair of Trustees



One in five children in Bristol are living in poverty



This increases to half in certain wards.

Poverty significantly harms children's health, wellbeing, and life chances. This includes lower cognitive development, a fourfold increase in mental health problems, and a higher risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) in low-income groups.

Parents are forced into impossible choices, such as skipping meals or cutting energy, leading to increased food bank use. Beyond this, poverty manifests as "hygiene poverty" (1.1 million children lacking basic hygiene products) and "bed poverty" (over a million children without a proper bed), impacting their sleep, concentration, and self-esteem.

Sources: Bristol City Council, Child Poverty Action Group, The Millenium Cohort Study, Institute of Health Visiting, The Lullaby Trust, Barnardo's, The Hygiene Bank



Our vision is that no young child in Bristol goes without the basics that they need

to be safe and to thrive.

We work with Bristol communities to ensure that babies and young children have access to essential items to relieve poverty and its impact on young children, while encouraging reuse and reducing waste.



Our Work

Baby Bank Network Bristol provides pre-loved baby essentials (cots and pushchairs, clothes, toys and books) to families who are struggling to provide for their babies and young children (aged 0-5 years).

Families who are experiencing poverty or other crises are referred to us by our network of professional “referral partners” from across the city who are already engaged with and supporting them. Essential items are donated by local families in our community, checked and packed by our team of volunteers and delivered to the family by the referral partner. Some items, like mattresses and toiletries, we buy new. All items are provided to families for free.

We currently help 30-40 families each week. From April 2024 - March 2025 we helped 1266 families and provided 63,625 items of baby equipment. In April 2025, we supported our 11,000th family, 10 years after the organisation was founded.

Our support leads to safer, happier home environments for these young children, it provides items which encourage better child development, and importantly relieves stress for their parents and carers.



“I think there are 2 big impacts. The first is the high-quality resource that many agencies can use to support their work of supporting families in need. The second is reuse: for the community to have a place where their no-longer-used items can go to be used again”.

Katy, a previous volunteer and now our Service Manager

The Decade in review



Ten years ago, I had an idea that stopped me sleeping (even more than my then-three-month old daughter did!)

That idea, and a fortuitous conversation in the street with Eva, my co-founder who was also researching baby banks herself, started us on this path.

We always knew that we couldn't do this alone - and so, the word "network" became part of our name - to represent the network of families supporting families, of volunteers, of referral partners, of corporate and community partners who have helped us along the way.

Armed with a team of dedicated volunteers, mostly mums on maternity leave with their babies in a sling, we set up our first storage unit at the Big Yellow. In August 2015, we loaded a trolley with a pram, a bag of clothes and some other bits and wheeled it to the car park where we helped a referral partner load it into her car. That was our first referral.

Ten years later, and 11,000 families in, our operations are slicker, and our warehouse bigger, but we are still powered by a bunch of dedicated and talented women - and what a journey it has been together!

Becky, Co-founder and CEO

Staff

Founded around our kitchen tables by a team of volunteers in 2015, we have just recruited our sixth staff member. We have been able to offer more regular opening hours for donations and collections, and a better quality and more sustainable service.

Volunteers

Volunteers are the lifeblood of BBN. In June 2025 we thanked our volunteers with a celebratory event. In particular, we heard from Lyn, our previous referral partner and trustee, about the difference their work meant to the young mums who she referred to us, some as young as 13 years old.

Trustees

Our board has grown and developed over the years to provide the expertise that the service has needed. This year we have been sad to say farewell to Rosanna, our chair, and have welcomed back Karen who used to be our HR specialist and has joined us as our chair.

Supporters

Our supporters have continued to help us with a steady flow of donated items, both preloved and new, which we pass on to families. Whenever we are low of something, we can rely on our wonderful community to provide it!



“The fact that we have done so much with so little funding and with items that may have otherwise been thrown away is an amazing accomplishment by all of us involved in starting and growing Baby Bank Network Bristol.

Our positive contribution to the lives of so many families, plus our contribution to reusing outgrown baby kit and clothes which supports the sustainability of this planet is something I know we are all really, really proud of.”

Eva Fernandes, Co-founder and Trustee

In the past year,

54%	of families are on low income/no income
31%	are refugees or asylum seekers, or have no recourse to public funds
11%	are homeless or at risk of homelessness
6%	are young mums under 21 years
8%	are living with mental health issues
6%	are at risk of or are experiencing domestic or sexual abuse
2%	are care leavers
2%	have learning or physical disabilities

11,000

families helped

460,000

items redistributed across Bristol

325

individual referral partners spread across the city from from

102

organisations in the last year alone

What We Do Donations In



Supporters from our community donate the items that we need to our warehouse or one of our toiletry donation points.

At Baby Bank Network, we rely entirely on the incredible generosity of our local community, who kindly donate baby items they no longer need. We're continually amazed by the beautiful, high-quality donations we receive and deeply grateful for the kindness of our supporters.

From bags of outgrown clothes and toys to baby gear—both small essentials and larger items like cots and prams—we simply couldn't get these much-needed donations to families without the steady stream of generous contributions arriving at our warehouse.

Baby Bank Network would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has donated items over the last ten years, they are greatly appreciated by our referral partners and the families that they support.

Katy, Service Manager

1873

supporters donated items
in the past year!

23

appeals put out for
key items -
and you responded!

11

toiletry donation points
across the city

28

gift parcels
received in the post

"Each week we re-use a huge pile of perfectly good baby items which may have ended up at the tip. It feels good to know that these items will find a good home."
- Sarah, volunteer



"Our firm was truly inspired by the essential support the Baby Bank Network provides to families in the community, and we were proud to contribute through our toiletries collection for mothers and babies. We look forward to supporting your efforts again in the future."
- Kevin Kennedy, Chair of Burges Salmon's Charity Committee



"It kept me going during Covid lockdowns. I felt so isolated and bored at home. Once a week I collected loads of clothes that had been donated, took them home and washed, sorted and bundled them. My older daughter loved helping, but my toddler was a liability with the piles of clothes! Having this to do gave me a sense of purpose in a really tricky time."
- Lou, volunteer

Staff Our Team



Baby Bank Network was founded by dedicated volunteers, who remain at the heart of everything we do. As demand for our service grew, it became clear that to remain sustainable and support even more families, we needed to bring staff on board. This allowed us to offer regular opening hours for donations and collections, and to seize opportunities that previously weren't possible.

We hired our first **Office Manager**, Sarah, in June 2018. Although she later stepped down, we're thrilled she remains part of our amazing volunteer team. Our current Office Manager, Steph, has been with us for two years and plays a vital role—overseeing office, HR, and admin processes, handling enquiries, liaising with referral partners, and coordinating our warehouse volunteers.

Our second role was for a **Service Manager** in 2020 to keep the warehouse in check. Sarah isn't the only team member who has found it hard to leave - Cristiana, who was our Service Manager, now sits on our trustee board, and Katy, who was a volunteer, stepped into the role in September 2023.

Our Service Manager oversees our warehouse and volunteers, making sure we have enough stock and that donations are sorted, checked, cleaned, safe, stored and bundled ready for families.

We welcomed Sian, our **Fundraising and Communications Coordinator** in September 2022, which has meant we are able to participate in events, and run campaigns to help us fundraise, to keep our supporters up-to-date and raise awareness about our work.

By this time, juggling grant writing, strategy, managing a growing staff team, and all the other 'bits and pieces' needed to run the charity had become too much for Becky to manage voluntarily alongside her own job, so she stepped down from the trustee board and took on the new role of **CEO** in June 2023.

More recently we have welcomed Evelina into our new **Admin Assistant** role in June 2025, and Seonaid into our new **Donations and Collections Driver** role in July 2025 - welcome to the team!



Volunteers

Our Busy Bees



Our incredible volunteers are at the heart of what we do, and Baby Bank Network simply would not exist without the wonderful people who give their time to helping families in need in Bristol.

From sorting donations, checking prams and cots, bundling baby clothes, packing orders, representing us at events, helping with fundraising and raising awareness of our work - our volunteers are key to making sure that families experiencing poverty or crisis in Bristol feel supported, seen, and cared for.

Thanks to everyone who has given their time, dedication, and compassion to Baby Bank Network over the past ten years,

we have been able to make a life-changing difference to thousands of families in need. Because of our volunteers, babies have warm clothes, somewhere safe to sleep, and clean nappies, and parents feel more secure knowing that they have the essentials that their babies and young children need.

To all of our amazing volunteers past and present: we simply couldn't do it without you. Baby Bank Network would like to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Steph, Office Manager

19

volunteers ensuring donations are clean, safe and suitable in the past year

2199

hours spent sorting and packing donated items in the past year

10

volunteers helping with other tasks - fundraising, laundry, comms, events ... all sorts!

7

trustees responsible for strategic oversight of the charity

"My eyes have been truly opened to the wide need for support across the parenting community in Bristol. I have made lifelong friends, become a better, more altruistic person on the whole. My children have been brought up now to see the need and readily offer their pre-loved things as a first option to charities. I love this in particular!"

- Suzy, Volunteer

"I am so proud to be a small part of Team BBN over the years. I am in awe of the amazing work, from the tiny storage cave to warehouse and deliveries. What a journey it's been.

Go team BBN, here's to another amazing ten years."

- Meg, Volunteer

"Volunteering with Baby Bank Network has had a profound impact on me personally. One of the key lessons I've learned is resilience—both in myself and in the families we support. Witnessing the strength of those facing difficult circumstances has inspired me to approach challenges with a more positive mindset. My experience has helped me bridge cultural differences, as I've had the opportunity to engage with people from diverse backgrounds. Overall, volunteering has not only equipped me with new skills and confidence but has also opened my eyes to the power of compassion and collaboration in making a difference."

- Morena, Volunteer



Referral Partners Bundles Out



Our referral partners tell us what the family needs via our online “shop”. Our team lovingly packs up the bundle, making sure that everything is good quality - would they use it for their own baby? They like to add some extra treats too.

Once bundles have been packed by our team then they are either collected by or delivered to our referral partners who take them to the family. We cover all Bristol postcodes, into North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. Our service is entirely free.

Our referral partners may be midwives, health visitors, social workers, GPs or staff from other charities and organisations such as children’s centres, homeless shelters, refugee support networks, food banks, nurseries - anyone who works with families who might benefit from our service is welcome to refer to us.

We would like to extend a special thanks to our network of referral partners whom we work with closely to ensure the items that are donated are delivered safely to families across Bristol that need them. They often go above and beyond their roles, and it is an honour to work with them.

325

referral partners
across the city
in the past year

102

organisations that we
have worked with
in the past year

460,719

individual items given out
over 10 years

£3.4
million

Value of those items
if they had been
bought new

Baby Bank Network started accepting referrals in August 2015. Since then we have redistributed

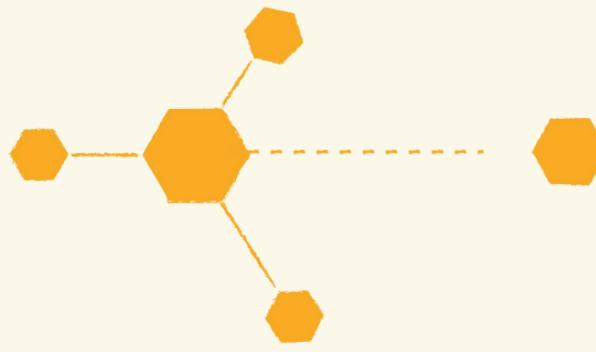
over 460,719 items to over 11,000 families

This is what we have given out....





Why We Do What We Do



Across the UK, poverty is rising, with families and young children feeling the effects most acutely. In Bristol, 23% of children are currently living in relative low-income households—higher than the UK national average of 20.8%—with some wards experiencing rates exceeding 50%

Alternatively, families may find themselves in an unexpected crisis situation - for example, having to flee their home leaving all of their belongings behind.

For families already under pressure, essentials like a safe place for their baby to sleep, clean bottles or nappies, or even a pram to attend routine appointments can become impossible to afford.

As the cost of living climbs, benefits and child support simply haven't kept up. That's where we step in: we provide baby essentials to families in crisis.

Without these essentials, families face not only practical challenges but also serious risks to their children's safety, hygiene, and wellbeing. A baby without a safe place to sleep is more vulnerable, and parents lacking feeding equipment, hygiene supplies, or a pram can feel isolated, overwhelmed, and unsupported.

By meeting those urgent needs, we not only relieve immediate pressure but also stand with families navigating increasingly tough times.



Safe Place to Sleep

Low income groups have a raised risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (source: The Lullaby Trust). Nearly a million children live without a proper bed, and sleep on the floor, the sofa or share with family members (source: Barnardo's). The impact on children is huge, with children struggling to get a good nights sleep, having low energy, struggling to concentrate on learning as well as feeling embarrassed and giving them low self-esteem. We seek to reduce these risks directly in providing safe sleeping equipment and bedding including cots and Moses baskets. We also provide a brand new mattress too.

Hygiene Poverty

Research by [The Hygiene Bank](#) found that 1.1 million children are living in hygiene poverty - that's 4 children in every classroom. They found that children were having to share toothbrushes, attending school in dirty uniform or skipping school and avoiding socialising. 1 in 5 (21%) children don't play with others because they're worried what people might think. 15% of children have had to share individual use products with their family (e.g. toothbrush). 16% have had to wear the same clothes for multiple days in a row. Our toiletry kits are one of our most requested items.

Development and Mental Health

The long term impact of poverty on young children is well documented and affects their health, wellbeing and life chances (source: [Child Poverty Action Group](#)). For example, Children who have lived in persistent poverty during their first seven years have cognitive development scores on average 20 per cent below those of children who have never experienced poverty. The Millennium Cohort Study shows that poor children are four times more likely to develop mental health problems by the age of 11.

The Difference that we make



Alongside providing essential items for a safer and more comfortable home environment, our support eases the financial pressure on families. This can lead to improved mental wellbeing, reduced anxiety around caring for their child, greater focus on other aspects of family life, and the confidence to make positive, lasting choices.

We also know that providing equipment enables relationship building between families and professionals, enabling professionals to provide support and to signpost to further services.

For example, if a health visitor can provide the equipment needed to support successful breastfeeding from us (for example, a feeding pillow, feeding bras, a breastpump, bottles, teats, a steriliser and a tube of nipple cream), then they can focus on supporting the mum with the practicalities, and then signpost her to a local breastfeeding support group.

In the past year,

Reduced Parental Stress and Anxiety

- 95% of families said that receiving BBN items made them worry less about money
- 97% said that they were less stressed about providing for the baby.

Reduced Isolation

- 71% of families said that the items helped them to get out and about more.

Safer Home Environments

- 86% of families said that the items helped to keep the baby safe.
- 95% of referral partners said that BBN items enabled families to be better equipped to support the development of their children.

Support Frontline Professionals to do the preventative and crisis-response work that they do

- 91% said that using BBN service and items generated positive discussion with the family they were supporting
- 95% said that the BBN service helped to increase/improve the support they were able to give to families
- 95% said that using BBNs service strengthened their relationship with the family.

"I strongly believe every child deserves a safe, healthy start in life - and that begins with access to the essentials, from day one. Thanks to the support from Baby Bank Network Bristol, we've been able to help families experiencing crisis or poverty, at an immensely critical time."

- Rachel Fitzgibbon, Maternity Senior Healthcare Support Worker, University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust



"Helping out with essentials that they otherwise would not have. Baby will be healthier and mother happier as a result."



"Family have triplets and struggling with keeping up with nappies. The delivery of the nappies has been a godsend for the family. The delivery of toys has also allowed the family to be able to spend quality time with their children in their home environment."

"Family received a high chair. Mum and baby can now sit together and have a meal without having to sit on Mums lap and Mum eating at a different time."

"Helps take the burden and stress off of families. Helps them to know that we care and want to support them. Helped to provide safe feeding for the baby by having a steriliser which will help with babies health and development."

"I have just delivered the clothes/shoes bundle to the family I referred. The little girl absolutely loved her new clothes and proceeded to do a fashion show for me, trying on every item given. She particularly loved the sparkly tops and dungarees. The family would like to say a huge Thank you for these, you have made a 2 year old very happy!"

"... prevented an unsafe sleeping arrangement which could have caused harm to the child."

"You have taken the financial pressure off of the family I am working with which has had a positive effect on their mental health and gave them the head space to rest and enjoy their last few weeks of pregnancy."

Referral Partner Story

"Since 2017 I have referred 93 families to Baby Bank Network Bristol. The **families are often from marginalised communities, with no recourse to public funds, facing insecure housing and financial difficulties.** Providing equipment such as pushchairs and cots for their children just isn't possible without support.

Baby Bank Network provides quick access to these much needed resources, helping parents to feel they are providing for their children and keeping them safe. The families are extremely pleased with the good quality (mostly preloved) items they receive.

This **support has resulted in better mental health for parents, including improving their feelings about being a good parent who can provide for their children. Their children are safer due to the equipment they receive,** particularly cots and Moses baskets. The breast pumps, sterilisers and bottles provided support our breast feeding strategy, and enable supportive conversations around breast feeding, and accessing support around feeding concerns promptly.

Through referring to Baby Bank Network we can build trust with the families by showing we value and can help keep safer, their most important priority - their children. This opens up conversations about safe sleeping and health inequalities such as vaccinations and linking into other midwifery services. For example, with the Roma community we support, this enables engagement so they can then access advice and support through our drop-in to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme and schooling. The toiletry kits provided by Baby Bank Network have helped encourage this community to attend sessions, which has in turn meant we have been able to raise their profile with health services and arrange for a GP to attend on a monthly basis to offer advice.



The service Baby Bank Network provides is invaluable! I can rely on it, and there are no complicated forms to complete, and no over sharing of families' situations. The staff are always warm and welcoming, very flexible and accommodating in emergency situations. **Honestly, I don't know how I, or the families we support would manage without this invaluable service!"**

Jane Dennett, GRT Lead - Central and East Bristol, Central Bristol Children's Centre.

Our Partnerships



The “network” part of Baby Bank Network refers to the network of different people and organisations that we work with to run our service.

It refers to our staff, our volunteers, the families and companies who donate items to us, the families who receive these items, the people who donate funds, and of course the network of community based services and organisations who refer to us.

We are currently partnering with another charity, Voluntary Action North Somerset (VANS), to trial delivering items ordered by health visitors directly to the families homes. We have funding for a 6 month pilot scheme, and the midway review indicates it is a success and we will try to secure further funding to continue with this and potentially expand the scheme for other referral partners.



As well as building a successful service in Bristol, our co-founders have been involved in an exciting national project; four partners (Baby Bank Network Bristol, Little Village in London, Save the Children and Ark) are working together to create a national Baby Bank Alliance whose aim is to increase the profile and impact of the vital work undertaken by over 350 baby banks run in local communities across the UK. Our hope is that an alliance will help baby banks to share knowledge and resources, attract funding, in kind donations, corporate partners that they couldn't secure alone and grow the overall baby bank movement. The Baby Bank Alliance has now officially launched (more details at <https://babybankalliance.org/>), and Becky (co-founder and CEO) sits on the board.

Sustainability



The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations (UN) members in 2015, created 17 world Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The SDGs highlight the connections between the environmental, social and economic aspects of sustainable development. Baby Bank Network's service contributes directly towards 5 SDGs.

1 NO POVERTY



With child poverty in the UK reaching unprecedented levels, baby banks help families struggling to feed, clothe and take care of their children through direct action. Being given free kit and clothes that can be worth hundreds of pounds, in some cases even thousands, especially if they include 'high ticket' items such as a cot, pushchair, high chair, kit of washable nappies. Being given these items for free means parents have money to spend on food and bills.

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



"Poverty affects a child's health even before they are born. Children born to parents living in poverty are more likely to have a low birth weight and less likely to survive the first year of life. They are also more likely to suffer from asthma and other childhood diseases and to experience poor health later in life. Children in poverty are more likely to have poor mental health and are at higher risk of psychological distress." Source: [Child Poverty Action Group](#)

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



Living in poverty means children are not able to reach their educational potential "Household income is the strongest predictor of how well a child will do in school. Children growing up in poverty on average, do less well in education. Even before children start school, they fall behind their peers, and these gaps persist and widen as school continues.

Children from the lowest-income families are less likely to reach the standard education achievements at age 11, they make slower progress in secondary school, and are much less likely to attend the most selective higher education institutions. This negatively affects how well they do at school, later job opportunities and how much they are able to earn." Source: [Child Poverty Action Group](#)

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



Living in poverty means children are not able to reach their potential "Poverty can mean children going without basic necessities – going to school or to bed hungry, wearing shoes that are too small or let the rain in, or sleeping on a mattress on the floor because there is no money for a bedframe. Poverty can also mean missing out on everyday fun, play and relaxed time with family because family outings are too expensive. It can mean being excluded from social activities with friends because there isn't money for a cinema ticket or a birthday present."

Source: [Child Poverty Action Group](#)

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



Baby banks are community-led social enterprises, mostly charities, some CIC's or linked with other charities or church groups. They offer work and volunteering opportunities in the sustainability sector. Baby Banks reuse kit and clothes that may otherwise end up in landfill or energy recovery and mean that less new items are manufactured, contributing to the de-growth of making stuff, but growth in giving people meaningful work or voluntary opportunities. Currently, baby banks are in places where someone has taken the initiative to set one up. There are many gaps in the UK where a baby bank is needed.

13 CLIMATE ACTION



Through reusing baby and children's items, baby banks reduce carbon as there is less need to manufacture new items and less items sent to landfill or energy recovery.

"I work as a support worker for[a]... foodbank, and have been able to help numerous clients out with baby clothes, children's clothes and items such as nappies, cots, prams and much more. It is amazingly helpful to be able to order what is needed and pick it up from the lovely volunteers at the Baby Bank. It is wonderful to see gratitude and relief on the faces of our clients when we can pass on what they need for their babies and children."



Supportive *Rewarding*

Indispensible *Fantastic*

Baby Bank Network

SUPPORTING FAMILIES IN BRISTOL FOR 10 YEARS

Frontline *Community*

Extraordinary *Compassionate*

Hard-working

Inspiring

Love



"Baby Bank Network Bristol's 10th anniversary is a significant milestone that represents a decade of compassion, community support, and positive impact. To me, it signifies the incredible journey the organisation has undertaken to help families in need, providing essential resources and fostering a sense of belonging for those facing challenges."

- Morena Staiano, Trustee

Finances

APRIL 2024 - MARCH 2025

INCOME

£104,054

EXPENDITURE

£115,407

Staff & Volunteers	£72,420
Toiletries	£8,177
Mattresses	£4,522
Spare parts	£1,295
Delivery	£6,948
Warehouse/utilities	£16,342
Other	£5,703

RESERVES

Unrestricted	£66,564
Restricted	£62,632

Target reserves £35,394 - £70,788
(FY25/26: 3-6 months running costs, unrestricted funds)



Funding summary

£21,049

Donations

£14,439

Events and Sales

£68,566

Grants

A photograph showing two women working in a large storage room filled with shelves of donated clothing. The woman on the left, with long brown hair, is wearing a white t-shirt and patterned leggings, reaching up to sort items on a high shelf. The woman on the right, with short blonde hair and glasses, is also wearing a white t-shirt and holding up a pink garment with butterfly patterns. Shelves are labeled with categories like 'Pillows - heading', 'Flats - small', 'Flats - Large', 'Dresses', 'Blouses', 'Sweaters', 'Hats', 'Shirts', and 'T-shirts'. A green bag is visible on the top shelf.

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... and also a big thank you too to all of our friends from funders and corporate or community partners who have donated funds, gifts in kind or pro bono help, including:

Albert Hunt Trust	Ludlow Trust
Ali and Joe's Christmas Trees	M&G
Asda	Magdalen Hospital Trust
Ashgrove and Clyde House Nurseries	Masonic Charitable Foundation
Awards for All	Meeting Place
Baby Bank Alliance	Mercedes
Barratt Foundation	Metro Bank
Boing! Lockleaze, Innsbruck Court and Knowle West	Morrisons
Boston Tea Party, Gloucester Road and Cheswick Village	Nagle Family Foundation
Bowline	National Lottery
Bright Sprout	Nisa Local
Bristol Airport Diamond Fund	Northwick Trust
Bristol Grammar School	Nvidia
Bromford	One Brunswick Square
Brunel Fields Primary School	Persimmon Homes
Burges Salmon	Places for People
Children's Book Project	Postcode Local Trust
Christ Church Infants School	Pride of Britain
Clarion Futures	Quartet Community Foundation
Clothes Together / Pigeon Organics	Ridge and Partners
Club Kids	ROKH Dance
Comic Relief	RSK Bristol
Denman Charitable Trust	Save the Children
Downend Round Table	ShareGift
DWF Foundation	Downleaze and Rockleaze Carol Singers
Fusion People	South West Community Benefit Fund
Garfield Weston Foundation	Tesco
Ghyston	The Baby Fayre
Glastobury Festivals	The Big Give
Bristol Harlequins RFC Mini and Juniors Teams	The Clara E Burgess Charity
Hearst Magazines	The Co-op Supermarkets
Hughes Price Walker	The Hogben Family Charitable Trust
Ikea	The Multibanks
J&M Britton Charitable Trust	The Tynings School
John Cabot Academy	The Vassall Centre
Leathersellers Company	Turners Opticians
Leonard Laity Stoate Charitable Trust	University of Bristol Day Nursery
Lily Arkwright	University of Bristol Parents and Carers Network
Liubov Edwards	Voscur
Local Giving	Warburtons Foundation
	Wessex Water Foundation
	Wild Oats Natural Foods

Our Campaigns

2024

In recent years our public fundraising events and campaigns have been growing from strength-to-strength, with two regular features in the Baby Bank Network calendar - the **Great Bristol Run** and our **Christmas Appeal**.

On 19 May 2024, six of our wonderful supporters braved the heat, and took on a **10k or half marathon in the Great Bristol Run**. They **raised £2,663** including Gift Aid and before fees. Thank you to all our team and everyone who sponsored them!

Thank you to everyone who supported our **2024 Santa's Sack Christmas Appeal**, including our second match-funded campaign via the **Big Give Christmas Challenge**.



Together we **raised over £27,400 in total** from our Christmas appeal, our most successful campaign to date!

Breakdown:

- **£8,262** from 93 donations, including £1,357 Gift Aid and before fees.
- **£6,000** match-funding.
- **£7,528** unmatched donations.
- Estimated **£5,675** in gifts in kind.

With special thanks to:

- **Big Give**
- Our Champion **ShareGift** for providing match funding.
- **The Clara E Burgess Charity and Bright Sprout** for providing match-funding through pledges.



Looking Ahead The Next Ten Years



This year is our tenth anniversary, and we have big plans to extend both our reach and capacity over the coming years. Ultimately, to help more families across Bristol and the surrounding areas.

Across the UK and across Bristol, poverty is unacceptably high. Child Poverty Action Group estimates that 9 children in an average classroom are living in poverty.

Whilst lots of work is being carried out to try to change the causes of child poverty at a national level, the impacts are being felt by families in Bristol here and now.

For these families, essentials like a safe place for their baby to sleep, clean bottles or nappies, or even a pram to attend routine appointments are needs that must be met now.

Our goal is to help more families with the right items at the right time.

We will work towards doing more of what we do, to do it more efficiently, to expand our capacity to help more families, and to work more closely with the existing network of organisations across Bristol to reach more families.

Expanding Our Reach

We cover all postcodes in Bristol, but we know that there are areas that we aren't reaching as well as we could - either because of the distance or because we haven't made the right links with the organisations already working in those communities.

Our own wheels


Our newly donated electric van will enable us to bring deliveries in-house and offer a more regular service. We will also be able to offer collections for the first time. It also means that we can develop more flexible ways to work with our referral partners to meet their differing needs.

Expanding our Capacity

Our warehouse is a treasure trove, but has little room left for us to grow! We need to be able to host more volunteers, store more stuff and be able to pack more referrals. Increasing both our space and our team means we can help more families more efficiently.

Expanding our offer

We have heard from our referral partners that there are other items we could offer, but we don't currently have the space to. For example, birthing bags for mums to take into hospital with them or starting school backpacks.



Thank you for all of your support over the past decade!

For more information, to contact us or to donate funds or items, please visit:



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