



Annual Report

2023-2024

Our Aims

The prevention or relief of child and carer poverty in Perth and Kinross through the provision of free baby essentials such as food, nappies, equipment, clothes and toys with a mix of new and secondhand goods.

Mission Statement



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Our mission is to alleviate the impact of child and family poverty by encouraging caring and sharing in our communities through donations of pre-loved and new baby and child essentials.

**Who are we and
what do we do!**

We are a team of 24 volunteers who give our free time to manage and deliver the services at Buttons & Bows Baby Bank. We have 7 Trustees, 16 volunteers and an advisor to the board



Families can come and pick up their free baby essentials at Royal British House, Leonard Street, Perth. We are open Tuesdays 10am -12noon and Wednesdays 9.30am -11.30am. Referrals can be made through health professionals and agencies so families can have access to free nappies, baby food, baby wipes, baby toiletries and prams.

**What's new at
Buttons & Bows
Baby Bank**

In December 2023 our Co -Founder Alan Moore laid laminate flooring and we had new shelving built and fitted in our shop area, It looks fabulous!

Website: Our website was revamped this year by Jennifer Campbell one of our board members who worked with Lightpress to improve our website layout.



We are currently working in Partnership with Perth Citizen's Advice Bureau using the FORT system as a cross sector referral tool. We hope to further develop this system to enable us to increase our operational efficiency.

Partnerships

Both Morrison's and Asda have donation points in there Perth stores to collect donations for us.

We were also awarded £1,500 from Asda's Under 18's Fund to help us buying nappies etc .



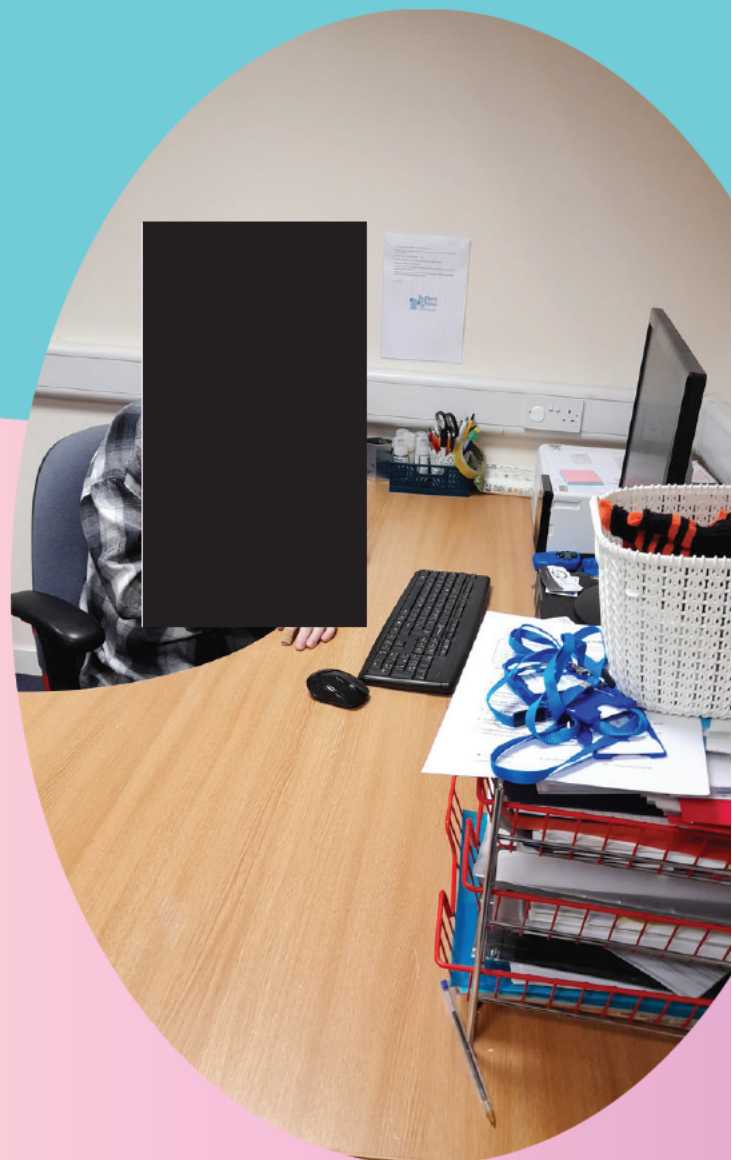
We have built up many partnerships over the last few years including Perth Foodbank, Welfare Rights, HEAT Project, Homestart and Perth Soropotimists to name but a few. We would like to thank all our partners for the support they have given us.

**Chairperson
Caroline Moore**

This has been a challenging year for us as our premises had a few leaks during the bad weather. This led to us no longer being able to provide our free activities. As the numbers of families who now access the Baby Bank has increased we have decided that now is the time to move to a bigger premises.

Our board of Trustees has now changed and we have some new faces who will bring new and exciting ideas to further improve the service we offer. I look forward to working with them in the coming year. We also have a new Advisor to the board Jack Avery who has many skills that will allow us work more effectively and efficiently.

I would like to take this opportunity to also thank all of our wonderful volunteers as without their dedication the Baby Bank would be unable to function.



Our Impact

Impact generated by Baby Bank Alliance :

Buttons & Bows Baby Bank gifted a value of £526.107 to 1,254 families. This amount to an average saving of £420 per family.

For families, this saving equates to 3 months of energy bills for an average 3 bed household or over 3 weeks of grocery shopping for a 4 person household.

The environmental impact of the 3,100 items gifted (excluding clothes bundles) saved approximately 1.2 tonnes of carbon dioxide. This is the same weight as a Hippopotamus and a saving equivalent to a person being on a plant based diet for one and a half years.

Over this financial year we supported 1,582 families



Christmas 2023

Christmas 2023 we supported 119 families with Christmas presents for 271 children in the age range of 0-18years old.



We would like to thank everyone who contributed with donations of new gifts/ selection boxes and donations for all the children including Ciaran and Clare Craik, Breadalbane Library, RG Dance School and Kinspindle and Rait Church.

Our Groups

Our Tiny Treasures Project Stay and Play sessions were very successful but unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances had to stop in December 2023.



We also had the following other free groups/activities happening at the Baby Bank.

- * Tree Babies
- * Maternal Minds
- * Breast Buddies

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure Account
01/04/2023 to 31 March 2024

Income

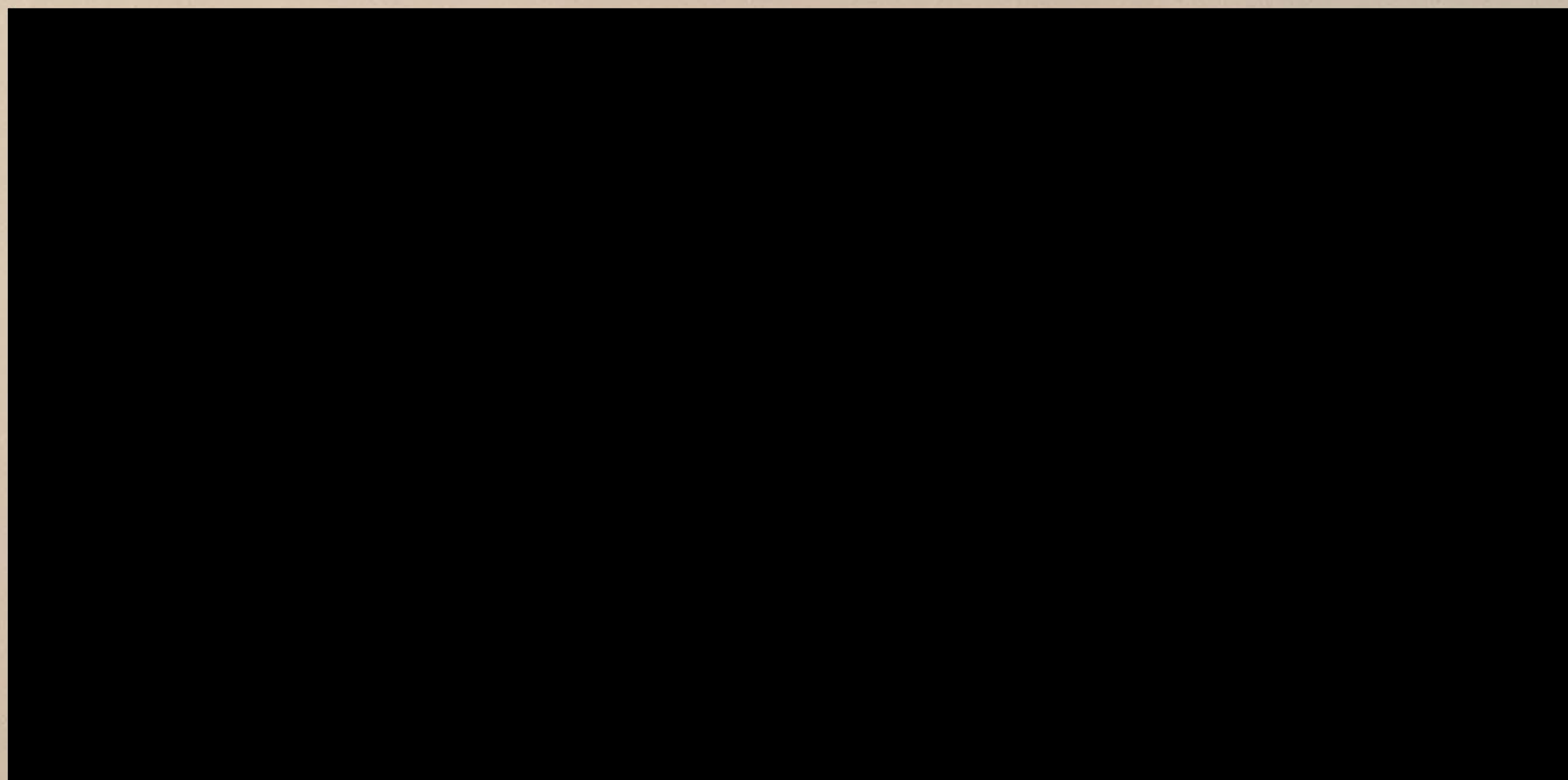
Balance from Bank Account 01/04/2023	31866
Donations	21541
Fundraising	5790.84
Trust Income	53949.5
Restricted	14279.48
Unrestricted	
Reimbursements	1575.94
Total Income	82857.28

Expenditure

Baby Essentials	20082.8
Property & Utilities	28852.9
Volunteer Expenses	3673.22
Assets	641.72
Admin	922.11
Fundraising	0
Reimbursements	0
Total Expenditure	54172.75

Surplus **28684.53**

Bank Balance at 31/03/2024 **60882.45**

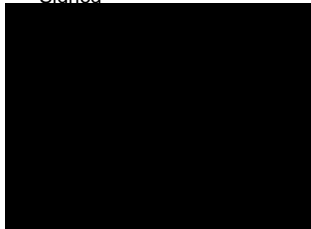




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As a Trustee of Buttons & Bows I have read and approve the Annual Report for the year 2023-2024.

Signed

		√	Founder and Chairperson
		√	Treasurer
		√	Trustee
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