

FAMILY SUPPORT RECYCLED



ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2015

INFO@STRIPEYSTORK.ORG.UK WWW.STRIPEYSTORK.ORG.UK

 @STRIPEYSTORK

 FACEBOOK.COM/STRIPEYSTORK

Registered charity in England and Wales (1161613).

CONTENTS



- 3. ORGANISATION DETAILS
- 4. WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO
- 5. WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES
- 6. OPERATING AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY
- 7. INFOGRAM
- 8. SANTA STORK 2014
- 9. MAKING A DIFFERENCE
- 11. AN AWARD WINNING SERVICE
- 13. ACCOUNTS
- 15. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
- 16. THANK YOU



ORGANISATION DETAILS

TRUSTEES:

Nicola Dawes (Chair)
Lynne Geary (Treasurer) (to 23rd March 2015)
Jenny Benfield (Treasurer) (from 23rd March 2015)
Jo Firth (Secretary) (from 23rd March 2015)
Duane Kirkland (from 23rd March 2015)
Emily Grant (to 15th April 2016)
Margarida Littlefair (from 5th May 2016)
Lynne Burnham (to 26th May 2016)

The trustees were recruited after advertisements were published on our website and social media pages. Full role descriptions were provided and the trustees were appointed after meeting eligibility and reference checks.

The trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission in exercising their powers or duties.



STRIPEY STORK

Unit D, The Trafford Building
Quarryside Business Park
Thornton Side, Redhill RH1 2LJ

www.stripeystork.org.uk

info@stripeystork.org.uk

www.facebook.com/stripeystork

www.twitter.com/StripeyStork

Registered charity in England and Wales (1161613).

BANKERS:

CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue,
West Malling, Kent ME10 4JQ

INSURERS:

Tennyson Insurance
(policy 26462013)

Stripey Stork initially operated as an unregistered charity with a small charity trust constitution signed on 20th August 2013. With effect from 11th May 2015 Stripey Stork is a registered charity (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) in England and Wales. (1161613) with the following object:

- (1) the prevention or relief of poverty in local UK communities by providing grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

The annual report and accounts were signed on behalf of all the Trustees on 27th June 2016:

Nicola Dawes

Jenny Benfield

WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO



Stripey Stork collect donations of equipment, clothes, toys and other items for babies and children, and distribute them to families experiencing hardship in East Surrey and surrounding areas.

We are a volunteer-run group started by a group of local Mums who wanted to see the baby items their children no longer needed re-used in the local community. Our service has grown over the two years we have been in operation and we have received support from individuals, companies, funding sources and other community groups.

There is a real need for this service in our area. Approximately 27,000 children and young people live in poverty in Surrey. In one area within our borough 37% 0-16 year olds are living in poverty.*



Stripey Stork do not support individuals or families directly, and instead receive requests from local professionals (health visitors, social workers, children's centres etc) on behalf of families in need. We then try and meet the request from the items we have in stock or by putting a call out to our supporters via our Facebook and Twitter page. Items are collected by these health professionals from our offices in Redhill and then delivered as part of the scheduled visits that professional would make to the family. All donations go directly to local families that need support.

Stripey Stork prides itself on passing on items in great condition. All items are clean and safety checked where necessary. We want the families who receive items from Stripey Stork to feel they are receiving a gift and not a hand out. We take care in the presentation of our packs and where possible always like to include a little treat for Mum/Dad/carer.

*Source: <http://www.cfsurrey.org.uk/surrey-uncovered>



WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR OF TRUSTEES



And so we are two! It has been so wonderful to see Stripey Stork grow over the last year and to be able to support even more families. Becoming a registered charity and welcoming three new trustees has strengthened our organisation and allowed us to establish ourselves firmly at the heart of the community. We have growing support from local donors and a committed group of volunteers who help us at the office, from home or at our donation events.

I love the campaigns that we run and the way that the community respond. Santa Stork was a true highlight of the year and the day we wrapped and handed out brand new Christmas presents for 196 children and 64 adults will stay with us for a long time. It was hard to believe that so many of these children would have received little or no presents if it were not for the kind individuals and companies who responded with their support.

People who are interested in setting up similar organisations get in touch from time to time. There is clearly a need for a service like ours in so many parts of the country. Jessie from St Kilda Mums in Melbourne, Australia gave me so much advice when we started and so it has been important to pay that kindness forward. I have mentored three groups as they start their journey and wish much success to Cascade Baby Bundles (in Derbyshire), Baby Bank Windsor and Baby Bank Network in Bristol.

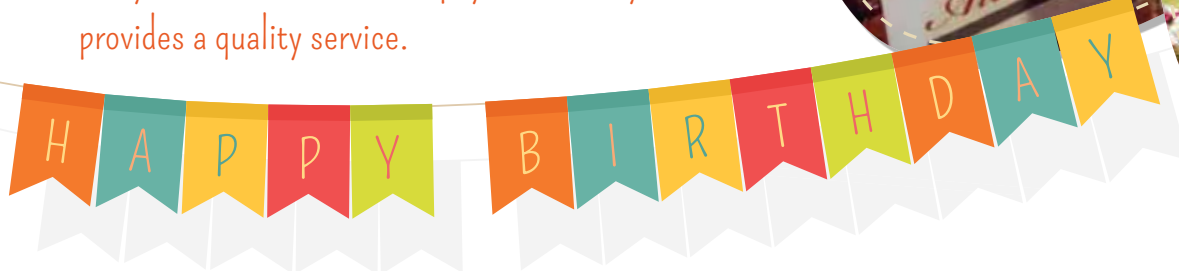
This year has seen us pick up some awards and it is lovely to be recognised for the hard work everyone does to ensure Stripey Stork always provides a quality service.

Attending the First Community Health and Care staff awards, and hearing how highly the health visitor teams value our partnership and the work we do, was a very special evening. See page 11 for more details of this.

As demand for the service grows it is clear that Stripey Stork need to find bigger premises and we have been looking for somewhere suitable for most of the year. It will be exciting to put the plans we have into action and to use a bigger space as a springboard to extend the reach of our service across Surrey. There is so much more we want to do!

Nicola Dawes

Founder & Chair of Trustees



OPERATING AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY



DONATION STATIONS

Regular Donation Stations continue to be the best way for us to collect and sort the items that local families are ready to pass on. These are held at local community halls and are busy, fun sessions. Lots of people donating, lots of people helping, and we are always overwhelmed with how generous people are. We publish a monthly Wish List of items we are short of or have on our waiting list. This works well and it is lovely to see the items we have asked for being donated at these sessions.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT

As the profile of the organisation grows then so does the support we receive in the community. As well as companies offering to help as part of their 'community days' we have had support from local Guide and Scout groups who have helped with book collections. It is lovely to see children and young people appreciating how important it is to get involved and help others less fortunate from a young age.



LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORT

Increasingly video is becoming an important medium for communicating, and is a great way for Stripey Stork to 'introduce' ourselves online. We are grateful to Silverback Guerilla Productions who chose us as their charity partner for 6 months and not only took photos at some of our events but produced a video which has been so useful to us.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Reigate Community Festival was a great way to promote the work we do and to be with so many of the local businesses and charities that serve our community.

On display was the bunting we make from baby clothes that do not meet our quality standards – we like to reuse as much as possible!



44 
stairgates

 48
prams/buggies

 312
toy bags

19 
sterilisers

45 
cots/cot beds

WE RESPONDED TO
534
REQUESTS FOR HELP

534 
clothes bags

 35
playmats/playgyms

 124
bedding packs

2,384 ITEMS

 22
bouncy chairs

40 
high chairs

258 
book bags

 41
baby baths

 34
moses baskets

20 
slings

 68
new mattresses

386 
other items

GOODS IN KIND FROM COMPANIES SUCH AS

Jurlique, Disney Store UK,
Comfy Quilts Ltd,
Cheeky Rascals, Aquaint,
Handa UK, Micro-Scooter

PRO BONO SERVICES:

from Morrisons Solicitors,
Silverback Guerrilla
Productions,
Shona Gow Design



Featured in local press (Surrey Mirror)
and on radio (Redstone FM).



1291

Facebook followers



688

Twitter followers

207

mailing list
subscribers



100

REFERRAL CONTACTS ON MAILING LIST

(some are managers/admin who communicate to wider team)

SANTA STORK 2014



Thanks to the support of so many individuals and businesses, on December 3rd and in the weeks up to Christmas, Stripy Stork passed out gift bags filled to the brim with goodies for 196 children and 64 of their parents/carers.

The referral sources we work with came and collected the presents they'd requested for the families they support. All the presents were brand new and, in almost all cases, were items that the family or children themselves had specifically requested.

We had assistance on the day wrapping and distributing the presents from our regular volunteers but also from a team at GlaxoSmithKline who were using a charity day to come and help. A wonderful community Christmas project – thank you to everyone involved!



MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Two families who received practical help from Stripey Stork.
These case studies were prepared by one of our referral partners:

FAMILY ONE:

One family I came across were struggling in many ways. Mum was very low, in debt and in poor housing. She was overwhelmed by her circumstances and felt she couldn't meet her children's needs. They had no curtains, no bedding, inadequate clothing and morale was very low.

Above all she had no energy and nursery attendance for the children was poor. Consequently the children were unstimulated and had delayed development.

As a result of all this Mum did not want the health visitor interfering in her life!

I made a referral to Stripey Stork and immediately received bedding and clothing. I had mentioned that the children had a long walk to nursery and two brightly coloured scooters appeared.

I delivered the items to mum, helped her make up the beds and left. When I returned a few weeks later I noticed the house was a little cleaner, the children were up and dressed in their newly acquired clothing, and mum was a little less hostile.

"These children are now thriving and I believe Stripey Stork played their part in helping someone find the energy to turn a corner."

Fast forward a year down the line, the warm clothing and furry boots that were given and the scooters helped a great deal, their nursery attendance is now excellent. Mum has received several more items from Stripey Stork and has set about improving her housing herself. The children are well presented and mum talks animatedly about their progress. They are now well on their way to reaching their developmental milestones and demonstrate school readiness.

When I reflect on this case I know that giving the items had a far bigger impact than just addressing physical needs, it helped mum get back on her feet and strive to do her best for her children. It also made my job visiting a whole lot easier. These children are now thriving and I believe Stripey Stork played their part in helping someone find the energy to turn a corner.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE



FAMILY TWO:

The next case refers to a family who were struggling with disability, ill health and debt. Mum felt burdened by her circumstances and resigned that life would always be difficult. A referral was made to Stripey Stork for all basic items which were promptly supplied along with some extra items for mum.

When I next visited I noticed that although the family had no storage that the clothing had been carefully folded and that several items had been washed and were hanging up to dry. Most importantly in a cold house the baby was warm and well-wrapped. A year later and there has been a significant change in this family's circumstances. Mum decided to leave the abusive relationship she was in, has started a part time job and is paying off her debts. Above all she smiles when I visit and her baby is happy and sociable. She lives in simple accommodation which she has made homely and her baby is meeting all developmental milestones.

It's hard to say exactly what enabled this mum to turn her life round but I think the deliveries from Stripey Stork had a far bigger impact than just meeting a practical need.



"Of course not every case ends like these two, but for every family that Stripey Stork help there is an impact, even if it is just to ensure that the children are adequately clothed. I cannot tell you how humbling it is to be able to meet the needs of those for whom life has not been so fortunate."

Stripey Stork are the most amazing charity who are making a real difference to people's lives."

Health Visitor, Redhill (Surrey) April 2015



AN AWARD WINNING SERVICE...



Winners of the First Community Health & Care 'Partner Member of the Year Award'. Nominated by the health visitor teams who make referrals to Stripey Stork.

Finalists in both the 'Blog' and the 'School, Education or Charity Website' categories of the Surrey Digital Awards 2015



Awarded £1000 by readers of the Surrey Mirror (awards sponsored by Partnership)



Heart of the Community
Celebrating local life



AN AWARD WINNING SERVICE...



Awarded £500 from the Skipton Building Society 'Grassroots Giving' scheme.



Nicola Dawes, our Founder and Chair of Trustees was awarded the 'Good Citizen' award at the BBC Surrey & Sussex Community Heroes Awards 2014.



SOCIAL MEDIA SUPPORT...

BBC Sussex @BBCSussex 10/12/2014
Nicola Dawes' charity @stripeystork collects pre-loved baby kit and passes to families in need. Winner; Good Citizen



6 9

Evers @londondandy1 27/02/2015
@StripeyStork You're such a power of good Stripey Stork - what brilliant work you do. Never tire of sharing what a simple idea can achieve!

1 2

Welcare UK Charity @welcareuk 26/11/2014
THANK YOU to @StripeyStork for recent deliveries that helped 2 families. We love the little extra treats you provide for our needy families!

2 2

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

1ST SEPTEMBER 2014 TO 31ST AUGUST 2015

Section A - Receipts and payments



	Unrestricted Funds to the nearest £	Restricted Funds to the nearest £	Total Funds to the nearest £	Last Year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts Donations, grants and prizes				
Community Foundation for Surrey's Bryn Siriol Fund	-	2,000	2,000	1,400
Community Foundation Surrey's Netherby Trust Fund	-	16,000	16,000	-
Councillors' Community Awards	-	-	-	850
Gatwick Airport Community Trust	-	1,000	1,000	1,100
Grant: Councillor Thomson	-	-	-	488
Halliwell Marks (Cots for Tots)	-	400	400	100
Heart of the Community Award	-	1,000	1,000	-
Merstham Millennium Trust	-	-	-	4,500
Mum2Mum campaign*	-	218	218	204
Red Nose Community Cash	-	955	955	-
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	-	4,500	4,500	-
Santa Stork*	-	1,953	1,953	-
Skipton Building Society	-	500	500	-
Other donations*	1,077	504	1,581	1,263
Fundraising				
Other fundraising (Everyclick)	-	112	112	32
Sales	133	-	133	-
Other income				
Bank interest	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,210	29,142	30,352	9,937
A2 Asset and investment sales				
not applicable	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,210	29,142	30,352	9,937
A3 Payments Running costs				
Rent	-	4,500	4,500	1,995
Internet hosting	-	165	165	-
Insurance	-	257	257	250
Office expenses	202	358	560	316
Bank interest and charges	-	-	-	4
Cleaning	160	50	210	-
Storage	-	75	75	246
Travel expenses	20	483	503	158
Hall hire and refreshments	176	203	379	328
Marketing/communications	135	1,492	1,627	705
Localgiving.com charges	126	161	287	98
Other fundraising costs	108	-	108	-
Bags/boxes for donations	8	249	257	265
Purchase of items for trading	93	-	93	-
Direct help for families	-	-	-	-
Matresses / spare parts / new items	1,362	2,108	3,470	-
Santa Stork presents	-	1,700	1,700	-
Mum2Mum campaign	-	368	368	20
Sub total	2,390	12,169	14,559	4,385
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Computer equipment	-	753	753	-
Sub total	-	753	753	-
Total payments	2,390	12,922	15,312	4,385
Net of receipts/(payments)	-1,180	16,220	15,040	5,552
A5 Transfers between funds	-19	19	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,232	4,320	5,552	-
Cash funds this year end	33	20,559	20,592	5,552

* Personal donations include gift aid and match funding from localgiving where appropriate

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

1ST SEPTEMBER 2014 TO 31ST AUGUST 2015



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

Catergories	Details Funds to the nearest £	Unrestricted Funds to the nearest £	Restricted
B1 Cash funds	Bank balance at end of period	1,232	4,462
	less payments made but not processed	-112	-125
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	33	20,559
B2 Other monetary assets	Not applicable		
B3 Investment assets	Not applicable		
		Fund to which asset belongs	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Donated Shelving	Not applicable	
	Computer equipment	Restricted	
		Fund to which asset belongs	Amount due
B5 Liabilities	Rental lease (one month's notice)	Restricted	375

Signed by one trustee on behalf of all the trustees

Nicola Dawes

Monday, 27th June 2016

Note 1: The organisation does not currently have a reserves policy.



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT



Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Stripey Stork

I report on the accounts of Stripey Stork, charity number 1161613, for the year ending 31st August 2015 which are set out on pages 13 and 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a 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 trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

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:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Name: Lynn Bailhache

Relevant professional qualification or body:
FCCA (Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants)

Address:
Bailhache Linton LLP, Bourne House,
475 Godstone Road, Whyteleafe, Surrey, CR3 0BL
Date: 27th June 2016



THANK YOU



Stripey Stork pass our sincere thanks to the following individuals, companies and funding sources that have supported us this year.

- Aquaint
- BBC Surrey & BBC Sussex
- Bryn Siriol Fund
- Bumps2Babies Nearly New Sales
- BusyLizzy Reigate
- Chalk PR
- Cheeky Rascals
- Cllr Mrs Barbara Thomson
- Comfy Quilts Ltd
- Community Foundation for Surrey
- Comic Relief
- Delight charity
- Disney Store UK
- Earlswood Methodist Church
- Fab Women networking
- Federation of Earlswood Schools
- Gatwick Airport Community Trust
- GlaxoSmithKline
- Halliwell Marks Estate Agents
- Handa UK
- Homestart East Surrey
- InKind Direct
- Jurlique UK
- Keekaroo Ltd
- Localgiving
- Micro-Scooters UK
- Morrisons Solicitors
- Mr Bryn Parsons
- Mr Ed Baker
- Ms Alex English
- Ms Emma-Louise Smith
- Ravens Trust (Parashoot Team)
- Redstone FM
- Reigate and Banstead Borough Council
- Reigate Soroptimists
- Shona Gow Design
- Silverback Guerrilla Productions
- Skipton Building Society
- St Kilda Mums
- Surrey Mirror
- Supermum Surrey
- The Local Handyman
- The Mobile Pizzeria
- The Netherby Trust
- Toy Barnhaus

