

## Daventry Area Baby Project February Newsletter 2024



Our logo designed by a team member for all future communications

The St. Martin's Church Baby Project, thanks to its supporters and partnership with colleagues in many other community groups, has recently extended its reach to support carers of innocent babies.

Now, in our 11<sup>th</sup> year and with the Christian encouragement of Rev Kathryn, (Benefice of Ashby Braunston And Welton), the St. Martin's Church PCC, and your prayers we are thrilled to report that our name has changed to reflect our growth .We are now the Daventry Area Baby Project with our own bank account.

**It Takes A Village**  
New research reveals the important role the wider community plays in raising a child


**6.5**  
The average number of adults it takes to **raise a child** in the UK

**72%**  
of parents say the main attribute needed to raise a child is **love**

**GRANDMAS**  
Have the **closest rapport** with children & **teach them** the most of anyone in the family

**OLDER SIBLINGS**  
Have the biggest impact on their younger siblings' **personalities** & are the most likely to teach them **bad habits**

**TEACHERS**  
Are the only group outside of the immediate family that parents will let **discipline** their children

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Please note that many Granddads support this project and so the DABP team would like to acknowledge the part they play too.

As a largely online "village", that has successfully adapted to the challenges of these times; we have an even greater opportunity to

plan our important role and help to “raise” vulnerable babies alongside their other carers near and far.

We will gradually be introducing more details of our renewed plans, in our monthly newsletters 2024. Please hold both the plight of innocent babies today in your prayers and our work to enthusiastically support and nurture them.

**Identifying need in the area** – every 4 weeks we have agreed to contact Milk& You, Big Issue, a Community of Care Leader midwife and local churches to identify the specific needs of babies in the Daventry area and let our supporters know of those priorities asap. *We currently need newly made items and toiletries for babies and carers.*

**Collection and Distribution** The items you have kindly created can be taken to Daventry Methodist Church 6 Golding Close NN11 4 FH. We have liaised afresh with Daventry Methodist Church who will prompt us when items need to be collected. *Please check their website for opening times.*

**OR**

**Text Gilly Beardmore** 07807 011205 to arrange delivery to 27,Claydon Road NN11 8AZ

### **FEEDBACK AND ENCOURAGEMENT RECEIVED DURING JANUARY 2024-**

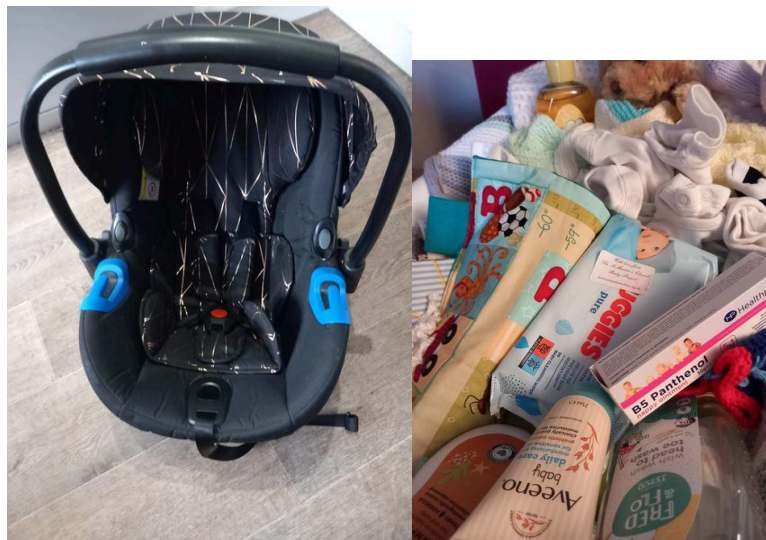
This feedback gives you an idea of the pattern of needs that arose during the Christmas and New Year season.

**From Revd.Dawn at Holy Cross Daventry**

Thank you God, for all the wonderful people working for charities, and good causes around the country.

Happy New Year!

Dawn x



**From Holly a representative at Big Issue**

Just to let you know we found the perfect home for the **pushchair** .a vendor from Leicester has it and is expecting her first baby in March.

She was over the moon .It has gone to a really good home as she is struggling financially.

**From a Midwife at Northampton who is a Community of Care Team Leader Midwife**

Thank you so much for reaching out to me today. We are a small continuity team offering support to black, Asian and minority ethnic women in the most deprived area's of Northampton

I wanted to let you know that we've already used some of your donations for a child in need. We really appreciate your donations. We sent **a range of knitted and crochet items and warm blankets of various sizes.**

**From Milk&You**

We are supporting a Mum in Wellingborough who was unable to breastfeed but has exclusively pumped and given baby breast milk through their feeding journey so far. She had been using a loaned pump from Strong Start and per their policies; they have requested the pump be returned to them, as baby is 6 months old. Mum is desperate to continue to deliver breast milk to her baby, but for financial reasons is unable to acquire a pump for her own use. She has approached Milk&You for support in continuing to express her milk.



Thank you so much for your assistance in this matter. **We used a £50 grant** to give this mother **a breast pump.** **2** other families have received **baby baths full of items for new-borns** and their carers

**IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER** there will be full details of aother request from Milk & You. It will provide an opportunity to make teaching aids for midwives and carers. If you would like a version of the knitting pattern to help carers learn more about how babies suckle successfully at the breast please email [beardmoregillian@gmail.com](mailto:beardmoregillian@gmail.com) for a copy.

**With best wishes from The Daventry Area Baby Project Team,**

Donations can now be made directly by cheque to the **Daventry Area Baby Project** and sent to Mrs G Beardmore 27 Claydon Road Daventry NN11 8AZ **OR by using online banking**

Account name: Daventry Area Baby Project

Sort Code: 30-99-50 Account number 22798862

