

# Abi's Baby Footprints Bank

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## Looking back...

**2019** was a busy year with a steadily increasing number of families seeking practical help. We responded to **140 requests** (ranging from a bagful to more than a car load of items) from **72 different families** with a total of **84 children**, including **38 new babies**. This would have been impossible without the support of so many generous-hearted people in and around Sudbury who donated goods to meet these needs and made a real difference to the lives of many families. Special mention goes to an 8 year fundraiser with a heart of gold and a shining example to us all - Thanks George!

## Highlights...

Our monthly **Oasis 'drop-in'** started in October and is ideally located for families in **Great Cornard** (see poster). Held in a bright new room, Oasis offers a baby-friendly soft area (right), and a toddler play space with plenty of toys. Do pop in for a chat and free coffee and cake, even if you don't know anyone. You'll receive a friendly welcome and soon feel at home! A recent new visitor wrote *'We had a lovely morning here, thank you so much. Amazing cake and tea-maker too!'*



In December our **'Preloved to Reloved'** tree at the **Christmas Tree Festival** focused on **recycling**. Amongst the baubles were 26 mini picture frames, describing the year's re-distributed items such as 105 clothing bundles and 150kg of bedding to keep babies cosy, 10 high chairs for easier mealtimes, 7 travel systems to keep families mobile, 9 breast pumps for new mums - and lots more! Our **Under-5's area at Cornard Christmas** had an arctic feel with igloos, penguins and polar bears in amongst the many fun games and activities



## Exciting plans for 2020!

We are super excited to be on target towards our main goal for 2020 - to set up a local **Abi's Footprints 'Hub'** in **Great Cornard**, conveniently located for families in that area. It will be up and running in time to be featured in our next Newsletter in September

**Funding news** - We are very grateful to all who have supported us financially, including **Suffolk Community Foundation** for a grant towards rent for our storage facility, and the **Co-op Local Community Fund** and all you lovely shoppers who chose to donate to Abi's Footprints. We received an incredible final total of £2,288 and were able to add considerably to our sensory and play equipment for 'Oasis' and Community Events

**To contact us** - Preferably **'Send Message'** on our **Facebook Page** or call us on 07930 361456 (Esther) or 01787 478654 (Gill). To find out more, please go to [www.abisfootprints.co.uk](http://www.abisfootprints.co.uk)

**Oasis**  
Drop-in for local families with free refreshments

9.30-11.30am Mondays:  
6th Jan • 3rd Feb • 2nd Mar,  
4th May • 1st Jun • 6th Jul,  
7th Sept • 5th Oct • 2nd Nov • 7th Dec

Room 5, The Stevenson Centre,  
Great Cornard, CO10 0WD.

Just come along! You'll find us in the new wing.  
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