

Abi's Baby Footprints Bank

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What is a Baby Bank?

Baby Banks provide practical baby essentials for families that find themselves in difficult circumstances. If you live in Sudbury, Gt. Cornard and surrounding villages, Abi's Footprints is your local Baby Bank 😊

We provide, free of charge, almost any practical essentials that families need for their baby or young child. These are mainly preloved items, though some are new, and a few are on loan for as long as needed. These are particularly challenging times for many families. In the last 12 months we have responded to **179 requests**, usually for multiple items

A quick News Round-up!

- Our **new folded leaflet** is now available. If you wish to distribute these through your service or project, please let us know and we'll be glad to deliver a supply to you
- We have now extended provision of clothing to **age 5**
- We transferred our stock of **school uniforms** to the Salvation Army, Sudbury, which provides a much-needed central resource for these items. Many thanks to them also, for providing toys from their Salvation Army Christmas appeal for us to distribute to 25 families, to help ease the season's financial pressures
- We try to stock **clothing for all seasons**, ranging from shorts to snowsuits, in all 11 sizes, for both genders. This amounts to a huge volume of clothing – in addition to all the bedding, nappies, cots, buggies, highchairs, toys, toiletries ...and lots more! It's amazing how much stuff little ones need to help keep them cosy, mobile, happy and safe!
- **Storage space is a constant challenge!** So we ask you to first check with us that we have both the storage space, and current need, for the items you are kindly offering. We now have just one Collection Point, and a drop-off schedule, having discovered that this worked well throughout the pandemic
- **CloverLink**, our 'hub' in the heart of Great Cornard, is now open and offers a comfortable place for families to come and choose clothes and other items – or to just call in for a cuppa! In addition to our soft play equipment, the shed at CloverLink now also accommodates our large stock of re-usable cloth nappies, extra clothes and toys, and our entire stock of shoes and boots
- **OASIS**, our **free 'drop-in' for Mums, Bumps and Babies at the Stevenson Centre**, is now up and running again, usually on the first Monday morning of the month. Look out for updates on our Facebook page and please register on Eventbrite



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