

Bluebell's story

Bluebell is a little ray of sunshine, known for her big smiles. Born with a very rare condition called exomphalos major – affecting one in every 5,000 babies – she has been on a remarkable journey.

Much of her early life was spent in hospital. Bluebell and her family faced long stays and were told multiple times to say goodbye. Even after surgery, Bluebell still needed nursing care at home.

Life for mum Stella became very lonely. She couldn't take Bluebell to mother and toddler groups, and the family became increasingly isolated.

Acorns changed that.

Stella explains: "Acorns support has been invaluable for me as well as Bluebell. Providing constant care can take quite a toll on you. To talk to others in the same situation helps so much. Without those people and meet ups, I would have felt quite lonely."

Thanks to our dedicated support teams and family sessions, Stella and Bluebell now have a community they can turn to – specialists who understand and other families who share similar challenges.

“I'm so grateful that Acorns has been there for us. The staff have been incredible and so caring. I can't express what it means to have them in our lives. We will always be thankful.”

- Bluebell's mum, Stella

