



Hi, I'm Henry. I'm raising money for my friends at Buscot Ward, the Special Care Baby Unit at the Royal Berkshire Hospital

I was born at the Royal Berkshire Hospital on 2 November 2008 when my Mummy was only 6 months (27 weeks) pregnant. As a result I weighed just 1lb 10oz, or 740g.

Below you can see a photo of me a couple of days after I was born—that's my Mummy's finger holding my hand.

I was rushed straight to Buscot Ward where I needed lots of help—I couldn't breathe or eat for myself. Because I was so small and vulnerable I contracted a number of infections in the early days and I also needed an operation. Without the wonderful team of doctors and nurses at Buscot I would not have survived.

In total I spent 15 weeks in hospital before being discharged in February 2009, weighing a little over 5lb. I was discharged in a small amount of oxygen therapy but this has been weaned down and I hope to be completely free of it very soon. I am doing really well and so far no issues have been identified that will prevent me from being a happy, healthy toddler.

It is difficult to say thank you to the people that have saved my life, but as a start I would like to raise some money for much needed medical equipment to help other babies just like me in the future. To this end we are holding a very special online charity auction from 17 May to 13 June 2009. To find out more go to: www.buscotcharityauction.com

