

Chairpersons Report

The staff team have had yet another very busy year. We have continued to deliver all of our projects and services and our outcomes demonstrate the positive successes we have achieved. We have had to face both external factors such as the cost of living and increased demand for our services as well as internal challenges such as ensuring we have sufficient funding in place to run all of our services. Throughout the year we have made significant impact on the lives of our families through our volunteers providing weekly home visits for 2-3 hours a week. Over this last year we have provided support to 135 families and 286 children.

In the coming year we plan to secure sufficient funding to keep the Scheme operational for the next three years and maintain our current services; to diversify our outreach to support parents who are experiencing mental health issues and children who are neurodiverse. We also plan to liaise with Kent County Council and Public Health regarding the new Family Hubs. We have already had preliminary discussions regarding the new family coaches and hope to be working in partnership with all the Home-Start Schemes in Kent.

Our dedicated board of trustees continue to grow and ensure transparency and responsible governance. We maintain transparency through annual financial audits and open communication with our funders. Our commitment to accountability is unwavering. The trustees value and appreciate all the hard work of the staff team and volunteers and how their involvement is such an important part of the work we do.

Treasurer's Report

At the beginning of the financial year we had an overall surplus budget of approximately £3,215.00. During the year we managed to obtain additional funding and donations which resulted in a surplus of £25,053 at the end of the financial year.

In April 2020 the Charity was successful with a 3 Year Big Lottery Grant of £285,950 and a 3 year Henry Smith grant of £145,100 these gave the Charity financial security for 3 Years.

The Charity was also successful in May 2020 in obtaining funding from Children In Need for £30,000 over three years towards parenting support. During this financial year we have also received funding from an Early Help Grant to fund an Outreach Project and have received a grant of £10,000 from the Kent Community Foundation to help fund the Family Groups. £9,617 was received from a KCC Re-Connect Grant to fund a Babble Chatter Talking Matters project.

We are extremely grateful for all funding and donations received during this financial year and for the coming financial year which will enable us to continue to support many families through our home-visiting support and also through our Outreach Projects and Family Groups.

Total incoming resources for the year saw an increase from £209,352 to £243,301. Total expenditure increased from £191,737 to £218,248. The Trustees were able to offer a 4.0% pay increase to staff salaries this year and staff entitled to an 'incremental' rise received this as per their contracts. The Trustees continued to offer a contributory staff pension.

We have been able to offer a full service this year and have supported more families than we are funded for which represents extremely good value for money and a valued support to many families.

Our Core Belief:

Home-Start Dover District believes that children need a happy and secure childhood and that parents play a key role in giving children a good start in life and helping them achieve their full potential.

Our Mission:

Home-Start Dover District offers support, friendship and practical help to parents with young children.

Home-Start Dover District offers a unique service, recruiting and training volunteers – who have parenting experience – to visit families at home and to offer informal, friendly and confidential support.

In addition to this Home-Start Dover District offers services including family groups, Outreach Project and training courses.

To help give children the best possible start in life, Home-Start Dover District supports parents to grow in confidence, strengthen their relationships with children and widen their links with the local community.

Our Vision:

Home-Start Dover District wants to see a society in which every parent has the support they need to give their children the best possible start in life.

Our Values:

Home-Start Dover District's values are the principles that Home-Start holds most dear and through which we work.

They are: non-judgmental support, friendship, caring partnership, lightness of touch, trust and respect.

Director/Trustee Members 2022— 2023

Penny Stephens	Chairperson	Specialist
Pat Wheeler	Treasurer / Vice Chair	Independent
Amy Roe	Specialist	
Graham Hutchison	Specialist	
Di Cawsey	Volunteer Representative	
Sarah Brisley	Independent—Resigned 9.11.22	
Diana Crossley	Independent	
Sarah Hindle	Independent	
Andrea Rees	Independent	
Paul Gates	Independent—Appointed 9.11.22	

We received funding from:

The Big Lottery; Henry Smith; Children In Need; Kent County Council; Home-Start UK; : Kent Community Foundation; Colyer Fergusson Charitable Trust; Wards

Our Partnerships:

SureStart—(Dover, Deal & Sandwich Children's Centres) Early Help and Preventative Services; Children's Social Work Services Dover; NHS-Eastern & Coastal Kent; Dover & Deal Foodbank; Fare Share; Dover & District Volunteer Center; Canterbury Christchurch University

Our thanks to:

Dover Lions; Easy Fundraising; Inkind Direct; Waitrose Canterbury; British Telecom; Dover Shoe Box Appeal; White Stuff; Lidl; DFDS

HOME START

Dover District



ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

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Suzanne, Vicki, Tracy, Lorraine, Ruth, Claire & Rebecca,
the dedicated Home-Start Team

Scheme Manager's Report

Looking back over this last year I think we have a lot to reflect on. Just when we thought we were recovering from the pandemic we then had to embrace the cost of living crisis. We were already being flexible with the support we offered our families and then we had to factor in the sudden increases in fuel and food prices. As always we remained pragmatic about everything and thought how we could best support our families, in the ways we knew best.

We were fortunate to be able to apply for funding from Wards Emergency Fund and also received funding from Kent Community Foundation which enabled us to meet the diverse needs of our families. We did this by asking them what they needed to get through the difficult months ahead and their requests varied from a pair of thermal socks to a new cooker. We were also able to hand out Aldi vouchers to our families, free Chrome Books donated by BT and new shoes donated by Russell and Bromley.

We were successful with our application to the Phillip Connie Foundation to fund a part time Counsellor who has provided 8 hours counselling to parents in need of support. We have continued to provide our core service this year offering emotional and practical support to our families who have mental health issues and to children who need support around their emotional health and wellbeing. Our ever popular Babble Chatter Talking Matters project has been very successful and we continue to run this with a waiting list. In addition, our two Family Workers have been able to continue to offer support to children with a diagnosis of Autism or ADHD or on the pathway for a diagnosis.

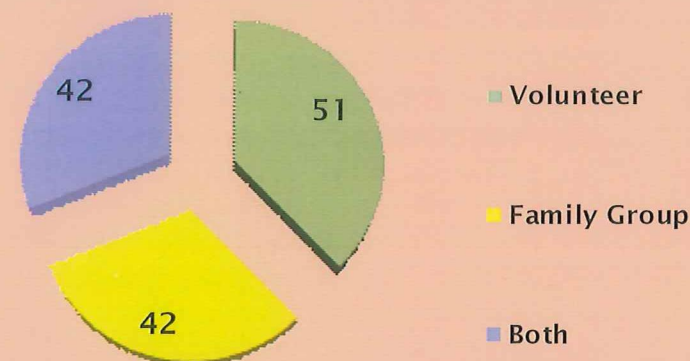
We were also paid a visit by the Directors of the Port of Dover who wanted to see our Family Groups in Action as they were funding the groups through a Port of Dover Grant. They were very impressed with the group and immediately saw the need for our groups in the local community.

We were also privileged to be awarded the High Sheriff of Kent Award and all the staff attended an Awards evening at the Mercure Hotel where we were given a cheque for £500. We were made to feel very welcome and appreciated by the VIP's attending.

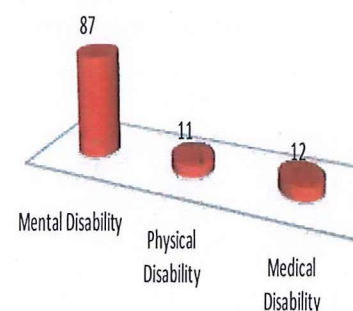
We have been very fortunate to keep all of our wonderful volunteers who have been extremely busy in the community supporting families and it goes without saying that if we were not for them, we would not be able to operate as Home-Start Dover District. Our volunteers are the heart of our organisation and 'Thank You' sometimes does not seem enough, but we really do value them and appreciate all they do.

Funding for our Scheme continues to be a concern for the forthcoming year, but we are not alone as the voluntary sector in general is struggling to secure enough funding and volunteers to keep 'afloat'. Nonetheless we all remain resolute in our determination to keep Home-Start Dover District running and active in the local community. We have accrued 28 years of knowledge and experience which needs to be valued and harnessed to continue the excellent work that we do.

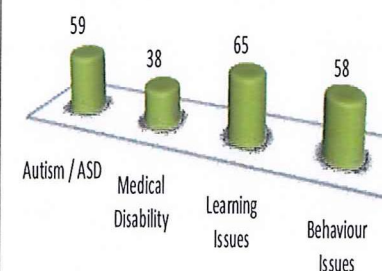
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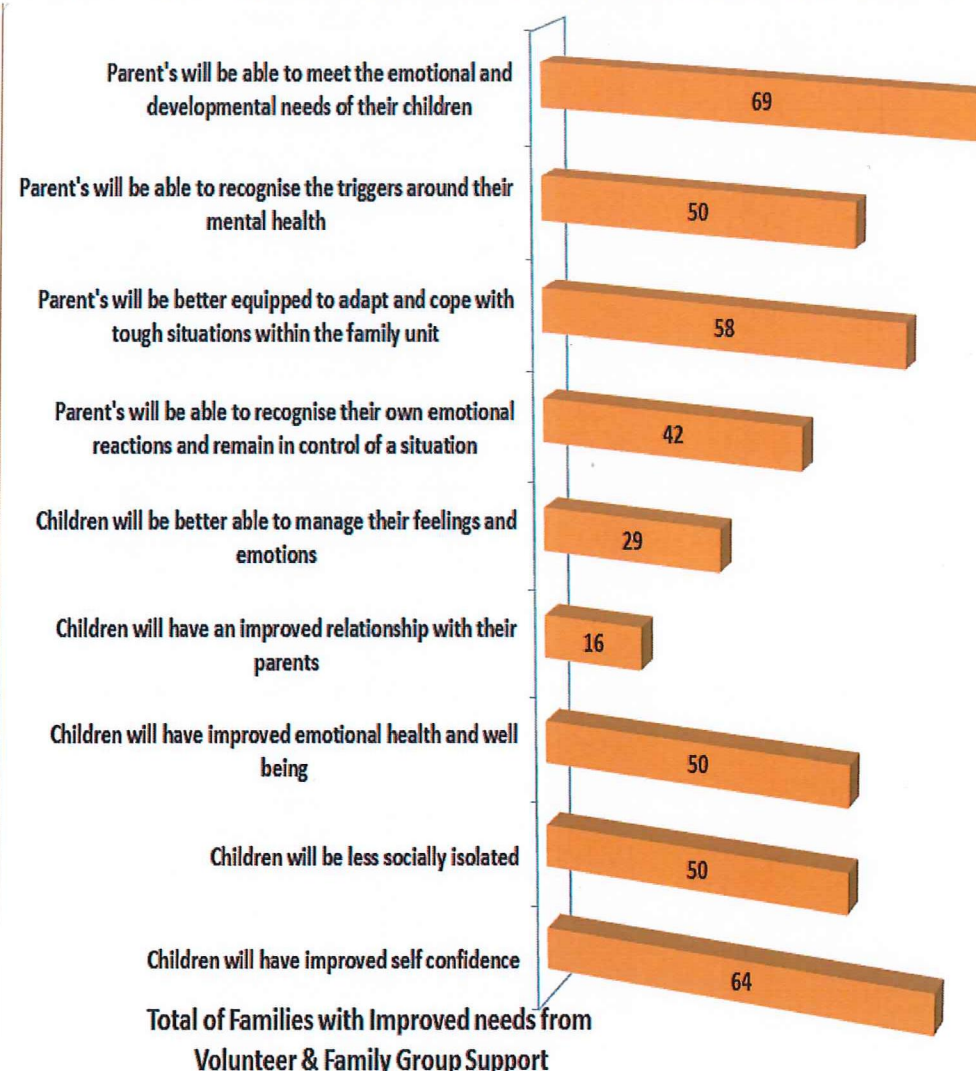
Adults supported with a Disability



Children Supported with a Disability



FAMILIES WITH IMPROVED NEEDS FROM VOLUNTEER & FAMILY GROUP SUPPORT



VOLUNTEERS

Vicki A
Lyn B
Jill C
Katie A
Natalie C
Lynn C
Diane C
Lisa C
Simone C
Antony C
Martelle D
Christine E
Susan B
Anne G
Julie G
Joy H
Twigy H
Chloe H
Joan H
Davina J
Jennifer K
Jacqueline L
Margaret L
Dina M
Jo M
Rachel M
Amanda O
Anna-Marie O
Amy C
Layla P
Tazmin F
Glyn R
Catherine R
Ruth S
Sharon S
Rebecca T
Carolina S
Rachel S
Debbie T
Susan W
Christine W

ENDED VOLUNTEERS

Sally C
Kelly E
Sue P
Hannah R
Sally R
Pam S
Dina M
Sarah S



TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

During 2022-2023 our volunteers have offered over 1000 hours of support and friendship to families either through Home-Visiting Support or at our Dover and Deal Family Groups. 135 families were supported during 2022-2023 with 85% of the monitored family support outcomes showing significant improvements. The improvements achieved within the families we support would not be possible without our dedicated team of volunteers. A huge thank you to our 49 amazing volunteers.

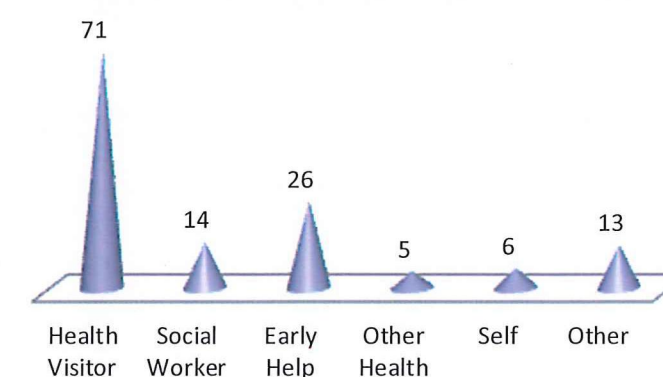
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135 families and 286 children

Babble, Chatter, Talking Matters

Reconnect Funding was obtained to launch a new project Babble, Chatter, Talking Matters, offering children one to one speech and language support in their home. Our Family Worker visits once a week offering one hour sessions for six weeks. Fun activities are carried out with the child and parent using sounds, gestures, visual games, Makaton, signing and much more to help improve the child's communication.

This project has been very successful and there is a waiting list for support. Additional funding has been obtained to enable the continuation of this project into 2023.

Referral Source 2022-2023



REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 04974145 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1102201

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
FOR
HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT**

**Xeinadin Audit Ltd
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HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives for which Home-Start is established are:

To safeguard, protect and preserve the good health, both mental and physical, of children and parents.

To prevent cruelty to or maltreatment of children.

To relieve sickness, poverty and need amongst children and parents.

To promote the education of the public in better standards of child care within the area of Dover and Deal and its environs.

In furtherance of the foregoing, but for no other purpose, Home-Start Dover District shall have the following powers:

Obtain, collect and receive money and funds by way of contributions, donations, affiliation fees, subscriptions, legacies, grants and any other lawful method, and accept and receive gifts of property of any description whether subject to any special trusts or not provided that Home-Start Dover District shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for the said objects.

Procure and provide information.

Procure to be written and print, publish, issue and circulate gratuitously or otherwise any reports or periodicals, books, pamphlets, leaflets or other documents.

Arrange and provide for or join in arranging and providing for the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures and classes.

Promote, advance or undertake organised research and experimental work in connection with any of the above mentioned objects and publish the useful results or such research.

To do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the attainment of the above objects, or any of them including the holding of property and raising funds from statutory or voluntary sources.

In pursuance of the foregoing objects and powers, to ensure that an Equality, Fairness and Diversity Policy is actively implemented.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

As previously stated, total incoming resources for the year saw an increase from £209,352 to £243,301. Total expenditure increased from £191,737 to £218,248. This resulted in a surplus of £25,053 an increase from the previous year which incurred a surplus of £17,615.

The financial performance of the charity also strengthened the reserves going forward, with £245,165, part of which is ring-fenced for redundancy and sick pay costs.

Principal funding sources

The charity is dependant on grants, in March 2020 the charity secured a further 3 years funding through the Lottery for £285,950 and Henry Smith for £145,130 for our Embrace Project and funding through an Early Help Grant for £14,960 and 3 year Children In Need grant for £30,000 (£10,000 per year) for our Outreach Project.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have agreed to maintain a minimum of six months up to a maximum of one year's running costs as a prudent measure to protect the charity against loss of major or core funding and any redundancy payment obligations or unforeseen circumstances. This policy is regularly reviewed and amended annually.

FUTURE PLANS

Additional grants through funders and working in partnership with other Organisations are always being looked into to secure additional funding in the future.

Trustees regularly monitor the funding and Cash Flows and funding applications are being continually submitted to obtain additional funds.

New projects are continually being considered and implemented to enhance the support offered to families.

HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

04974145 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1102201

Registered office

The Ark
Noah's Ark Road
Tower Hamlets
Dover
Kent
CT17 0DD

Trustees

Mr G Hutchison
Mrs A Papworth
Ms P R Wheeler
Mrs D P Cawsey
Ms M P Stephens
Ms S Brisley (resigned 9.11.22)
Ms D Crossley
Ms S Hindle
A B Rees
Mr P Gates (appointed 9.11.22)
Mr R Walsh (appointed 26.4.23)

Company Secretary

Ms S Letchford

Auditors

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity provides services for children and parents.

This work is best described on our website www.home-startdoverdistrict.org.uk.

The trustees have paid due regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Home-Start Dover District for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

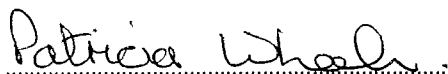
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Xeinadin Audit Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22/08/23 and signed on its behalf by:



Ms P R Wheeler - Trustee

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Home-Start Dover District (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our objectives in performing the audit are to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement in the financial statements due to fraud and error and to obtain sufficient audit evidence to support this. We also evaluate and respond to the risk of material misstatements.

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the entity.
- Discussing with management the controls used to reduce the risk of fraud, and testing these accordingly.
- Evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements to determine whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Nicholas Hume

Nicholas Hume (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Xeinadin Audit Ltd
Becket House
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London
EC2R 8DD

Date: *23 August 2023*

HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		9,596	232,556	242,152	209,329
Investment income	2	1,149	-	1,149	23
Total		<u>10,745</u>	<u>232,556</u>	<u>243,301</u>	<u>209,352</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Family Support - Home Start	3	3,935	192,926	196,861	173,650
Outreach		-	21,387	21,387	18,087
Total		<u>3,935</u>	<u>214,313</u>	<u>218,248</u>	<u>191,737</u>
NET INCOME		6,810	18,243	25,053	17,615
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		155,216	64,896	220,112	202,497
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>162,026</u></u>	<u><u>83,139</u></u>	<u><u>245,165</u></u>	<u><u>220,112</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET

31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	5,085	4,645	9,730	11,612
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	335	-	335	303
Cash at bank and in hand		168,480	78,492	246,972	226,093
		<u>168,815</u>	<u>78,492</u>	<u>247,307</u>	<u>226,396</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(11,872)	-	(11,872)	(17,896)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>156,943</u>	<u>78,492</u>	<u>235,435</u>	<u>208,500</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>162,028</u>	<u>83,137</u>	<u>245,165</u>	<u>220,112</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>162,028</u>	<u>83,137</u>	<u>245,165</u>	<u>220,112</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				162,028	155,216
Restricted funds				<u>83,137</u>	<u>64,896</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>245,165</u>	<u>220,112</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22/08/23 and were signed on its behalf by:



Ms P R Wheeler - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**Going concern**

These financial statements have been prepared on the going basis. The Trustees have considered the uncertainties in relation to the charity's future funding (set out in the trustees report pages 1 to 4) and are confident of the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,149	23
	<u>1,149</u>	<u>23</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Family Support - Home Start	182,731	14,130	196,861
Outreach	21,387	-	21,387
	<u>204,118</u>	<u>14,130</u>	<u>218,248</u>

Family Support:

Home-Start Dover District offers support, friendship, emotional and practical help to parents with young children.

Home-Start Dover District offers a unique service, recruiting and training volunteers - who have parenting experience - to visit families at home who have at least one child under eleven, to offer informal, friendly and confidential support.

In addition to this we also offer emotional and practical support through two family groups.

All our services help give children the best possible start in life. Home-Start Dover District supports parents as they grow in confidence, strengthen their relationships with children and widen their links with the local community.

Outreach:

Home-Start Dover District also employ an Family Worker to deliver an Outreach Project to support families where there is a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) or are waiting a diagnosis.

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Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	1,848	1,735
Depreciation - owned assets	1,882	2,341
Other operating leases	19,652	13,991
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	7	7
Staff	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u>4,082</u>	<u>19,842</u>	<u>14,672</u>	<u>38,596</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2022	-	18,926	8,058	26,984
Charge for year	-	229	1,653	1,882
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>19,155</u>	<u>9,711</u>	<u>28,866</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2023	<u>4,082</u>	<u>687</u>	<u>4,961</u>	<u>9,730</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>4,082</u>	<u>916</u>	<u>6,614</u>	<u>11,612</u>

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	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	335	303
	<u>335</u>	<u>303</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Bank accounts (see note 10)	2,574	1,664
Social security and other taxes	7,450	14,552
Accruals and deferred income	1,848	1,680
	<u>11,872</u>	<u>17,896</u>

10. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	<u>2,574</u>	<u>1,664</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
Families & Volunteers	155,216	6,812	162,028
Restricted funds			
Early Help Grant	1,799	4,612	6,411
Young and Pregnant support	700	-	700
Big Lottery Funding	12,370	2,297	14,667
Children in Need	2,520	(683)	1,837
Comic Relief	1,000	(1,000)	-
Gingerbread	4,664	(4,664)	-
National Lottery Awards for All	9,959	(9,959)	-
The Henry Smith Charity	7,043	5,323	12,366
Charities Aid Foundation	3,659	-	3,659
Peter Harrison Foundation	13,921	(13,921)	-
The KCC (Reconnect)	7,261	7,276	14,537
Colyer Fergusson Charitable Trust	-	15,000	15,000
The Phillip and Connie Phillips Foundation	-	5,994	5,994
The Kent Community Fund	-	7,966	7,966
	<u>64,896</u>	<u>18,241</u>	<u>83,137</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>220,112</u>	<u>25,053</u>	<u>245,165</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Families & Volunteers	10,745	(3,933)	6,812
Restricted funds			
Early Help Grant	14,961	(10,349)	4,612
Big Lottery Funding	105,576	(103,279)	2,297
Children in Need	10,500	(11,183)	(683)
Comic Relief	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Gingerbread	-	(4,664)	(4,664)
National Lottery Awards for All	-	(9,959)	(9,959)
The Henry Smith Charity	49,599	(44,276)	5,323
Peter Harrison Foundation	-	(13,921)	(13,921)
The KCC (Reconnect)	15,056	(7,780)	7,276
Colyer Fergusson Charitable Trust	15,000	-	15,000
The Phillip and Connie Phillips Foundation	6,864	(870)	5,994
The Kent Community Fund	15,000	(7,034)	7,966
	<u>232,556</u>	<u>(214,315)</u>	<u>18,241</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>243,301</u></u>	<u><u>(218,248)</u></u>	<u><u>25,053</u></u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
Families & Volunteers	156,253	(1,037)	155,216
Restricted funds			
Early Help Grant	5,218	(3,419)	1,799
Young and Pregnant support	700	-	700
Big Lottery Funding	7,103	5,267	12,370
Children in Need	3,900	(1,380)	2,520
Comic Relief	1,000	-	1,000
Gingerbread	4,664	-	4,664
National Lottery Awards for All	-	9,959	9,959
The Henry Smith Charity	-	7,043	7,043
Charities Aid Foundation	3,659	-	3,659
Peter Harrison Foundation	20,000	(6,079)	13,921
The KCC (Reconnect)	-	7,261	7,261
	<u>46,244</u>	<u>18,652</u>	<u>64,896</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>202,497</u>	<u>17,615</u>	<u>220,112</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Families & Volunteers	18,244	(19,281)	(1,037)
Restricted funds			
Early Help Grant	14,983	(18,402)	(3,419)
Big Lottery Funding	95,171	(89,904)	5,267
Children in Need	10,000	(11,380)	(1,380)
National Lottery Awards for All	9,959	-	9,959
The Henry Smith Charity	48,700	(41,657)	7,043
Peter Harrison Foundation	-	(6,079)	(6,079)
The KCC (Reconnect)	12,295	(5,034)	7,261
	<u>191,108</u>	<u>(172,456)</u>	<u>18,652</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>209,352</u>	<u>(191,737)</u>	<u>17,615</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
Families & Volunteers	156,253	5,775	162,028
Restricted funds			
Early Help Grant	5,218	1,193	6,411
Young and Pregnant support	700	-	700
Big Lottery Funding	7,103	7,564	14,667
Children in Need	3,900	(2,063)	1,837
Comic Relief	1,000	(1,000)	-
Gingerbread	4,664	(4,664)	-
The Henry Smith Charity	-	12,366	12,366
Charities Aid Foundation	3,659	-	3,659
Peter Harrison Foundation	20,000	(20,000)	-
The KCC (Reconnect)	-	14,537	14,537
Colyer Fergusson Charitable Trust	-	15,000	15,000
The Phillip and Connie Phillips Foundation	-	5,994	5,994
The Kent Community Fund	-	7,966	7,966
	<u>46,244</u>	<u>36,893</u>	<u>83,137</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>202,497</u></u>	<u><u>42,668</u></u>	<u><u>245,165</u></u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Families & Volunteers	28,989	(23,214)	5,775
Restricted funds			
Early Help Grant	29,944	(28,751)	1,193
Big Lottery Funding	200,747	(193,183)	7,564
Children in Need	20,500	(22,563)	(2,063)
Comic Relief	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Gingerbread	-	(4,664)	(4,664)
National Lottery Awards for All	9,959	(9,959)	-
The Henry Smith Charity	98,299	(85,933)	12,366
Peter Harrison Foundation	-	(20,000)	(20,000)
The KCC (Reconnect)	27,351	(12,814)	14,537
Colyer Fergusson Charitable Trust	15,000	-	15,000
The Phillip and Connie Phillips Foundation	6,864	(870)	5,994
The Kent Community Fund	15,000	(7,034)	7,966
	<u>423,664</u>	<u>(386,771)</u>	<u>36,893</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>452,653</u>	<u>(409,985)</u>	<u>42,668</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations, gifts and legacies	8,596	6,236
Grants	233,556	203,093
	<u>242,152</u>	<u>209,329</u>
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	1,149	23
Total incoming resources	<u>243,301</u>	<u>209,352</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	135,899	128,611
Social security	12,899	6,986
Pensions	9,071	7,983
Rent and room hire	19,652	13,991
Insurance	1,157	1,077
Sundries	1,665	701
Forum and hardship expenses	3,704	315
Travelling and other expenses	12,199	10,962
Subs & registration costs	1,061	1,089
Welfare Costs	4,928	7,649
Plant and machinery	229	305
Computer equipment	1,654	2,037
	<u>204,118</u>	<u>181,706</u>
Support costs		
Management		
Telephone	782	933
Postage and stationery	1,194	1,843
Provisions and sundries	2,030	904
Home-Start TIG fee	3,113	4,203
	<u>7,119</u>	<u>7,883</u>
Finance		
Bank charges	196	151
Information technology		
Repairs and renewals	157	262

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Information technology		
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	1,848	1,735
Consultancy Fees	4,800	-
AGM Expenses	10	-
	<u>6,658</u>	<u>1,735</u>
Total resources expended	<u>218,248</u>	<u>191,737</u>
Net income	<u><u>25,053</u></u>	<u><u>17,615</u></u>

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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 04974145 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1102201

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
FOR
HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT**

**Xeinadin Audit Ltd
Becket House
36 Old Jewry
London
EC2R 8DD**

HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objectives for which Home-Start is established are:

To safeguard, protect and preserve the good health, both mental and physical, of children and parents.

To prevent cruelty to or maltreatment of children.

To relieve sickness, poverty and need amongst children and parents.

To promote the education of the public in better standards of child care within the area of Dover and Deal and its environs.

In furtherance of the foregoing, but for no other purpose, Home-Start Dover District shall have the following powers:

Obtain, collect and receive money and funds by way of contributions, donations, affiliation fees, subscriptions, legacies, grants and any other lawful method, and accept and receive gifts of property of any description whether subject to any special trusts or not provided that Home-Start Dover District shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for the said objects.

Procure and provide information.

Procure to be written and print, publish, issue and circulate gratuitously or otherwise any reports or periodicals, books, pamphlets, leaflets or other documents.

Arrange and provide for or join in arranging and providing for the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures and classes.

Promote, advance or undertake organised research and experimental work in connection with any of the above mentioned objects and publish the useful results or such research.

To do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the attainment of the above objects, or any of them including the holding of property and raising funds from statutory or voluntary sources.

In pursuance of the foregoing objects and powers, to ensure that an Equality, Fairness and Diversity Policy is actively implemented.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

At the beginning of the financial year we had an overall surplus budget of approximately £3,215.00. During the year we managed to obtain additional funding and donations which resulted in a surplus of £25,053 at the end of the financial year.

In April 2020 the Charity was successful with a 3 Year Big Lottery Grant of £285,950 and a 3 year Henry Smith grant of £145,100 these gave the Charity financial security for 3 Years.

The Charity was also successful in May 2020 in obtaining funding from Children In Need for £30,000 over three years towards parenting support. During this financial year we have also received funding from an Early Help Grant to fund an Outreach Project and have received a grant of £10,000 from the Kent Community Foundation to help fund the Family Groups. £9,617 was received from a KCC Re-Connect Grant to fund a Babble Chatter Talking Matters project.

We are extremely grateful for all funding and donations received during this financial year and for the coming financial year which will enable us to continue to support many families through our home-visiting support and also through our Outreach Projects and Family Groups.

Total incoming resources for the year saw an increase from £209,352 to £243,301. Total expenditure increased from £191,737 to £218,248.

The Trustees were able to offer a 4.0% pay increase to staff salaries this year and staff entitled to an 'incremental' rise received this as per their contracts. The Trustees continued to offer a contributory staff pension.

We have been able to offer a full service this year and have supported many more families than we are funded for which represents extremely good value for money and a valued support to many families.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

As previously stated, total incoming resources for the year saw an increase from £209,352 to £243,301. Total expenditure increased from £191,737 to £218,248. This resulted in a surplus of £25,053 an increase from the previous year which incurred a surplus of £17,615.

The financial performance of the charity also strengthened the reserves going forward, with £245,165, part of which is ring-fenced for redundancy and sick pay costs.

Principal funding sources

The charity is dependant on grants, in March 2020 the charity secured a further 3 years funding through the Lottery for £285,950 and Henry Smith for £145,130 for our Embrace Project and funding through an Early Help Grant for £14,960 and 3 year Children In Need grant for £30,000 (£10,000 per year) for our Outreach Project.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have agreed to maintain a minimum of six months up to a maximum of one year's running costs as a prudent measure to protect the charity against loss of major or core funding and any redundancy payment obligations or unforeseen circumstances. This policy is regularly reviewed and amended annually.

FUTURE PLANS

Additional grants through funders and working in partnership with other Organisations are always being looked into to secure additional funding in the future.

Trustees regularly monitor the funding and Cash Flows and funding applications are being continually submitted to obtain additional funds.

New projects are continually being considered and implemented to enhance the support offered to families.

HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

04974145 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1102201

Registered office

The Ark
Noah's Ark Road
Tower Hamlets
Dover
Kent
CT17 0DD

Trustees

Mr G Hutchison
Mrs A Papworth
Ms P R Wheeler
Mrs D P Cawsey
Ms M P Stephens
Ms S Brisley (resigned 9.11.22)
Ms D Crossley
Ms S Hindle
A B Rees
Mr P Gates (appointed 9.11.22)
Mr R Walsh (appointed 26.4.23)

Company Secretary

Ms S Letchford

Auditors

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36 Old Jewry
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EC2R 8DD

Bankers

Natwest Bank
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CT16 1XY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity provides services for children and parents.

This work is best described on our website www.home-startdoverdistrict.org.uk.

The trustees have paid due regard to Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Home-Start Dover District for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

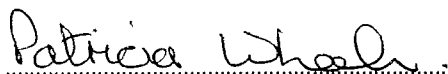
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Xeinadin Audit Ltd, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 22/08/23 and signed on its behalf by:



Ms P R Wheeler - Trustee

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Home-Start Dover District (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our objectives in performing the audit are to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement in the financial statements due to fraud and error and to obtain sufficient audit evidence to support this. We also evaluate and respond to the risk of material misstatements.

Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the entity.
- Discussing with management the controls used to reduce the risk of fraud, and testing these accordingly.
- Evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements to determine whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF
HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Nicholas Hume

Nicholas Hume (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Xeinadin Audit Ltd
Becket House
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London
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Date: *23 August 2023*

HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		9,596	232,556	242,152	209,329
Investment income	2	1,149	-	1,149	23
Total		<u>10,745</u>	<u>232,556</u>	<u>243,301</u>	<u>209,352</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Family Support - Home Start	3	3,935	192,926	196,861	173,650
Outreach		-	21,387	21,387	18,087
Total		<u>3,935</u>	<u>214,313</u>	<u>218,248</u>	<u>191,737</u>
NET INCOME		6,810	18,243	25,053	17,615
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		155,216	64,896	220,112	202,497
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>162,026</u></u>	<u><u>83,139</u></u>	<u><u>245,165</u></u>	<u><u>220,112</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT

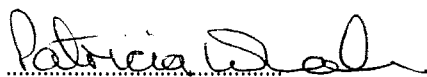
BALANCE SHEET

31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £	31.3.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	5,085	4,645	9,730	11,612
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	335	-	335	303
Cash at bank and in hand		168,480	78,492	246,972	226,093
		<u>168,815</u>	<u>78,492</u>	<u>247,307</u>	<u>226,396</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(11,872)	-	(11,872)	(17,896)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>156,943</u>	<u>78,492</u>	<u>235,435</u>	<u>208,500</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>162,028</u>	<u>83,137</u>	<u>245,165</u>	<u>220,112</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>162,028</u>	<u>83,137</u>	<u>245,165</u>	<u>220,112</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				162,028	155,216
Restricted funds				<u>83,137</u>	<u>64,896</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>245,165</u>	<u>220,112</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 22/08/23 and were signed on its behalf by:



Ms P R Wheeler - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Plant and machinery	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**Going concern**

These financial statements have been prepared on the going basis. The Trustees have considered the uncertainties in relation to the charity's future funding (set out in the trustees report pages 1 to 4) and are confident of the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,149	23
	<u>1,149</u>	<u>23</u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Family Support - Home Start	182,731	14,130	196,861
Outreach	21,387	-	21,387
	<u>204,118</u>	<u>14,130</u>	<u>218,248</u>

Family Support:

Home-Start Dover District offers support, friendship, emotional and practical help to parents with young children.

Home-Start Dover District offers a unique service, recruiting and training volunteers - who have parenting experience - to visit families at home who have at least one child under eleven, to offer informal, friendly and confidential support.

In addition to this we also offer emotional and practical support through two family groups.

All our services help give children the best possible start in life. Home-Start Dover District supports parents as they grow in confidence, strengthen their relationships with children and widen their links with the local community.

Outreach:

Home-Start Dover District also employ an Family Worker to deliver an Outreach Project to support families where there is a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) or are waiting a diagnosis.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	1,848	1,735
Depreciation - owned assets	1,882	2,341
Other operating leases	19,652	13,991
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	7	7
Staff	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	<u>4,082</u>	<u>19,842</u>	<u>14,672</u>	<u>38,596</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2022	-	18,926	8,058	26,984
Charge for year	-	229	1,653	1,882
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>19,155</u>	<u>9,711</u>	<u>28,866</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2023	<u>4,082</u>	<u>687</u>	<u>4,961</u>	<u>9,730</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>4,082</u>	<u>916</u>	<u>6,614</u>	<u>11,612</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	335	303
	<u>335</u>	<u>303</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Bank accounts (see note 10)	2,574	1,664
Social security and other taxes	7,450	14,552
Accruals and deferred income	1,848	1,680
	<u>11,872</u>	<u>17,896</u>

10. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.23	31.3.22
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	<u>2,574</u>	<u>1,664</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
Families & Volunteers	155,216	6,812	162,028
Restricted funds			
Early Help Grant	1,799	4,612	6,411
Young and Pregnant support	700	-	700
Big Lottery Funding	12,370	2,297	14,667
Children in Need	2,520	(683)	1,837
Comic Relief	1,000	(1,000)	-
Gingerbread	4,664	(4,664)	-
National Lottery Awards for All	9,959	(9,959)	-
The Henry Smith Charity	7,043	5,323	12,366
Charities Aid Foundation	3,659	-	3,659
Peter Harrison Foundation	13,921	(13,921)	-
The KCC (Reconnect)	7,261	7,276	14,537
Colyer Fergusson Charitable Trust	-	15,000	15,000
The Phillip and Connie Phillips Foundation	-	5,994	5,994
The Kent Community Fund	-	7,966	7,966
	<u>64,896</u>	<u>18,241</u>	<u>83,137</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>220,112</u>	<u>25,053</u>	<u>245,165</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Families & Volunteers	10,745	(3,933)	6,812
Restricted funds			
Early Help Grant	14,961	(10,349)	4,612
Big Lottery Funding	105,576	(103,279)	2,297
Children in Need	10,500	(11,183)	(683)
Comic Relief	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Gingerbread	-	(4,664)	(4,664)
National Lottery Awards for All	-	(9,959)	(9,959)
The Henry Smith Charity	49,599	(44,276)	5,323
Peter Harrison Foundation	-	(13,921)	(13,921)
The KCC (Reconnect)	15,056	(7,780)	7,276
Colyer Fergusson Charitable Trust	15,000	-	15,000
The Phillip and Connie Phillips Foundation	6,864	(870)	5,994
The Kent Community Fund	15,000	(7,034)	7,966
	<u>232,556</u>	<u>(214,315)</u>	<u>18,241</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>243,301</u>	<u>(218,248)</u>	<u>25,053</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
Families & Volunteers	156,253	(1,037)	155,216
Restricted funds			
Early Help Grant	5,218	(3,419)	1,799
Young and Pregnant support	700	-	700
Big Lottery Funding	7,103	5,267	12,370
Children in Need	3,900	(1,380)	2,520
Comic Relief	1,000	-	1,000
Gingerbread	4,664	-	4,664
National Lottery Awards for All	-	9,959	9,959
The Henry Smith Charity	-	7,043	7,043
Charities Aid Foundation	3,659	-	3,659
Peter Harrison Foundation	20,000	(6,079)	13,921
The KCC (Reconnect)	-	7,261	7,261
	<u>46,244</u>	<u>18,652</u>	<u>64,896</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>202,497</u>	<u>17,615</u>	<u>220,112</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Families & Volunteers	18,244	(19,281)	(1,037)
Restricted funds			
Early Help Grant	14,983	(18,402)	(3,419)
Big Lottery Funding	95,171	(89,904)	5,267
Children in Need	10,000	(11,380)	(1,380)
National Lottery Awards for All	9,959	-	9,959
The Henry Smith Charity	48,700	(41,657)	7,043
Peter Harrison Foundation	-	(6,079)	(6,079)
The KCC (Reconnect)	12,295	(5,034)	7,261
	<u>191,108</u>	<u>(172,456)</u>	<u>18,652</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>209,352</u>	<u>(191,737)</u>	<u>17,615</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
Families & Volunteers	156,253	5,775	162,028
Restricted funds			
Early Help Grant	5,218	1,193	6,411
Young and Pregnant support	700	-	700
Big Lottery Funding	7,103	7,564	14,667
Children in Need	3,900	(2,063)	1,837
Comic Relief	1,000	(1,000)	-
Gingerbread	4,664	(4,664)	-
The Henry Smith Charity	-	12,366	12,366
Charities Aid Foundation	3,659	-	3,659
Peter Harrison Foundation	20,000	(20,000)	-
The KCC (Reconnect)	-	14,537	14,537
Colyer Fergusson Charitable Trust	-	15,000	15,000
The Phillip and Connie Phillips Foundation	-	5,994	5,994
The Kent Community Fund	-	7,966	7,966
	<u>46,244</u>	<u>36,893</u>	<u>83,137</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>202,497</u></u>	<u><u>42,668</u></u>	<u><u>245,165</u></u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023**11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
Families & Volunteers	28,989	(23,214)	5,775
Restricted funds			
Early Help Grant	29,944	(28,751)	1,193
Big Lottery Funding	200,747	(193,183)	7,564
Children in Need	20,500	(22,563)	(2,063)
Comic Relief	-	(1,000)	(1,000)
Gingerbread	-	(4,664)	(4,664)
National Lottery Awards for All	9,959	(9,959)	-
The Henry Smith Charity	98,299	(85,933)	12,366
Peter Harrison Foundation	-	(20,000)	(20,000)
The KCC (Reconnect)	27,351	(12,814)	14,537
Colyer Fergusson Charitable Trust	15,000	-	15,000
The Phillip and Connie Phillips Foundation	6,864	(870)	5,994
The Kent Community Fund	15,000	(7,034)	7,966
	<u>423,664</u>	<u>(386,771)</u>	<u>36,893</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>452,653</u>	<u>(409,985)</u>	<u>42,668</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations, gifts and legacies	8,596	6,236
Grants	233,556	203,093
	<u>242,152</u>	<u>209,329</u>
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	1,149	23
Total incoming resources	<u>243,301</u>	<u>209,352</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	135,899	128,611
Social security	12,899	6,986
Pensions	9,071	7,983
Rent and room hire	19,652	13,991
Insurance	1,157	1,077
Sundries	1,665	701
Forum and hardship expenses	3,704	315
Travelling and other expenses	12,199	10,962
Subs & registration costs	1,061	1,089
Welfare Costs	4,928	7,649
Plant and machinery	229	305
Computer equipment	1,654	2,037
	<u>204,118</u>	<u>181,706</u>
Support costs		
Management		
Telephone	782	933
Postage and stationery	1,194	1,843
Provisions and sundries	2,030	904
Home-Start TIG fee	3,113	4,203
	<u>7,119</u>	<u>7,883</u>
Finance		
Bank charges	196	151
Information technology		
Repairs and renewals	157	262

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HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	31.3.23 £	31.3.22 £
Information technology		
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	1,848	1,735
Consultancy Fees	4,800	-
AGM Expenses	10	-
	<u>6,658</u>	<u>1,735</u>
Total resources expended	<u>218,248</u>	<u>191,737</u>
Net income	<u><u>25,053</u></u>	<u><u>17,615</u></u>

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