

Chairpersons Report

The team have worked hard again this year to support the families that have been referred often with complex needs and we have had a variety of different programmes on offer to support those needs. We continue to retain our core volunteers, and their enthusiasm clearly shows through when meeting with them at social events such as coffee mornings, afternoon tea, or lunches. We are particularly grateful to their continuing support to our families and the skills they bring that enable families to better cope with their lives.

Tracy continues to apply for funding from various agencies and she engages the local community which enables her to gain access to local resources. The team uses these local resources to facilitate and provide different services and point people towards resources available. We continued to provide food parcels as we are supported by local supermarkets and there have been various other donations made of toys and clothes available to our families.

The trustee board continues to be grateful to our team and is supportive in all their endeavours. We have lost one of our trustees due to work commitments but have gained another who has also become a volunteer and is able to use her previous work experience to support our families. We continue to try to engage with the local social services management and teams, however this continues to be a challenge, but we will continue to try and collaborate with them particularly around their knowledge of what Home-Start has to offer.

Tracy and the team have supported students from two universities and they have benefited from the team's knowledge and experience of working with families. The placement offered by Home-Start provides a good grounding in working with families in their own homes and they can go on in their social work degree to take these experiences and build upon them as they move through their careers.

As trustees we are incredibly grateful and appreciate all the hard work from the volunteers and staff who under Tracy's excellent management continue to provide various programs alongside the volunteers support to families in the Dover District.

Treasurer's Report

At the beginning of the financial year we had a deficit budget of approximately £76,500. During the year we managed to obtain additional funding and donations which resulted in an overall deficit of £41,087 at the end of the financial year. The Management Committee have continually monitored the Income and Expenditure and agreed to use Reserves to cover the deficit.

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The Charity was also successful with 3 year funding of £30,000 through the Kent Community Foundation to fund the Family Groups. 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 a decrease from £243,301 to £192,435. Total expenditure increased from £218,248 to £233,522. The Trustees were able to offer a 5.0% 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. However to enable this the Charity has needed to use some of its Reserves during this financial year but still meets the stipulations in the Charities Reserve Policy.

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 2023— 2024

Penny Stephens	Chairperson	Specialist
Pat Wheeler	Treasurer / Vice Chair	Independent
Amy Papworth	Specialist	
Graham Hutchison	Specialist	
Di Cawsey	Volunteer Representative	
Diana Crossley	Independent	
Sarah Hindle	Independent	
Andrea Rees	Independent	
Paul Gates	Independent	
Robert Walsh	Independent—Appointed 26.4.23 / Resigned 19.2.24	
Julia Keeble-Edwards	Independent—Appointed 25.10.23	

We received funding from:

The Big Lottery; Trusthouse; Garfield Weston; Home-Start UK; Kent Community Foundation; Colyer Fergusson; Social Enterprise Kent; Dover District Council

Our Partnerships:

Dover, Deal & Sandwich Children's Centres; Early Help and Preventative Services; Children's Social Work Services Dover; NHS-Eastern & Coastal Kent; Dover & Deal Foodbank; Neighbourly; Dover & District Volunteer Centre; Canterbury Christchurch University; University of Kent

Our thanks to:

Dover Lions; Easy Fundraising; Inkind Direct; Waitrose Canterbury; Lidl; St Edmunds Catholic School; Project Linus; Danielle Brenchley; KMFM—Give a Gift Christmas Appeal

HOME START

Dover District



ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

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

Scheme Manager's Report

We have continued to have another busy year supporting our families. We were able to successfully meet our targets for our funders with very positive outcomes. The ongoing cost of living crisis has continued to impact on the wellbeing of families. Over the winter months we were able to hand out Aldi food vouchers, courtesy of Dover District Council, to struggling families as well as apply to the Dover District Household Support Fund to purchase white goods and other household items. We were fortunate to receive funding from Social Enterprise Kent which has enabled us to provide breakfast for the whole family on a Friday morning at our very busy family group in Dover. We are looking to extend this to the Deal group at some point, as this has been so successful. Neighbourly has continued to support us with food donations and food is distributed at both family groups. Project Linus has very kindly supplied us with handmade quilts, all different and beautifully made. We have given these out to our families and they have been very much appreciated.

Over this last year we have received 167 referrals into the Scheme. These have all been triaged by our Family Support Coordinators and most of them have all received an initial home visit to arrange appropriate support. Families have been supported by either a volunteer, family practitioner or student social worker. Having a range of different support levels has enabled us to deliver a flexible service and to be able to meet the needs of the more complex families.

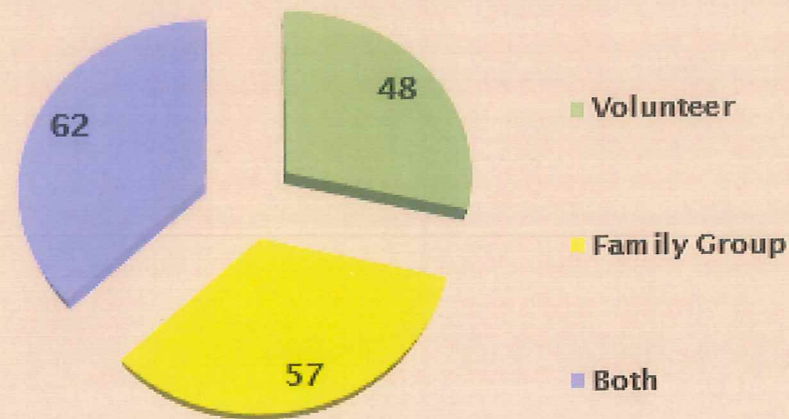
Underpinning our volunteer home visiting support service we have continued to offer counselling to parents who are struggling with their mental health and speech and language play therapy to children needing support through Babble, Chatter, Talking, Matters.

Recruiting volunteers has remained a challenge for us and most of the Schemes in Kent, despite widely advertising on many platforms, numbers have been lower than expected. However, the new volunteers that we have recruited have proved to be very committed and passionate about the work they deliver. We took the volunteers out to the new Kearsney Abbey Tea rooms for an afternoon tea, as a way of saying thank you to them and held a Christmas buffet and quiz. Volunteering remains at the heart of all the good work we do and we would not be able to continue as an organisation if it weren't for their wonderful gift of time.

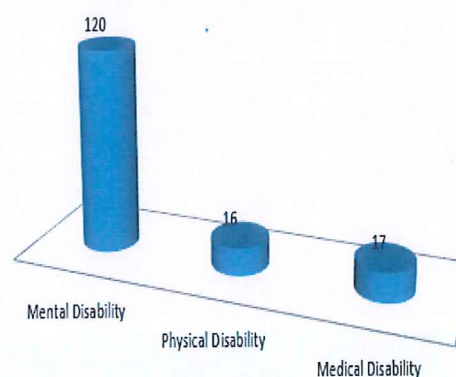
We were able to put on 2 wonderful Christmas parties and we were fortunate to be supported by Danielle Brencley, KMFM Give a Gift Christmas Campaign, Lidl, and St Edmunds Secondary School who donated presents to the children and put a smile on all of their faces. Also, Dover Lions donated Christmas hampers to our families. They have been supporting us for approximately 15 years!

All the support we have delivered this year has only happened due to the hard work, compassion and dedication of the staff and volunteer teams. My grateful thanks go out to all concerned. Over the forthcoming year it is vital that we retain all our current support services and funding levels to meet the ever growing needs of the community we support.

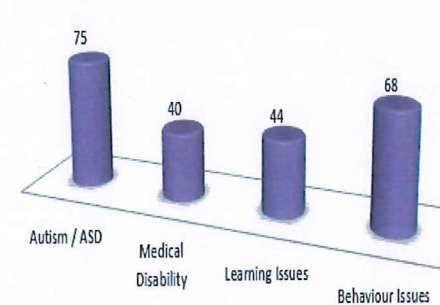
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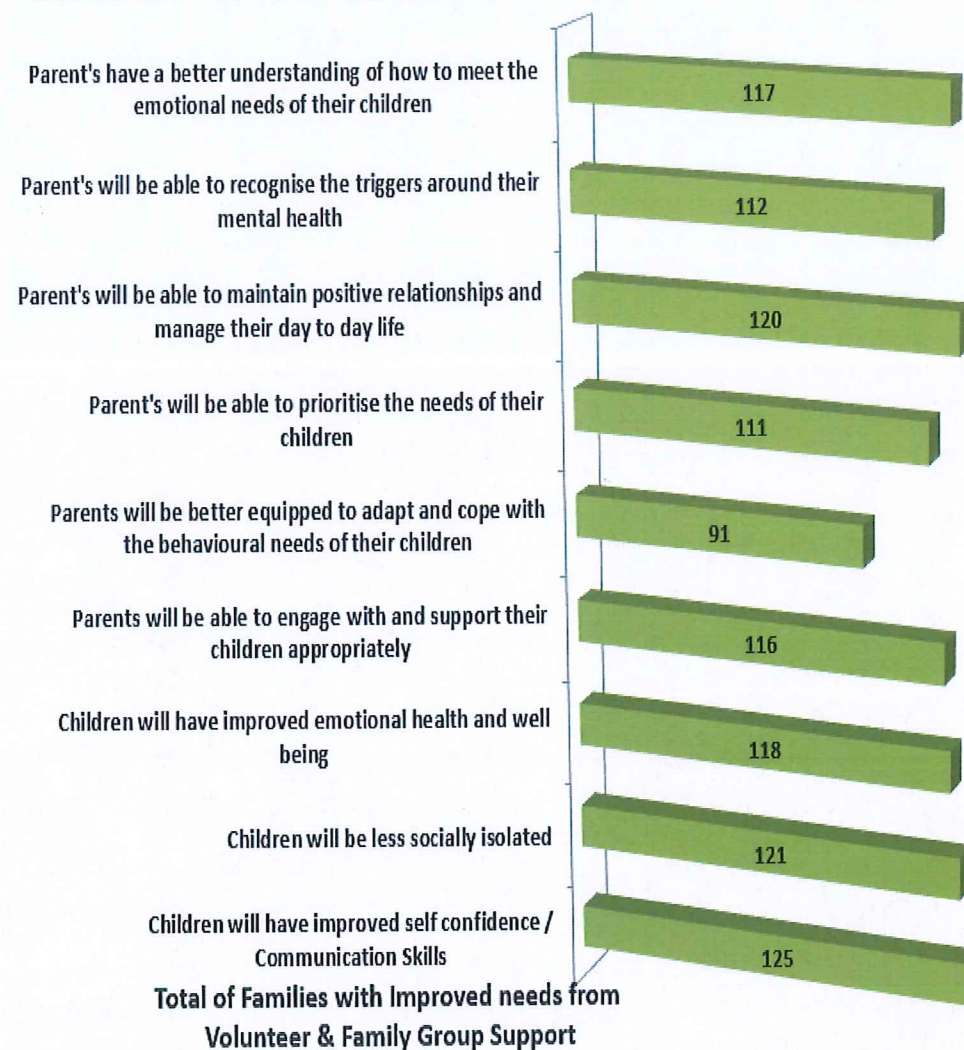
Adults supported with a Disability



Children Supported with a Disability



FAMILIES WITH IMPROVED NEEDS FROM VOLUNTEER & FAMILY GROUP SUPPORT



VOLUNTEERS

Vicki A
Lyn B
Jill C
Katie A
Melanie E
Lynn C
Diane C
Sharon O
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
Jo M
Rachel M
Amanda O
Anna-Marie O
Glyn R
Catherine R
Ruth S
Sharon S
Carolina S
Debbie T
Susan W
Christine W

ENDED VOLUNTEERS

Tazmin F
Rachel S
Amy C
Margaret L
Layla P
Lisa C
Natalie C



Heartfelt THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

During 2023-2024 our volunteers have offered over 2238 hours of support and friendship to families either through Home-Visiting Support or at our Dover and Deal Family Groups. 167 families were supported during 2023-2024 with 88% 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 41 amazing volunteers.

Throughout 2023/2024 we supported 167 families and 379 children

50 Year's of Home-Start UK

During the year Home-Start UK celebrated the 50th anniversary of the first families being supported by Home-Start founder Margaret Harrison in Leicester. In the following 50 years Home-Start grew across the UK, and also around the world. Home-Start's approach to working with families demonstrated the power of little moments of support, and the positive lifelong impact it has on children, families, and communities. Home-Start Dover District are very proud to be part of this incredible movement that has supported over 1.5 million children over the last five decades.

REFERRAL SOURCE 2023-2024



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

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
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 2024

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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 2024. 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 a deficit budget of approximately £76,500. During the year we managed to obtain additional funding and donations which resulted in an overall deficit of £41,087 at the end of the financial year. The Management Committee have continually monitored the Income and Expenditure and agreed to use Reserves to cover the deficit.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

As previously stated, total incoming resources for the year saw a decrease from £243,301 to £192,435. Total expenditure increased from £218,248 to £233,522. This resulted in a deficit of £41,087 whereas the previous year incurred a surplus of £25,053.

The financial performance of the charity saw a decrease in reserves going forward, with £204,078, part of which is ring-fenced for redundancy costs.

Principal funding sources

The charity is dependant on grants, in April 2023 the Charity was successful with a 3 Year Big Lottery Grant of £287,646 towards our Embrace Project and a 3 year grant of 45,000 from Colyer Fergusson for the Outreach Project. In July a 3 year grant of £98,361 was awarded by the Trusthouse Charitable Foundation and a 1 year grant of £15,000 was awarded by Garfield Weston both for the Embrace Project.

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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.

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
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Dover
Kent
CT17 0DD

Trustees

Mr G Hutchison
Mrs A Papworth
Ms P R Wheeler
Mrs D P Cawsey
Ms M P Stephens
Ms D Crossley
Ms S Hindle
A B Rees
Mr P Gates
Mr R Walsh (appointed 26.4.23) (resigned 19.2.24)
Ms J Keeble-Edwards (appointed 25.10.23)

Company Secretary

Ms S Letchford

Auditors

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Bankers

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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 on24/7/24..... and signed on its behalf by:


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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 2024 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 2024 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:

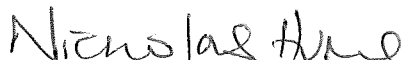
- Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the entity.
- Discussing with management the controls used to reduce the risk of fraud, and testing these accordingly.
- Evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements to determine whether the financial 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. 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.

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 (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Xeinadin Audit Ltd
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Date: 26 July 2024

HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		12,528	176,884	189,412	242,152
Investment income	2	3,022	-	3,022	1,149
Total		<u>15,550</u>	<u>176,884</u>	<u>192,434</u>	<u>243,301</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	3				
Family Support - Home Start		19,642	190,124	209,766	196,861
Outreach		-	23,756	23,756	21,387
Total		<u>19,642</u>	<u>213,880</u>	<u>233,522</u>	<u>218,248</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(4,092)	(36,996)	(41,088)	25,053
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		162,028	83,137	245,165	220,112
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>157,936</u>	<u>46,141</u>	<u>204,077</u>	<u>245,165</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET
31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	4,834	3,484	8,318	9,730
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	349	-	349	335
Cash at bank and in hand		160,771	60,663	221,434	246,972
		<u>161,120</u>	<u>60,663</u>	<u>221,783</u>	<u>247,307</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(8,021)	(18,003)	(26,024)	(11,872)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>153,099</u>	<u>42,660</u>	<u>195,759</u>	<u>235,435</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>157,933</u>	<u>46,144</u>	<u>204,077</u>	<u>245,165</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>157,933</u>	<u>46,144</u>	<u>204,077</u>	<u>245,165</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				157,933	162,028
Restricted funds				<u>46,144</u>	<u>83,137</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>204,077</u>	<u>245,165</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 24/7/24 and were signed on its behalf by:


Ms P R Wheeler - Trustee

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

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	3,022	1,149
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Family Support - Home Start	194,562	15,204	209,766
Outreach	23,756	-	23,756
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	218,318	15,204	233,522
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </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 aged five and under 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 two Outreach Workers to deliver an Outreach Project to support families who are struggling with their own mental health or / and have a child who is neuro diverse.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

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

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	2,033	1,848
Depreciation - owned assets	1,412	1,882
Other operating leases	23,756	19,652
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

6. STAFF COSTS

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

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	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 2023 and 31 March 2024	<u>4,082</u>	<u>19,842</u>	<u>14,672</u>	<u>38,596</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2023	-	19,155	9,711	28,866
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>1,241</u>	<u>1,412</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>19,326</u>	<u>10,952</u>	<u>30,278</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2024	<u>4,082</u>	<u>516</u>	<u>3,720</u>	<u>8,318</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>4,082</u>	<u>687</u>	<u>4,961</u>	<u>9,730</u>

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	349	335

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Bank accounts (see note 10)	-	2,574
Social security and other taxes	5,950	7,450
Other creditors	38	-
Accruals and deferred income	20,036	1,848
	<u>26,024</u>	<u>11,872</u>

10. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	-	2,574

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
Families & Volunteers	162,028	(4,095)	157,933
Restricted funds			
Early Help Grant	6,411	(2,273)	4,138
Young and Pregnant support	700	-	700
Big Lottery Funding	14,667	8,730	23,397
Children in Need	1,837	(15)	1,822
The Henry Smith Charity	12,366	(12,366)	-
Charities Aid Foundation	3,659	(3,659)	-
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)	-
Trust House Charitable Foundation	-	1,087	1,087
	<u>83,137</u>	<u>(36,993)</u>	<u>46,144</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>245,165</u>	<u>(41,088)</u>	<u>204,077</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	15,550	(19,645)	(4,095)
Restricted funds			
Early Help Grant	-	(2,273)	(2,273)
Big Lottery Funding	94,435	(85,705)	8,730
Children in Need	-	(15)	(15)
The Henry Smith Charity	-	(12,366)	(12,366)
Charities Aid Foundation	-	(3,659)	(3,659)
The KCC (Reconnect)	-	(14,537)	(14,537)
Colyer Fergusson Charitable Trust	15,000	(15,000)	-
The Phillip and Connie Phillips Foundation	6,625	(12,619)	(5,994)
The Kent Community Fund	14,000	(21,966)	(7,966)
Garfield Western	15,001	(15,001)	-
Trust House Charitable Foundation	31,823	(30,736)	1,087
	<u>176,884</u>	<u>(213,877)</u>	<u>(36,993)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>192,434</u>	<u>(233,522)</u>	<u>(41,088)</u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**Comparatives for 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><u>220,112</u></u>	<u><u>25,053</u></u>	<u><u>245,165</u></u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative 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

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

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
Families & Volunteers	155,216	2,717	157,933
Restricted funds			
Early Help Grant	1,799	2,339	4,138
Young and Pregnant support	700	-	700
Big Lottery Funding	12,370	11,027	23,397
Children in Need	2,520	(698)	1,822
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	13,921	(13,921)	-
The KCC (Reconnect)	7,261	(7,261)	-
Colyer Fergusson Charitable Trust	-	15,000	15,000
Trust House Charitable Foundation	-	1,087	1,087
	<u>64,896</u>	<u>(18,752)</u>	<u>46,144</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>220,112</u>	<u>(16,035)</u>	<u>204,077</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**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	26,295	(23,578)	2,717
Restricted funds			
Early Help Grant	14,961	(12,622)	2,339
Big Lottery Funding	200,011	(188,984)	11,027
Children in Need	10,500	(11,198)	(698)
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	(56,642)	(7,043)
Charities Aid Foundation	-	(3,659)	(3,659)
Peter Harrison Foundation	-	(13,921)	(13,921)
The KCC (Reconnect)	15,056	(22,317)	(7,261)
Colyer Fergusson Charitable Trust	30,000	(15,000)	15,000
The Phillip and Connie Phillips Foundation	13,489	(13,489)	-
The Kent Community Fund	29,000	(29,000)	-
Garfield Western	15,001	(15,001)	-
Trust House Charitable Foundation	31,823	(30,736)	1,087
	<u>409,440</u>	<u>(428,192)</u>	<u>(18,752)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>435,735</u>	<u>(451,770)</u>	<u>(16,035)</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations, gifts and legacies	5,027	8,596
Grants	184,385	233,556
	<u>189,412</u>	<u>242,152</u>
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	3,022	1,149
	<u>192,434</u>	<u>243,301</u>
Total incoming resources		
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	150,096	135,899
Social security	3,391	12,899
Pensions	9,634	9,071
Rent and room hire	23,756	19,652
Insurance	1,233	1,157
Sundries	6,534	1,665
Forum and hardship expenses	349	3,704
Travelling and other expenses	12,638	12,199
Subs & registration costs	364	1,061
Welfare Costs	8,912	4,928
Plant and machinery	171	229
Computer equipment	1,240	1,654
	<u>218,318</u>	<u>204,118</u>
Support costs		
Management		
Telephone	934	782
Postage and stationery	1,121	1,194
Provisions and sundries	1,456	2,030
Home-Start TIG fee	5,043	3,113
	<u>8,554</u>	<u>7,119</u>
Finance		
Bank charges	221	196
Information technology		
Repairs and renewals	4,366	157

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HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Information technology		
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	2,033	1,848
Consultancy Fees	-	4,800
AGM Expenses	30	10
	<u>2,063</u>	<u>6,658</u>
Total resources expended	<u>233,522</u>	<u>218,248</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(41,088)</u>	<u>25,053</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 2024
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 2024

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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 2024. 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 a deficit budget of approximately £76,500. During the year we managed to obtain additional funding and donations which resulted in an overall deficit of £41,087 at the end of the financial year. The Management Committee have continually monitored the Income and Expenditure and agreed to use Reserves to cover the deficit.

In April 2023 the Charity was successful with a 3 Year Big Lottery Grant of £287,646 towards our Embrace Project and a 3 year grant of 45,000 from Colyer Fergusson for the Outreach Project. In July 2023 a 3 year grant of £98,361 was awarded by the Trusthouse Charitable Foundation and a 1 year grant of £15,000 was awarded by Garfield Weston both for the Embrace Project.

The Charity was also successful in obtaining £15,000 from Garfield Weston for 1 year funding for the Embrace Project and 3 year funding of £30,000 through the Kent Community Foundation to fund the Family Groups.

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 a decrease from £243,301 to £192,435. Total expenditure increased from £218,248 to £233,522.

The Trustees were able to offer a 5.0% 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. However, to enable this the Charity has needed to use some of its Reserves during this financial year but still meets the stipulations in the Charities Reserve Policy.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

As previously stated, total incoming resources for the year saw a decrease from £243,301 to £192,435. Total expenditure increased from £218,248 to £233,522. This resulted in a deficit of £41,087 whereas the previous year incurred a surplus of £25,053.

The financial performance of the charity saw a decrease in reserves going forward, with £204,078, part of which is ring-fenced for redundancy costs.

Principal funding sources

The charity is dependant on grants, in April 2023 the Charity was successful with a 3 Year Big Lottery Grant of £287,646 towards our Embrace Project and a 3 year grant of 45,000 from Colyer Fergusson for the Outreach Project. In July a 3 year grant of £98,361 was awarded by the Trusthouse Charitable Foundation and a 1 year grant of £15,000 was awarded by Garfield Weston both for the Embrace Project.

The Charity was also successful in obtaining £15,000 from Garfield Weston for 1 year funding for the Embrace Project and 3 year funding of £30,000 through the Kent Community Foundation to fund the Family Groups.

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.

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
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Dover
Kent
CT17 0DD

Trustees

Mr G Hutchison
Mrs A Papworth
Ms P R Wheeler
Mrs D P Cawsey
Ms M P Stephens
Ms D Crossley
Ms S Hindle
A B Rees
Mr P Gates
Mr R Walsh (appointed 26.4.23) (resigned 19.2.24)
Ms J Keeble-Edwards (appointed 25.10.23)

Company Secretary

Ms S Letchford

Auditors

Xeinadin Audit Ltd
12 Conqueror Ct
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Bankers

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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.

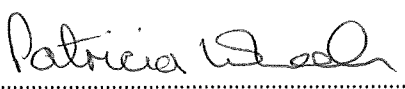
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- 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 on24/7/24..... 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 2024 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 2024 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:

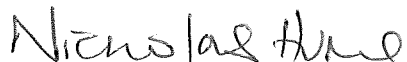
- Obtaining an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the entity.
- Discussing with management the controls used to reduce the risk of fraud, and testing these accordingly.
- Evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements to determine whether the financial 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. 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.

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 (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Xeinadin Audit Ltd
12 Conqueror Ct
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Date: 26 July 2024

HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		12,528	176,884	189,412	242,152
Investment income	2	3,022	-	3,022	1,149
Total		<u>15,550</u>	<u>176,884</u>	<u>192,434</u>	<u>243,301</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	3				
Family Support - Home Start		19,642	190,124	209,766	196,861
Outreach		-	23,756	23,756	21,387
Total		<u>19,642</u>	<u>213,880</u>	<u>233,522</u>	<u>218,248</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(4,092)	(36,996)	(41,088)	25,053
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		162,028	83,137	245,165	220,112
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>157,936</u>	<u>46,141</u>	<u>204,077</u>	<u>245,165</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET
31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	7	4,834	3,484	8,318	9,730
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	349	-	349	335
Cash at bank and in hand		160,771	60,663	221,434	246,972
		<u>161,120</u>	<u>60,663</u>	<u>221,783</u>	<u>247,307</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(8,021)	(18,003)	(26,024)	(11,872)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>153,099</u>	<u>42,660</u>	<u>195,759</u>	<u>235,435</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>157,933</u>	<u>46,144</u>	<u>204,077</u>	<u>245,165</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>157,933</u>	<u>46,144</u>	<u>204,077</u>	<u>245,165</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				157,933	162,028
Restricted funds				<u>46,144</u>	<u>83,137</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>204,077</u>	<u>245,165</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 24/7/24 and were signed on its behalf by:


Ms P R Wheeler - Trustee

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

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	3,022	1,149
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs £	Totals £
Family Support - Home Start	194,562	15,204	209,766
Outreach	23,756	-	23,756
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	218,318	15,204	233,522
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </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 aged five and under 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 two Outreach Workers to deliver an Outreach Project to support families who are struggling with their own mental health or / and have a child who is neuro diverse.

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

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

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	2,033	1,848
Depreciation - owned assets	1,412	1,882
Other operating leases	23,756	19,652
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

6. STAFF COSTS

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

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	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 2023 and 31 March 2024	<u>4,082</u>	<u>19,842</u>	<u>14,672</u>	<u>38,596</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2023	-	19,155	9,711	28,866
Charge for year	<u>-</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>1,241</u>	<u>1,412</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>19,326</u>	<u>10,952</u>	<u>30,278</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2024	<u>4,082</u>	<u>516</u>	<u>3,720</u>	<u>8,318</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>4,082</u>	<u>687</u>	<u>4,961</u>	<u>9,730</u>

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	349	335

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Bank accounts (see note 10)	-	2,574
Social security and other taxes	5,950	7,450
Other creditors	38	-
Accruals and deferred income	20,036	1,848
	<u>26,024</u>	<u>11,872</u>

10. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	-	2,574

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
Families & Volunteers	162,028	(4,095)	157,933
Restricted funds			
Early Help Grant	6,411	(2,273)	4,138
Young and Pregnant support	700	-	700
Big Lottery Funding	14,667	8,730	23,397
Children in Need	1,837	(15)	1,822
The Henry Smith Charity	12,366	(12,366)	-
Charities Aid Foundation	3,659	(3,659)	-
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)	-
Trust House Charitable Foundation	-	1,087	1,087
	<u>83,137</u>	<u>(36,993)</u>	<u>46,144</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>245,165</u>	<u>(41,088)</u>	<u>204,077</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	15,550	(19,645)	(4,095)
Restricted funds			
Early Help Grant	-	(2,273)	(2,273)
Big Lottery Funding	94,435	(85,705)	8,730
Children in Need	-	(15)	(15)
The Henry Smith Charity	-	(12,366)	(12,366)
Charities Aid Foundation	-	(3,659)	(3,659)
The KCC (Reconnect)	-	(14,537)	(14,537)
Colyer Fergusson Charitable Trust	15,000	(15,000)	-
The Phillip and Connie Phillips Foundation	6,625	(12,619)	(5,994)
The Kent Community Fund	14,000	(21,966)	(7,966)
Garfield Western	15,001	(15,001)	-
Trust House Charitable Foundation	31,823	(30,736)	1,087
	<u>176,884</u>	<u>(213,877)</u>	<u>(36,993)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>192,434</u></u>	<u><u>(233,522)</u></u>	<u><u>(41,088)</u></u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**Comparatives for 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><u>220,112</u></u>	<u><u>25,053</u></u>	<u><u>245,165</u></u>

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative 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

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

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
Families & Volunteers	155,216	2,717	157,933
Restricted funds			
Early Help Grant	1,799	2,339	4,138
Young and Pregnant support	700	-	700
Big Lottery Funding	12,370	11,027	23,397
Children in Need	2,520	(698)	1,822
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	13,921	(13,921)	-
The KCC (Reconnect)	7,261	(7,261)	-
Colyer Fergusson Charitable Trust	-	15,000	15,000
Trust House Charitable Foundation	-	1,087	1,087
	<u>64,896</u>	<u>(18,752)</u>	<u>46,144</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>220,112</u>	<u>(16,035)</u>	<u>204,077</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**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	26,295	(23,578)	2,717
Restricted funds			
Early Help Grant	14,961	(12,622)	2,339
Big Lottery Funding	200,011	(188,984)	11,027
Children in Need	10,500	(11,198)	(698)
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	(56,642)	(7,043)
Charities Aid Foundation	-	(3,659)	(3,659)
Peter Harrison Foundation	-	(13,921)	(13,921)
The KCC (Reconnect)	15,056	(22,317)	(7,261)
Colyer Fergusson Charitable Trust	30,000	(15,000)	15,000
The Phillip and Connie Phillips Foundation	13,489	(13,489)	-
The Kent Community Fund	29,000	(29,000)	-
Garfield Western	15,001	(15,001)	-
Trust House Charitable Foundation	31,823	(30,736)	1,087
	<u>409,440</u>	<u>(428,192)</u>	<u>(18,752)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>435,735</u>	<u>(451,770)</u>	<u>(16,035)</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations, gifts and legacies	5,027	8,596
Grants	184,385	233,556
	<u>189,412</u>	<u>242,152</u>
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	3,022	1,149
	<u>192,434</u>	<u>243,301</u>
Total incoming resources		
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	150,096	135,899
Social security	3,391	12,899
Pensions	9,634	9,071
Rent and room hire	23,756	19,652
Insurance	1,233	1,157
Sundries	6,534	1,665
Forum and hardship expenses	349	3,704
Travelling and other expenses	12,638	12,199
Subs & registration costs	364	1,061
Welfare Costs	8,912	4,928
Plant and machinery	171	229
Computer equipment	1,240	1,654
	<u>218,318</u>	<u>204,118</u>
Support costs		
Management		
Telephone	934	782
Postage and stationery	1,121	1,194
Provisions and sundries	1,456	2,030
Home-Start TIG fee	5,043	3,113
	<u>8,554</u>	<u>7,119</u>
Finance		
Bank charges	221	196
Information technology		
Repairs and renewals	4,366	157

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HOME-START DOVER DISTRICT

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Information technology		
Governance costs		
Auditors' remuneration	2,033	1,848
Consultancy Fees	-	4,800
AGM Expenses	30	10
	<u>2,063</u>	<u>6,658</u>
Total resources expended	<u>233,522</u>	<u>218,248</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(41,088)</u>	<u>25,053</u>

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