

HOME-START ASHFORD & DISTRICT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Registered Charity No: 1105541

Registered Company No: 5171519 (England and Wales)

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Patron	Home-Start UK, HRH Princess Alexandra, The Hon. Lady Ogilvy, GCVO Home-Start Ashford & District, Mr R Henderson
Principal Address	The Old Corn Store Dover Place Ashford Kent TN23 1HU
Trustees	J. Blake K. Corby S. Emmerton J. Evans G. Giovanna M. Jordan C. Maylam S. Senior (Chair) D. Smyth A. Reid
Key Management Personnel	Trustees as above Claire Randall Katrina Wiles
Governing Document	Memorandum and Articles of Association. Incorporated 6 July 2004.
Independent Examiner	Ms A Simmonds, MAAT
Bankers	CAF Bank Limited PO Box 289 West Malling Kent

HOME-START ASHFORD & DISTRICT

REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Home-Start Ashford & District is an independent local family-support charity working with families across Ashford and the surrounding villages, helping them as they navigate through challenging circumstances such as mental health issues, bereavement, long term or terminal illness, isolation, domestic abuse, poverty and much more. Our organization is right in the heart of the community – bringing together trained volunteers into families' lives to support them both practically and emotionally, helping them to grow in confidence and empowering them with the skills to raise their children to flourish. Home-Start Ashford & District is part of the Home-Start UK federation of charities.

This year, we have seen a new normality emerge post the hiatus experienced in 2020 to 2022 and we have continued to develop our service platform to reflect the needs and support of families in our region. Dealing with mental health issues continues to be a major focus of our referrals and we have to ensure our staff team and volunteers have the appropriate skills and level of personal support to deal with these. The effects of the continuing cost of living crisis and consequences of the COVID 19 experience are factors in a significant number of our referrals. Helping our young families cope with dealing with the challenges of their day-to-day life is vital in our support. We have also seen an increasing number of more complex referrals to our Scheme this year and it has been important in our initial assessment of a referral to ensure we have the right level of skills to deal with these and, if not, refer them to more appropriate organisations. Our strong links with statutory agencies and other services in the community are vital in this respect so that we can ensure a family referred to us is still supported by other appropriate agencies. We have continued to adapt our service offer, listening to the experience and needs of our families. We offer a portfolio of one-to-one, online, small and large group activities and in-home-visiting; the flexibility to tailor our service to the differing needs of each family is so important. Our families can use one or more of our services to help them, as appropriate. Extending the age range of the children we will support to 13 years through the Little Minds Matter and Improving Lives Post Covid projects has been successful and popular and it has proved beneficial to the family overall to also support the older siblings in a family, usually with one-to-one activities. Again, we have supported more families this year than ever before in the Scheme, and the positive feedback from them has shown that our approach is successful. Our volunteer-led Home-visiting Service continues to be at the core of our service offer and works alongside the specific support provided through our Family Support Workers and Group Workers. We continue to empower our families by encouraging them to define how we can best support them through our range of services, an approach which we originally developed through the 'Your Family, Your Way' project. Referrals to the Scheme originate from family support sources, Health Visitors, GP, Early Help, Community Mental Health, self-referral and schools. The number of new referrals increased again this year to 121.

This year, the numbers of families using our services has increased by 25%. We have supported 206 families, with a total of 250 children under 5 years of age and 219 over 5 years of age. The frequency and variety of contact we have with a family increases the more vulnerable and complex their needs. We have continued to find that we have families at both ends of the spectrum, with some needing us to be support them for longer with the home-visiting service, which can be up to a year, while others have needed very specific short-term practical support which we are able to give through our family support workers. As well as our core services of home-visiting, family group sessions and Dads' groups, we have included activities such as Drawing and Talking for 6–11-year-olds, CBT for adults, a mentoring programme for 8–13-year-olds, One-to-One Child Bereavement sessions, Time to Stop Mindfulness for children, Baby Massage, SEND support and a Lego and Games Club. We also instigated a monthly drop-in group session for families for coffee and advice. Other family group and social activities through the year have included a Christmas Party, a Home-Start 50th Birthday Party, summer lunches, craft sessions, sensory play, soft play sessions, a Teddy Bears picnic and visits to the Rare Breeds Centre. Our Dads' group has also attended Pizza and Planning sessions as well events such as golf and bowling. With their children they have carried out activities such as horse riding, a maize maze, craft workshops and a pantomime.

Currently we operate with a team of eight people, all of whom are part-time employees. This includes our two Co-Managers, three Coordinators and three Family Support Workers. The two Co-Managers are permanent employees, and all other staff are on fixed term contracts. Our volunteers are vital to the operation and success of our Scheme and so we ensure they are well supported through training sessions, social events, and on-going individual support by the Co-Ordinators. We have over 25 volunteers of which the majority carry out home-visiting with others being able to support group activities. All our volunteers go through an intensive initial training programme and then have regularly updated and refresher courses. We have recruited 12 new volunteers this year to ensure we keep our active pool at the right level, as we are finding more people having to step down due to family or work pressures. This makes recruitment of new volunteers a constant challenge. This year we have carried out a number of volunteer workshops including Safeguarding, First Aid, Grief Awareness and Makaton. We also hold regular volunteer-led coffee mornings, volunteer group meetings and set up social events including Christmas Wreath making and Volunteers' Week celebration events.

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Total Expenditure for the financial year 2023-2024 was £223,678 with an annual income of £194,919 resulting in a deficit of £(28,759) for this financial year. The deficit figure reflects an early payment of £33,321 by the Big Lottery which was received at the end of the last financial year. Expenditure was in line with plan and our overall funding was comparable to the previous year. Our biggest funders continue to be the Henry Smith Charity, The Frank Brake Charitable Trust and The Big Lottery who have all again confirmed their support for our ongoing work in Ashford & District. We have been successful with new funders Garfield Weston, Awards for All and from within the Kent Community Foundation. We are constantly looking for funding opportunities and to diversify our funding base. The next financial year will be a crucial year to secure another round of multi-year funding. We are fortunate to also receive donations from a number of small local Trusts and local community organisations who fund specific family and volunteer activities. We are especially grateful to all the funders and supporters who continue to show their belief and support for our work. This has been another year where the Scheme management and their team have been outstanding in their dedication to the families and volunteers of Home-Start Ashford & District. Their hard-work, ability to react, adapt and innovate has been exceptional and as a result we have been able to continue to support vulnerable families in our region. Our volunteers are absolutely critical to the operation of our Scheme, and we never take for granted how much of their personal time they give up enabling our Charity to continue its work. The Board of Trustees would like to especially extend their appreciation and thanks to the Scheme team, our funders and to all our amazing volunteers.

Financial Review

Income for the year ending 31st March 2024 was £194,919 (2023 £272,229) and expenditure totalled £223,678 (2023 £219,153). This resulted in a deficit of £(28,759) (2023 surplus £ 53,076) and Net Funds as of 31st March 2024 were £169,001 (2023 £197,760). The deficit is somewhat overstated as it is driven by the early receipt of Lottery funding which was received at the end of the last financial year so not stated in this year's income. Expenses for the coming year are anticipated to be in the region of £245K.

Reserves Policy

In accordance with the Charity Commission guidelines the Trustees regularly review the level of income and reserves they feel is appropriate. As of March 2024, the Trustees consider it appropriate to aim to hold reserves equivalent to 6 months general expenditure. The reserves on 31 March 2024, were £130,763 (2023 £141,267). Restricted funds as of March 31, 2023, were £38,238 (2023 £56,493). These relate to ongoing projects.

Pay Policy for Key Management Personnel

The Trustees consider that the Trustees and Senior Management team comprise the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing, controlling, and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis. The key management personnel who are involved in all decision making and responsible for the day-to-day management of the Scheme are the two Scheme Co-Managers. All Trustees give up their time freely and none received remuneration this year. The pay of senior staff is reviewed annually and normally increases in line with the recommended market rate.

Risk Management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business, and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable the charity to lessen or mitigate those risks. Risks to the organisation are reviewed at each quarterly Board meeting.

The key risks to the organisation are focussed on continued funding, the retention of our expert staff and the recruitment and retention of volunteers. The organisation has constant demand for its services and referrals are continuing to increase. In order to mitigate against these key risks, we have maintained our staffing levels and continued to build skills and expertise within the team to ensure a sustainable future for the Scheme. Obtaining funding is the key role of one of our Co-Managers and we have focused more resources into this area in recent years. We are continuing to try to diversify our funding base, build strong relationships with our donors and where possible get multi-year grants. Volunteer recruitment, especially for home-visiting, is becoming more challenging particularly with the continuing economic effects requiring people to work longer before retirement or to support their wider family's childcare needs, which is affecting our usual cohort's availability to volunteer. Hence, we are continuously revising how and where we recruit, reviewing the profile of volunteers and exploring how we can be more flexible to maximise the use of their precious free time to help our organisation. We will need to continue to operate the Scheme using a higher level of support for families directly by members of staff where it is appropriate.

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Governance

Home-Start Ashford & District is an independent charity but is part of the federation charities led by Home-Start UK. Home-Start UK provide all the governance policies and procedures, including safeguarding on which a Home-Start Scheme should and must operate to be called a Home-Start. All local Home-Start Schemes are regularly audited by HSUK QA to ensure that all policies and procedures are in place and are actively operated by the Scheme. A new contract was signed with Home-Start UK in October 2022, with updated policies and terms and Home-Start Ashford & District will be audited against the new QA handbook in 2023. Home-Start Ashford & District successfully passed the latest Home-Start UK QA full audit in 2023.

Plans for the Future

The growth of the Home-Start Ashford & District Scheme over the last 5 years has been completely in line with our current strategic plan. The implementation of our service embodied in the 'Improving Lives' project and 'Little Minds Matter' has proved to be a successful approach and, will continue to develop as the platform on which we manage the Scheme. Our multi-year funding from The Henry Smith Charity and from The Big Lottery will finish in 2024/2025 respectively and so the next year is a vital year to attract new longer-term funding. Our good track record of success gives us a strong basis on which to attract new funding to enable us to meet our objectives for the Scheme over the coming years. A new independent evaluation of our services will be completed in 2024 to give us valuable feedback and input for new funding applications and also guide us in the continued development of our Scheme. A new strategic plan will be developed by the Board in 2024 where we aim to continue to evolve our service offer and grow the Scheme in line with the needs of the families in our region.

Impact of External Events: COVID 19

The impact of the COVID 19 has been minimal on the day-to-day operation of the Scheme during this financial year. In terms of recent funding opportunities, we have been focused on projects which are concerned with families, particularly children, getting back to a 'normal' life. The subsequent economic turmoil after COVID19 has had the biggest effect on recruitment and retention of our volunteers, as the cohort of people who would normally be our natural pool of volunteers make decisions about continuing work and /or supporting their wider family as their priority. This is especially true for home-visiting volunteers who support families on a weekly and longer-term basis.

Going Concern

The Trustee Board reviews an updated 18-month rolling quarterly cash flow projection at each Board meeting. These projections are developed from our monthly financial results and monthly cash flows, from forecast income and expenditure in our annual budget and strategic plan projections, and from projected income in successful funding applications. Based on the funding knowledge we have at the time of writing, the Charity will remain in good financial health over the next 12 months with reserves in excess of £100,000 at the end of March 2025. The Trustees are confident that the Charity will remain a going concern given this financial position and because the Scheme has a good track record of success with its funding applications, long term relationships with some donors and is becoming more successful in increasing the diversity of funders.

Trustees

The members of the board of trustees during the period were as follows:

J. Blake (appointed 24 April 2023)

K. Corby

J. Evans

G. Giovanna (appointed 19 October 2023)

M. Jordan (resigned 16 October 2023)

C. Maylam (resigned 1 June 2023)

S. Senior (Chair)

D. Smyth (deceased 3 October 2023)

A. Reid (appointed 8 September 2023)

The charitable company has no share capital and the members of the board of trustees have no interest in its surplus or assets and receive no remuneration.

Appointment of trustees

Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting and must consist of at least 5 and not more than 12 individuals. The trustees may at any time co-opt any person duly qualified to be appointed as a trustee, but a co-opted trustee holds office only until the next Annual General Meeting.

In accordance with the charitable company's Articles of Association, Sara Emmerton and Jerry Evans will retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election at the next Annual General Meeting.

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Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the charity will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

By Order of the Board



S Senior

Date: 12/07/2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 set out on pages 8 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

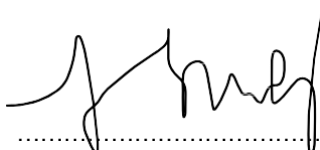
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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Ms A Simmonds, MAAT

Date: 10/07/2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

				2024	2023
	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Grants receivable	2	81,255	110,005	191,260	267,037
Donations and voluntary contributions		1265	-	1,265	5,192
Bank interest		2,395	-	2,395	-
Total income		84,915	110,005	194,919	272,229
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3	95,419	128,259	223,678	219,153
Total expenditure		95,419	128,259	223,678	219,153
Net (expenditure)/income before		-10,504	-18,255	-28,759	53,076
Net movement in funds		-10,504	-18,255	-28,759	53,076
Reconciliation of funds:					
Fund balances at 1 April 2023		141,267	56,493	197,760	197,760
Fund balances at 31 March 2024		130,763	38,238	169,001	169,001

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those passing through the income and expenditure account.

The above amounts all relate to continuing operations of the charity.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Comparative information only

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £
Income from:				
Grants receivable	2	101,272	165,765	267,037
Donations and voluntary contributions		5,192	-	5,192
Total income		106,464	165,765	272,229
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	3	92,858	126,295	219,153
Total expenditure		92,858	126,295	219,153
Net movement in funds		13,606	39,470	53,076
Reconciliation of funds:				
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		127,661	17,023	144,684
Fund balances at 31 March 2023		141,267	56,493	197,760

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those passing through the income and expenditure account. The above amounts all relate to continuing operations of the charity.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	4	-	437
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		169,001	197,323
		169,001	197,760
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		-	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		169,001	197,760
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		169,001	197,760
FUNDS			
Restricted funds	5	38,238	56,493
Unrestricted funds		130,763	141,267
		169,001	197,760

For the financial year ended 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees' responsibilities

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 12th July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



S Senior
Trustee

Company Number: 5171519

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of accounting

Home-start Ashford & District is a registered charity with the Charity Commission in the United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are to safeguard protect and preserve the good health, both mental and physical of children and parents of children; to prevent cruelty to or maltreatment of children; to relieve sickness, poverty and need amongst children and parents of children and to promote the education of the public in better standards of childcare within the area of Ashford and its environs.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 as amended by Bulletin 1, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objectives. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the Trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

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

1.3 Income recognition

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

- Voluntary income is receivable by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable or available to spend.
- Investment income is included when receivable.
- Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received. A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

1.4 Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, is inclusive of VAT and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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1.5 Support costs allocation

Support costs are those that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include office costs, governance costs, and administrative payroll costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost (or deemed cost) or valuation less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	15% reducing balance
Computer equipment	33% straight line

1.7 Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

1.8 Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

1.9 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the Trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

1.10 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Useful economic lives of tangible assets

The annual depreciation charge for tangible assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are reassessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets. See note 6 for the carrying amount of the property plant and equipment, and note 1.6 for the useful economic lives for each class of assets.

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2 Grants receivable	2024	2023
	£	£
Lottery Funding	33,322	99,965
The Henry Smith Charity	57,585	55,800
The Frank Brake Charitable Trust	60,000	50,000
Garfield Weston	-	15,000
Kent County Council	-	13,772
Kent Community Foundation	15,320	13,500
Awards4All	19,098	10,000
Esmee Fairbair	-	7,000
Bissenden	1,010	2,000
CoL Payment	1,225	-
CSU	2,700	-
LSBU - CM	1,000	-
	191,260	267,037

3 Expenditure	2024	2023
	£	£
Charitable activities	223,678	219,153

Support costs	2024	2023
	£	£
Rent	12,960	12,960
Rates	231	244
Printing, postage and telephone	7,592	5,910
Advertising and marketing	12,163	12,925
Recruitment	-	5,033
Travel	9,552	7,006
Insurance	5,717	5,546
Accountancy - Other services	693	2,113
Book-keeping	466	542
Other expenses	60	1,007
Training	7,049	11,507
Stationery and equipment costs	784	3,725
Bank Charges and Fees	60	72
Depreciation	-	192
	57,327	68,782

Staff costs

The number of employees during the year was 8 (2023: 10).	2024	2023
There are no employees with emoluments above £60,000 (2023 None).	£	£
Gross wages	154,003	140,026
Employer's National Insurance	6,108	4,404
Pension Costs	6,240	5,941
	166,351	150,371

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The Trustees consider the board of Trustees and the senior management team comprise the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling, running and operating the charity on a day to day basis. As detailed above, no Trustees received remuneration during the period.

The Trustees have received no remuneration in the year (2023: None).
During the year, no Trustees received reimbursement of expenditure in relation to travel expenses incurred on behalf of the charitable company (2023: None).

5	Restricted funds	Apr-23	Income	Expenditure	Mar-24
	2024		£	£	£
	Awards4All		19,098	4,321	14,777
	National Lottery		33,322	66,741	-33,420
	Henry Smith		57,585	57,197	388
			110,005	128,259	-18,255
		Apr-22	Income	Expenditure	Mar-23
	2023		£	£	£
	Awards4All		10,000	9,880	120
	National Lottery		99,965	63,808	36,157
	Henry Smith		55,800	52,607	3193
			165,765	126,295	39,470

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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Objects of Restricted Fund

Community Fund	To provide emotional support and practical help to local families who are struggling to raise a young family. Lottery funding has been secured until March 2025 via a successful Lottery application, Little Minds Matter, which has secured total funding of £199,931 over three years commencing 1st April 2022.
Improving Lives	To provide emotional and practical support to vulnerable families. Funding has been procured from The Henry Smith Charity and The Frank Brake Charitable Trust.
John Lewis Partnership	This project enabled us to offer families food packs including equipment and recipes. There was also money for school uniform, books and safety equipment.
Kent Community Foundation – Covid-19 pandemic.	To provide financial support in aid of the Covid-19
Pears Recovery & Resilience	Funding to assist with recruiting a fundraising consultant.
Pears Foundation	Funding to cover the salary costs of a Group Coordinator for the period January 2022 to March 2022.
KCC Early Help	A project offering group support to families on the waiting list to help them prior to a volunteer being available.

6 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets	Total
2024	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	-	130,763	130,763
Restricted funds	-	38,238	38,238
	-	169,001	169,001
2023	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	437	140,830	141,267
Restricted funds	-	56,493	56,493
	437	197,323	197,760

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7 Operating Lease Commitments

Total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	<i>Land and buildings</i>	
	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>
	£	£
Within one year	<u>12,960</u>	<u>12,960</u>

8 Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute in a winding up a sum not exceeding £1 whilst they are a member, or within one year after ceasing to be a member, towards debts and liabilities contracted before ceasing to be a member.

9 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year (2023: none).