

CIO Charity Number: 1105831

HOME-START DAVENTRY AND SOUTH NORTHANTS

(A Charity Incorporated Organisation)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Patrons:	Lord Boswell of Aynho Johnny Wake
Trustees:	R Curzon D Jones R Wingerath C Neale M Taylor Lord Boswell of Aynho T Boswell L Mackay P Jacob L Mbebe (appointed October 2024) C Lofts (appointed July 2024)
Registered Office:	P O Box 7950, Towcester, Northants NN12 9BZ
Bankers:	National Westminster 9 North Street, Rugby Warks. CV21 2AB
Independent Examination:	Brenda Peers-Ross, FMAAT ACIE 29 Drift Rd., Selsey, West Sussex PO20 0PW

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Directors and Trustees

The Trustees for the purposes of the CIO and Charity Law, throughout this report are collectively referred to as Trustees. Trustees are drawn from the local community, bringing their individual knowledge, experience, and skills to the Charity. They are appointed to the Board after being considered and then proposed and seconded at a previous Board meeting.

All new Trustees undertake the induction process in accordance with the Home-Start national policy and procedure. On-going training is accessed externally through Home-Start UK, as well as internally.

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Public Benefit

The Charity is a local voluntary organisation that offers support help to young families living in Daventry and South Northamptonshire. All families supported by the scheme are experiencing difficult or stressful situations and have at least one child under five years old. The public is therefore able to benefit from this bespoke service, delivered to people in their own homes.

Objects and Achievements

The objects of the Charity are:

1. To safeguard, protect and preserve the good health both mental and physical of children and the parents of children.
2. To prevent cruelty to or maltreatment of children.
3. To relieve sickness, poverty and need amongst children and parents of children.
4. To promote the education of the public in better standards of childcare within the Council District of West Northamptonshire and its environs.

Achievements and Performance

As is Home-Start's practice, staff and volunteers continued to work closely with families to enable them to achieve the goals they identified at the beginning of their relationship, visiting families frequently in their own homes. Our coordinators and volunteers continue to support families also by way of phone, FaceTime and Zoom calls as well as WhatsApp messaging.

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Financial Review

The principal sources of funding in the financial year are set out in detail in note 1 to the financial statements and total £61,086, slightly greater than the previous year's figure of £59,718.

We are constantly monitoring our expenditure against an approved budget ensuring they remain on track. During the year our total expenditure was £90,374, as detailed in notes 2 & 4 in the financial statement.

Our overall results for the year show a deficit of £20,501, leaving the Charity with overall fund balances at 31st March 2025 of £69,563.

The financial statements attached are prepared annually by the Treasurer and are independently examined by Brenda Peers-Ross, FMAAT ACIE.

Risk

The Company has employer and public liability insurance to mitigate any potential risk and does not believe it has any other risk than those identified in the Annual report.

Reserve Policy

The Trustees' aim is to maintain sufficient reserves where possible to ensure Home-Start Daventry and South Northants can operate for a least six months in the event of a funding crisis plus to meet routine commitments.

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Trustees' Responsibility in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Policies).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and applicable resources of the charity for the period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records and disclosing with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees confirm that to the best of their knowledge there is no information relevant to the Independent Examination of which the Examiner is unaware. The trustees also confirm that they have taken all necessary steps to ensure that they themselves are aware of all relevant financial information and that this information has been communicated to the Examiner.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 6th October 2025 and signed on their behalf.



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R P Wingerath ACIB, Trustee & Treasurer

**Brenda Peers-Ross
29 Drift Road
Selsey
Chichester
West Sussex
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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of:
HOME-START DAVENTRY AND SOUTH NORTHANTS
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I report on the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31st March 2025, which are set out on the attached Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet on pages 6 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under charity law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145(1) of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, as amended; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures of the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with the Charities Act 2011; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities.have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Brenda Peers-Ross

**Brenda Peers-Ross FMAAT, ACIE
3rd November 2025**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies		1,847	-	1,847	2,698	-	2,698
Charitable activities	1	38,293	22,793	61,086	59,718	-	59,718
Investments		1,741	-	1,741	1,932	-	1,932
Other		5,199	-	5,199	6,627	-	6,627
Total Income and endowments		47,080	22,793	69,873	70,975	-	70,975
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds costs		-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable Activities	2	70,221	18,366	88,587	90,980	3,984	94,964
Governance	4	1,038	749	1,787	3,399	-	3,399
Total Expenditure		71,259	19,115	90,374	94,379	3,984	98,363
Net incoming resources before transfer between funds		(24,179)	3,678	(20,501)	(23,404)	(3,984)	(27,388)
Transfer between funds		3,735	(3,735)	-	872	(873)	-
Net movement in funds		(20,444)	(57)	(20,501)	(22,532)	(4,857)	(27,389)
Total funds brought forward		77,795	12,269	90,064	100,326	17,126	117,452
Total funds carried forward		57,351	12,212	69,563	77,794	12,269	90,064

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities is incorporating the income and expenditure accounts and includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		£	£	2025	£	£	2024
				£			£
ASSETS:							
Fixed Assets	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current Assets							
Debtors	6	748	-	748	670	-	670
Cash at Bank		58,574	15,978	74,552	79,420	12,269	91,689
		59,322	15,978	75,300	80,090	12,269	92,359
Creditors							
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(1,971)	(3,766)	(5,737)	(2,295)	-	(2,295)
		(1,971)	(3,766)	(5,737)	(2,295)	-	(2,295)
Net Current Assets		57,351	12,212	69,563	77,795	12,269	90,064
NET ASSETS		57,351	12,212	69,563	77,795	12,269	90,064
FUNDS							
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		£	£	2025	£	£	2024
				£			£
Unrestricted and Designated	8	57,351	-	57,351	77,795	-	77,795
Restricted	9	-	12,212	12,212	-	12,269	12,269
		57,351	12,212	69,563	77,795	12,269	90,064

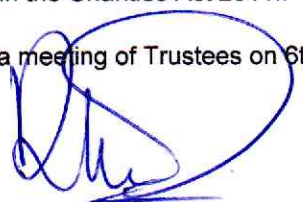
For the year ending 31st March 2025, the CIO was entitled to exemption from audit under the Charities Act 2011.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) the members have not required the CIO to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.
- (ii) the trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- (iii) these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small charities within the Charities Act 2011..

Approved at a meeting of Trustees on 6th October 2025, and signed on their behalf



Bob Wingerath Trustee

The notes on page 8 to page 13 form part of these financial statements.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st March 2025**

The financial statements of the Charity Incorporated Organisation, which is a public benefit entity under FRS102, have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities Act and the Statement of Recommended Practice SORP (FRS102) issued on 1st October 2019, applicable UK Accounting Standards the Charities Act 2011.

The principal accounting policies of the charity are set out below.

Cash flow statement

The trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (revised 1996) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the CIO is small.

Format

The charity presented an income and expenditure account in the form of a Statement of Financial Activities and Balance Sheet.

Fixed Assets

Fixed Assets are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated value, over the useful life of the asset as follows:

Equipment	30% on cost
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Incoming Resources

Income is brought into account on a receivable basis.

Investment Income

Interest is brought into account on a receivable basis.

Gifts in Kind and Donated Services and Facilities

Gifts in kind, donated facilities and voluntary help, are not included in financial statements since it is not considered practical to quantify such income.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is stated inclusive of value added tax, and brought into account in the year in which it is due and allocated between restricted and unrestricted funds.

Unrestricted and Designated Funds

Designated funds – these are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted funds for specific future purposes or projects.

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

Restricted Funds

Restricted funds can only be used for the purposes specified by the grantors or when the funds are raised for a specific purpose.

Reserves

The current reserve policy is to maintain sufficient cash flow for known commitments.

Risk

The Board of Trustees do not believe the organisation is subject to any substantial risk beyond those disclosed in the Annual Report and Accounts.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1	Charitable Activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total
		£	£	£	£	£	£
	Grants						
	Brackley United For fee Charity	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-
	NNC High Sheriff	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-
	Northamptonshire High Sheriff	3,000	-	3,000	-	-	-
	The Townsend Charity	500	-	500	300	-	300
	Woodford Parish Council	500	-	500	-	-	-
	Team Leadsom Ltd	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
	Towcester Town Council	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-
	Tesco Groundwork	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
	Farthinghoe Parish Council	100	-	100	-	-	-
	The Grocers Charity	-	-	-	5,000	-	5,000
	Helidon Shooting	2,000	-	2,000	-	-	-
	West Northants Council	937	-	937	18,793	-	18,793
	HSUK Cadent	2,187	-	2,187	4,375	-	4,375
	Free2talk	-	-	-	9,850	-	9,850
	Daventry Town Council	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-
	Constance Travis	-	-	-	2,900	-	2,900
	John Lewis	-	-	-	1,500	-	1,500
	Stoke Bruerne Parish Council	100	-	100	-	-	-
	Connect Northampton	-	1,000	1,000	-	-	-
	National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF)	-	20,000	20,000	-	-	-
	HSUK - BHBF wave 2	781	-	781	-	-	-
	HSUK - Pears	4,000	-	4,000	-	-	-
	HRUK Centre for Warmth	2,188	-	2,188	-	-	-
	John Wake - Courteenhall Estate	15,000	-	15,000	15,000	-	15,000
	Comic Relief	-	1,793	1,793	-	-	-
		38,293	22,793	61,086	59,718	-	59,718
2	Charitable Activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total
	Direct Charitable Costs	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Employment costs	57,172	11,538	68,710	76,255	3,505	79,760
3	Payroll administration	734	-	734	-	-	-
	Staff expenses	2,869	483	3,352	3,107	469	3,576
	Staff and volunteers training	376	-	376	-	-	-
	Volunteers expenses	1,192	670	1,862	1,382	-	1,382
	Publicity and marketing	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Home-Start UK annual fee	1,277	-	1,277	2,255	-	2,255
	Insurance	1,114	-	1,114	989	-	989
	Support Costs, rent etc						
	General expenses and maintenance	834	4,909	5,743	2,052	10	2,062
	Telephones, Internet and IT	3,729	766	4,495	3,035	-	3,035
	Stationery, photocopying and postage	924	-	924	1,597	-	1,597
	Depreciation of office equipment	-	-	-	308	-	308
		70,221	18,366	88,587	90,980	3,984	94,964

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
3 Trustee and Employees						
Wages, Salaries, and Employer NIC	53,744	11,538	65,282	71,479	3,505	74,984
Employer Pension Contributions	3,428	-	3,428	4,776	-	4,776
	57,172	11,538	68,710	76,255	3,505	79,760

No employee earned in excess of £60,000 during the year.

The average number of full time equivalent employees during the employees 4.5 (2024:5).

During the year the trustees received £nil remuneration (2024:£nil).

The total expenditure reimbursed to two trustees amounted to £91.80 (2024:£114.62)

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
4 Governance						
Professional fees, bookkeeping, payroll	331	749	1,080	2,512	-	2,512
Board of Trustees expenses and meeting costs	92	-	92	115	-	115
Independent Examination	615	-	615	772	-	772
	1,038	749	1,787	3,399	-	3,399

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
5 Tangible Fixed Assets						
Cost or revaluation						
At 1 April 2024	11,077	1,690	12,767	11,077	1,690	12,767
Add additions in year	-	-	-	-	-	-
	11,077	1,690	12,767	11,077	1,690	12,767
Less: disposals during the year	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2025	11,077	1,690	12,767	11,077	1,690	12,767
Depreciation						
At 1 April 2024	10,769	1,690	12,459	10,769	1,690	12,459
Charge in year	308	-	308	308	-	308
	11,077	1,690	12,767	11,077	1,690	12,767

Net book value

At 31 March 2025

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At 31 March 2024

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2025 Total	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2024 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
6 Debtors						
Sundry Debtors	177	-	177	-	-	-
Pre-Paid Debtors	571	-	571	670	-	670
	748	-	748	670	-	670

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7 Creditors

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £
Amounts falling due in one year.						
Deferred income Big Lottery Joint Bid	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry	(1,371)	(3,766)	(5,137)	(1,645)	-	(1,645)
Accruals	(600)	-	(600)	(650)	-	(650)
Social Security, pension and other taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-
	(1,971)	(3,766)	(5,737)	(2,295)	-	(2,295)

8 Unrestricted and Designated Funds

	2025				
	Opening Balance 01.04.24 £	Movement In £	Movement Out £	Transfer between funds £	Closing Balance 31.03.25 £
Unrestricted general fund	77,795	47,080	(71,259)	3,735	57,351
	77,795	47,080	(71,259)	3,735	57,351

Unrestricted Funds

	2024				
	Opening Balance 01.04.23 £	Movement In £	Movement Out £	Transfer between funds £	Closing Balance 31.03.24 £
Unrestricted general fund	86,781	70,975	(84,791)	4,830	77,795
Designated - Heart of England Rugby Project	3,675	-	(9,588)	5,913	-
Designated - Racheal's Fund	9,870	-	-	(9,870)	-
	100,326	70,975	(94,379)	873	77,795

9 Restricted Funds

	2025				
	Opening Balance £	Movement In £	Movement Out £	Transfer between funds £	Balance 31.03.25 £
Connect Northampton	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Comic Relief	-	1,793	-	-	1,793
National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF)	-	20,000	(12,352)	-	7,648
Sport England	4,798	-	(3,028)	-	1,771
Big Lottery - Joint Bid	7,471	-	(3,736)	(3,735)	-
	12,269	22,793	(19,116)	(3,735)	12,212

Connect Northamptonshire - grant provide to develop Home-Start within Southbrook community area and venues providing a safe and inclusive environment for community groups for children and their families.

Comic Relief -a grant provided to support more isolated families living in rural areas in our geographical region, whom are experiencing poverty, social disadvantage and isolation.

National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) - finance provided to support our core services but with a view to improving the resilience of those services, with development of our rural services and the help we can provide to isolated families.

Big Lottery - A grant provided by way of joint bid submitted with HS Northampton.

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Restricted Funds	Opening Balance	Movement In	2024 Movement Out	Transfer between funds	Balance 31.03.24
	£	£	£	£	£
BBC - Children In Need	2,903	-	(2,330)	(573)	-
Sports England	6,752	-	(1,654)	(300)	4,798
Big Lottery - Joint Bid	7,471	-	-	-	7,471
	17,126	-	(3,984)	(873)	12,269

Children in Need - grant provided for Early years services to children and young people experiencing family related challenges in Daventry.
Big Lottery - A grant provided by way of joint bid submitted with HS Northampton.

- 10 **Ultimate Controlling Party**
The company is under the ultimate control of its directors, and whose names are shown at the front of the financial statements.

Statement of Financial Activities Year Ended 31st March 2025

Statement of Financial Activities – Year Ended 31st March 2025		Restricted					Total 2025
Unrestricted	Connect Northampton	Comic Relief	NLCF	Sports England	Big Lottery Joint Bid		
Incoming Resources							
Interest and Donations	3,588	-	-	-	-	-	3,588
NLCF	-	-	-	20,000	-	-	20,000
Connect Northampton	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,000
Comic Relief	-	-	1,793	-	-	-	1,793
Big Lottery Joint Bid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Grants and Income	43,492	-	-	-	-	-	43,492
	47,080	1,000	1,793	20,000	-	-	69,873
Resources Expended Charitable Activities							
Employment costs	57,172	-	-	10,232	1,306	-	68,710
Staff expenses	2,869	-	-	-	483	-	3,352
Volunteers expenses	1,192	-	-	670	-	-	1,862
Staff and volunteers training	376	-	-	-	-	-	376
Home-Start UK annual fee	1,277	-	-	-	-	-	1,277
Support costs, rent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Media Project	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General expenses and maintenance	834	-	-	-	1,173	3,736	5,743
Utilities, insurance, etc	1,114	-	-	-	-	-	1,114
Professional fees	1,038	-	-	749	-	-	1,787
Printing, stationery, postage, materials	924	-	-	-	-	-	924
Telephones, internet and IT	3,729	-	-	700	66	-	4,495
Computers and software	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payroll administration	734	-	-	-	-	-	734
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	71,259	-	-	12,351	3,028	3,736	90,374
Movement in Year	(24,179)	1,000	1,793	7,649	(3,028)	(3,736)	(20,501)
Opening Balance 1.04.2024	77,795	-	-	-	4,798	7,471	90,064
Transfer between funds	3,735	-	-	-	-	(3,735)	-
Closing Balance 31.03.2025	57,351	1,000	1,793	7,649	1,770	-	69,563