

Charity number: 1108042
Company number: 05344214

Home-Start Mansfield
(A company limited by guarantee)

Trustees' report and financial statements
for the year ended 31st March 2025

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Legal and administrative information

Charity number 1108042

Company registration number 05344214

Registered office 27 Albert Street
Mansfield
Nottinghamshire
NG18 1EA

Trustees	Louise Grafton	
	Alison Wright	(Appointed 9th July 2024)
	Avrell Sheldon	(Resigned 9th July 2024)
	Sara Beet	
	Angie Card	(Resigned 29th April 2024)
	Linda Gustard	
	Jennifer McNicholas	(Appointed 9th July 2024)

Senior Management Team	Hazel Platts	Senior Organiser
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Accountants	Adkin Sinclair LLP Sterling House 32 St John Street Mansfield Nottinghamshire NG18 1QJ
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Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors' report) for the year ended 31st March 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025. The trustees, who are also directors of Home-Start Mansfield for the purposes of company law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the charity.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published in October 2019.

Objectives and activities

Objects and Aims

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 parent of children;

To promote the education of the public in better standards of child care within the area of Mansfield District and environs.

Public benefit

Offering support, friendship and practical assistance;

Visiting families in their own homes, where the dignity and identity of each adult and child can be protected;

Reassuring parents that difficulties in bringing up children are not unusual and encouraging them to enjoy family life;

Developing a relationship with the family in which time can be shared and understanding can be developed.

The approach is flexible to take into account the different needs;

Encouraging parent's strengths and emotional well-being for the ultimate benefit of the children;

Encouraging families to widen their network of relationships and to use effectively the support and services available within the community;

The service is offered to any Mansfield family with a young child, who is experiencing some difficulty.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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Achievements and performance

Families visited; 34
Children supported; Under 5 - 46
Children supported; Over 5 - 28
New Volunteers recruited; 7
New Charity Shop Volunteers; 5
Mothers supported by our in-house counselling program; 11

Approximately 50 families supported via our Elders and Toddlers Playgroups. New playgroup opened on the Bellamy Estate following funding via the Mansfield CVS. We now have four playgroups - funding from the National Lottery Awards for All continued.

Training offered and provided to staff and volunteers:

Volunteer Preparation Course
Safeguarding Update
First Aid
Healthy Families and perinatal mental health modules via HSUK
The Survivors Program - Domestic Abuse Facilitator Training
Safeguarding update
Domestic Abuse - effects on children
Stalking and Harassment

Following the completion of the domestic abuse training, the Home-Start Mansfield Charity Shop is now a 'J9 Safe Space' for survivors to use to request help and be able to safely contact specialist services. The sign is displayed in our shop window.

Events organised and facilitated free of charge to all supported families:

Summer Trip to the Tropical Butterfly House, Sheffield
Christmas party at Playmania, Chesterfield Road.
The volunteers were taken to The Tap Haus restaurant for a Christmas meal.
The volunteers celebrated Volunteer Week in June having an afternoon at The Glazey Place.

Funding raised:

We are grateful for support from: The National Lottery, Notts County Council LCF fund, BBC Children in Need, Steve Walker of Harry's Lad Bikes, Cllr Sinead Anderson, Albert Hunt Trust, JN Derbyshire Trust, Cadent, Mansfield CVS, Whittaker Trust, The Neighbourly Foundation, Mansfield DC, TK Maxx, Rima Faz Indian Restaurant, Oak Tree Tesco and our Mansfield community for their generous donations of items in our charity shop. We are also grateful for the continued support from the Coalfield Regeneration Trust with funding advice and also covering the cost of our domestic abuse training.

Thanks to Bradbury's, The Courthouse and Ron Curries for allowing us to have our charity collection tins in your venues.

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Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors' report)

for the year ended 31st March 2025

Financial review

Our accounts remain healthy. The shop continues to perform well and regularly makes over £2000 per month. Many thanks to the National Lottery for the confirmed further year of funding to support our playgroups. Applying for core funding remains a struggle.

Policy on reserves

The charity's policy on reserves is to hold three months running costs plus a contingency for redundancy.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of Governing Document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. It is operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association dated 27th January 2005. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

Recruitment and Appointment of Directors/Trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the Company's Articles are known as trustees. Trustees are recruited by word of mouth among interested parties in particular when a skills gap is identified. Trustees are elected and co-opted at the AGM under the terms of the memorandum and articles of association.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Home-Start Mansfield for the purpose of company law) 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).

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 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 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

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Report of the trustees (incorporating the directors' report)
for the year ended 31st March 2025

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and 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.

On behalf of the board

Louise Grafton
Director/Trustee

Date: 1st July 2025

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Home-Start Mansfield.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Home-Start Mansfield for the year ended 31st March 2025 set out on pages 7 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also the directors of the company for 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 company'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 that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. 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
4. 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 in the UK and Republic of Ireland (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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Christopher Adkin
Chartered Accountant
Adkin Sinclair LLP
32 St John Street
Mansfield

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Statement of financial activities (incorporating the income and expenditure account)

For the year ended 31st March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	64,770	30,119	94,889	69,601
Charitable activities	3	31,897	-	31,897	29,917
Investments	4	1,749	-	1,749	20
Total income		<u>98,416</u>	<u>30,119</u>	<u>128,535</u>	<u>99,538</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	5	<u>97,537</u>	<u>24,595</u>	<u>122,132</u>	<u>100,234</u>
Total expenditure		<u>97,537</u>	<u>24,595</u>	<u>122,132</u>	<u>100,234</u>
Net movement in funds		879	5,524	6,403	(696)
Total funds brought forward		<u>87,311</u>	<u>5,286</u>	<u>92,597</u>	<u>93,293</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>88,190</u>	<u>10,810</u>	<u>99,000</u>	<u>92,597</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year and therefore a separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 9 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet
As at 31st March 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10		479		569
Current assets					
Debtors	11	2,592		2,721	
Cash at bank and in hand		117,644		99,971	
		<u>120,236</u>		<u>102,692</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(21,715)</u>		<u>(10,664)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>98,521</u>		<u>92,028</u>
Net assets			<u>99,000</u>		<u>92,597</u>
Funds	13				
Restricted income funds			10,810		5,286
Unrestricted income funds			88,190		87,311
Total funds			<u>99,000</u>		<u>92,597</u>

For the year ending 31st March 2025 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 accounts 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 the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements were approved by the board on 1st July 2025
and signed on its behalf by

Louise Grafton
Director/Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 18 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31st March 2025

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

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 and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice.

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.1. Basis of accounting

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.

1.2. Cashflow

The charity has taken advantage of the exemption in the Charities SORP 2019 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement.

1.3. Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are either:

* Unrestricted funds - these are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objects of the charity.

* Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

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

Transfers between funds:

Where permitted, the release of restricted funds to unrestricted general or designated funds may be made at the conclusion of a restricted activity. General unrestricted funds may be transferred at the discretion of the trustees to assist in supporting a particular activity.

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1.4. Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date.

In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Investment income is included when receivable.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Gift Aid

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Other incoming resources from charitable activities are accounted for when receivable.

Activities for generating funds are accounted for when receivable.

1.5. Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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1.6. Fixed assets

a. Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated using the reducing balance basis method at a rate of 25% per annum to write down the cost of fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. All fixed assets in excess of £500 are capitalised.

1.7. Leased assets

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profit on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.8. Pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs charged in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

2. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
NCC Local Community Fund	18,212	-	18,212	16,350
Mansfield District Council	500	-	500	1,800
Mansfield CVS	-	2,261	2,261	3,500
National Lottery	33,307	-	33,307	9,993
Donations toward repair costs	-	-	-	1,065
Sundry donations	2,751	-	2,751	1,346
Summer Trip	-	-	-	500
Children in need	-	14,420	14,420	5,000
Forrester Trust	-	-	-	10,000
Local Giving.Com	-	-	-	672
Cadent grant	-	2,188	2,188	4,375
The Jones 1986 Charity	-	-	-	5,000
JN Derbyshire	3,000	-	3,000	-
Albert Hunt	6,000	-	6,000	-
Whitaker Charity	1,000	-	1,000	-
Awards 4 All	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
The Neighbourly foundation	-	500	500	-
S.Anderson	-	750	750	-
	<u>64,770</u>	<u>30,119</u>	<u>94,889</u>	<u>69,601</u>

Income from donations and legacies was £94,889 (2024 - £69,601) of which £30,119 (2024 - £17,231) was attributable to restricted funds.

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3. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Shop income	31,897	31,897	29,917
	<u>31,897</u>	<u>31,897</u>	<u>29,917</u>

Income from Charitable activities was £31,897 (2024 - £29,917) of which £- (2024 - £-) was attributable to restricted funds.

4. Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Bank interest receivable	1,749	1,749	20
	<u>1,749</u>	<u>1,749</u>	<u>20</u>

Income from Investments was £1,749 (2024 - £20) of which £- (2024 - £-) was attributable to restricted funds.

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5. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Direct costs:				
Salaries and national insurance	69,611	18,875	88,486	69,300
Employer's NIC	41	-	41	-
Employer pension costs	1,496	-	1,496	1,113
Rates and utilities	538	-	538	521
Light and heat	4,688	-	4,688	4,378
Repairs, maintenance and equipment	352	-	352	1,917
Insurance	1,550	-	1,550	1,319
Refreshments	194	-	194	272
Legal and professional	69	2,110	2,179	638
Independent examination	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
Bookkeeping costs	403	-	403	324
Postage, stationery and telephone	1,086	-	1,086	774
Activities and events	2,151	500	2,651	2,371
Advertising and promotional	94	-	94	108
Depreciation	160	-	160	190
Sundry expenses	546	-	546	681
Travel and parking	1,616	-	1,616	1,445
Staff training	49	-	49	19
Volunteer travel and expenditure	518	-	518	497
Levy fees	1,075	-	1,075	548
Shop purchases and consumables	350	-	350	97
Shop rent	9,750	-	9,750	9,750
Neighbourly foundation	-	150	150	-
Playgroup expenditure	-	2,960	2,960	2,772
Total	97,537	24,595	122,132	100,234

Expenditure on direct charitable activities was £122,132 (2024 - £100,234) of which £24,595 (2024 - £12,517) was attributable to restricted funds.

6. Net income for the year

	2025 £	2024 £
Net income is stated after charging:		
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets	160	190

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7. Employees

Employment costs	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	88,486	69,300
Social security costs	41	-
Pension costs	1,496	1,113
	<u>90,023</u>	<u>70,413</u>

No salaries or wages have been paid to the trustees. Expenses of £Nil (2024: £Nil) were reimbursed.
No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2024 : None).

Number of employees

The average monthly numbers of employees (including the trustees) during the year, calculated on the basis of full time equivalents, was as follows:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
Employees	7	6
Trustees	5	4
	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>

8. Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme in respect of its employees. The scheme and its assets are held by independent managers. The pension charge represents contributions due from the company and was as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Pension charge	<u>1,496</u>	<u>1,113</u>

9. Taxation

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.

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10. Tangible fixed assets	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost		
At 1st April 2024	4,072	4,072
Additions	70	70
At 31st March 2025	<u>4,142</u>	<u>4,142</u>
Depreciation		
At 1st April 2024	3,503	3,503
Charge for the year	160	160
At 31st March 2025	<u>3,663</u>	<u>3,663</u>
Net book values		
At 31st March 2025	<u>479</u>	<u>479</u>
At 31st March 2024	<u>569</u>	<u>569</u>

11. Debtors	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>2,592</u>	<u>2,721</u>

12. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>21,715</u>	<u>10,664</u>

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13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Fund balances at 31st March 2025 as represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	479	-	479
Current assets	97,239	22,997	120,236
Current liabilities	(9,528)	(12,187)	(21,715)
	<u>88,190</u>	<u>10,810</u>	<u>99,000</u>

14. Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	At 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds	<u>87,311</u>	<u>98,416</u>	<u>(97,537)</u>	<u>88,190</u>

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15. Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	At 31 March 2025 £
BBC Children in Need	-	14,420	(9,959)	4,461
In home therapy fund	2,910	750	(2,110)	1,550
Playgroup grant	1,876	10,000	(11,876)	-
Summer trip fund	500	-	(500)	-
Cadent (centre for warmth)	-	2,188	-	2,188
New Playgroup fund	-	2,261	-	2,261
Baby Bank	-	500	(150)	350
	<u>5,286</u>	<u>30,119</u>	<u>(24,595)</u>	<u>10,810</u>

Purposes of restricted funds

BBC Children in Need

Funding toward staff costs of a rapid response worker.

In home therapy fund

Funding to support private in home therapy counselling.

Playgroup grant

Funds for playgroup.

Summer trip fund

Funds for summer trips in 2023 and 2024.

Cadent (centre for warmth)

Funding in support of the playgroups being centres for warmth.

New Playgroup fund

Funding from Mansfield CVS specifically for establishing a new paygroup.

Baby Bank

Funding from The Neighbourly Foundation toward the cost of providing the baby bank services.

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16. Financial commitments

At 31st March 2025 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land and buildings	
	2025	2024
	£	£
Expiry date:		
Within one year	9,750	-
Between one and five years	-	9,750
	<u>9,750</u>	<u>9,750</u>

Property lease is covering 3 years with the lease expiring on 31st March 2026.

17. Company limited by guarantee

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.