

HOME-START WINCHESTER AND DISTRICTS

England & Wales · Charity number 1108170

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [05350249](#)

Registered 2005-02-17

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 4 Objects4.1 The objects of the Charity are:4.1.1 to safeguard, protect and preserve the good health, both mental and physical, of children and parents of children;4.1.2 to prevent cruelty to or maltreatment of children;4.1.3 to relieve sickness, poverty and need amongst children and parents of children;4.1.4 to promote the education of the public in better standards of child care;principally but not exclusively within the area of Winchester and its environs.

Activities: We offer support, friendship and practical help to parents with young children who are going through difficult times, e.g. isolation, ill-health, relationship difficulties, coping with twins or triplets, lone parenting, first time parenthood and children's behavioural problems, achieved through a combination of home-visiting support by trained volunteers, group work and social events.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WINCHESTER AND ITS ENVIRONS.
- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£152,119	£120,642	-	-
2024-03-31	£137,384	£122,994	-	-
2023-03-31	£110,836	£110,648	-	-
2022-03-31	£96,963	£95,158	-	-
2021-03-31	£76,307	£76,972	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CHRISTINE MARY BARLOW		2018-03-26
Fleur Kitsell		2025-06-25
Jacqueline Carol Sumner		2019-10-28
Jane SKELTON		2023-01-05
Martin Tomsett		2010-11-17
Robert John BOLWELL		2023-10-04
Robert White		2023-11-30
Stephanie Joy DURRANT		2020-05-27
Susan BARHAM		2025-01-08
Susan Charlene THOMAS		2024-08-21

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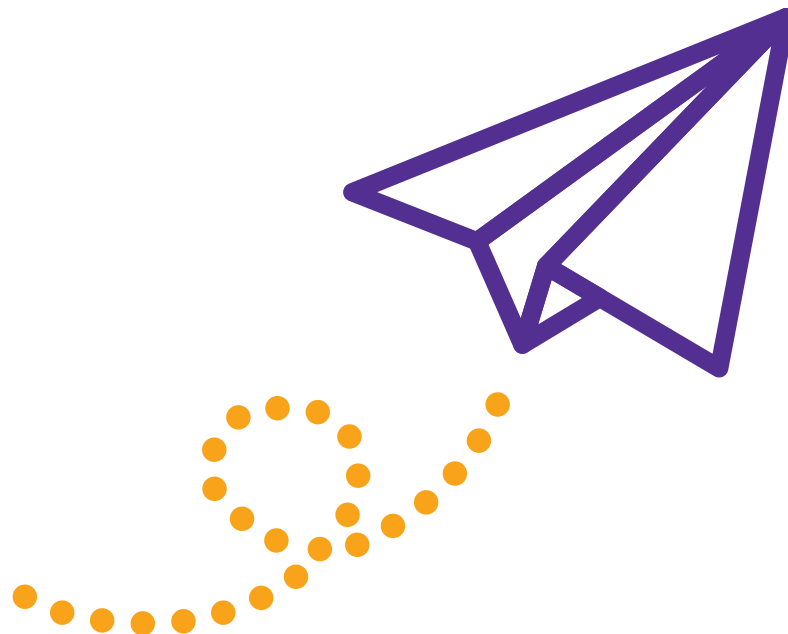


Annual Report and Accounts 2024-2025



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BECAUSE CHILDHOOD CAN'T WAIT...

We believe that children need a happy and secure childhood and that parents play the key role in giving their children a good start in life. The earliest years make the biggest impact, so we want to see a society in which every parent has the support they need to give their children the best possible start.

We offer free support to young families with at least one child under the age of five, living in the Winchester and Districts area and are experiencing challenging times including:

- Loneliness and isolation
- Relationship difficulties
- Coping with twins, triplets or several pre-school children
- Ill health, physical or mental
- Disabilities and special needs
- Lone parenting
- First time parenthood and new babies
- Children's behavioural problems
- Unemployment or economic difficulties

Home-Start Winchester and Districts is one of around 180 local Home-Starts within the national Home-Start organisation. Our service is provided by a team of volunteers who are recruited, trained and given ongoing support by our Service Manager and Co-ordinators.

Volunteers offer informal friendly and confidential support for at least two hours a week in the family's home. Support typically lasts for between six and twelve months, although periods of more than a year are not uncommon for families with more complex needs.

We run five supportive and nurturing family groups in different locations across the area.

Our service is overseen by a Board of Trustees who bring a range of professional skills and expertise to the organisation.

Chair’s Report

As we enter our 20th year it is good to reflect on the amazing achievements of Home-Start Winchester and Districts. We have supported around 1200 families during that time and the demand for our services has grown considerably. Following training at the beginning of 2025 we now have a strong team of approx. 60 volunteers who continue to be our backbone.

Our dedicated staff team continue to do an excellent job led by the wonderful Liz Stannard. We were sad that Sue Barham, our office manager, decided to retire at Christmas but delighted that she continues to support us and is now firmly established as a valued member of the trustee board. Bonnie has increased her hours to take on more admin work and the rest of the team, Jane, Charlotte and Liz B have stepped up to ensure everything continues to run smoothly.

Sue Thomas joined as a new trustee and quickly made her mark. Thanks to her we have new signage at The Carroll Centre and have updated our website, social media postings, leaflets and fliers.

In recognition of our 20 years Sue T helped us to launch a 20 for 20 campaign-asking people to donate £20 a month for 20 months.

We have had a range of successful fundraising events this year run by our super events team who have turned out in all weathers to make sure we raise much needed funds. A special thanks to Bill Rawles Classic Cars and Gay Dog Boarding Kennels for their continued support, also to Mike Davies for his annual quiz nights.

Our Summer Fun Club was held at St. Paul’s last year, a more cost effective venue providing good facilities which the families loved. St. Paul’s made us very welcome and subsequently ran a quiz night to raise funds for us.

Winchester Rugby Club put on a Ladies Luncheon in aid of Home-Start with Bonnie giving a very moving speech about the support she had received.

Fundraising continues to be our biggest challenge and I can’t praise highly enough the efforts of our staff team and our dedicated, talented and very active board of trustees. A big thank you to the bids team for all their efforts.

Our Patrons Alison Wakeham and Sally Stewart continue to give us outstanding support and Sue Gentry continues to work her magic, getting us plenty of publicity.

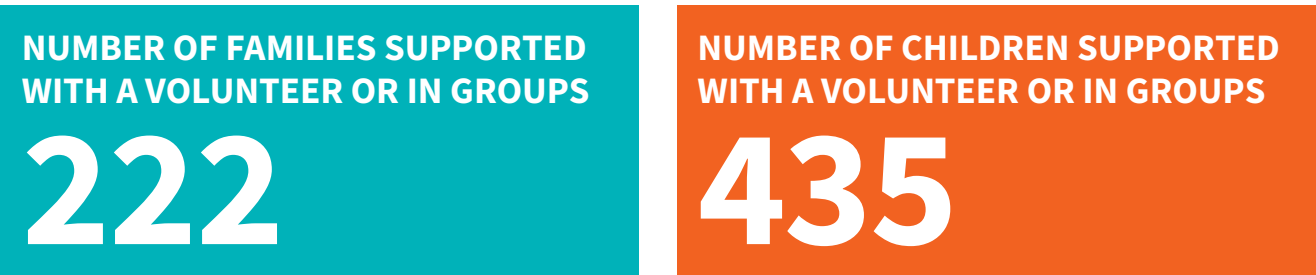
Final thanks go to all those people who give us financial support, our ‘Friends’, our corporate supporters, the city council and all our volunteers. We have been fortunate enough to have some generous donations this year for which we are extremely grateful. You have enabled us to maintain our service, so that families in the area, who have nowhere else to go, receive the support they need.

In September we plan to have a ‘Party in the Park’ at The Carroll Centre to celebrate our 20 years. We would encourage anyone who has had any involvement with Home-Start to join our celebration.

Here’s to the next 20 years!

Stephanie Durrant
Chair

Key Information for 2023/2024



FACTS AND FIGURES FOR FAMILIES SUPPORTED BY A VOLUNTEER

FAMILY NEEDS	
MANAGING CHILDREN’S BEHAVIOUR	45
BEING INVOLVED IN CHILDREN’S DEVELOPMENT	31
PARENTS COPING WITH OWN PHYSICAL HEALTH	27
PARENTS COPING WITH OWN MENTAL HEALTH	77
PARENTS COPING WITH LONELINESS & ISOLATION	121
PARENTS’ SELF ESTEEM	58
COPING WITH CHILD’S PHYSICAL HEALTH	20
COPING WITH CHILD’S MENTAL HEALTH	14
MANAGING THE HOUSEHOLD BUDGET	17
DAY-TO-DAY RUNNING OF HOUSEHOLD	32
STRESS CAUSED BY CONFLICT IN FAMILY	27
COPING WITH MULTIPLE BIRTHS/CHILDREN UNDER 5	25
PARENT’S OWN LEARNING NEEDS	6

FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES	
UNSUITABLE HOUSING	14
FAMILY MEMBER IN PRISON	2
REFUGEE/ASYLUM SEEKER	0
DISABILITIES	27
DEBT/FINANCIAL WORRIES	16
DELAYED SPEECH AND LANGUAGE	6
LONE PARENT	36
MENTAL HEALTH	52
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Team News

Summer 24

Our new family group at The Hub in Worthy Down for military families, started at the beginning of May 2024. One year on, the group is well established and offers a welcoming supportive environment for families who may be living a very transient life. We have a high turnover of families moving in and out of the patch but, using the Worthy Down active Facebook page to raise awareness the word keeps spreading. Through this group we have supported up to 10 families.



One mum says “It often crosses my mind where on earth I would be mentally if I hadn’t taken that walk down to the community centre that afternoon. I was at my wits end feeling like a failure. My anxiety isn’t cured and my depression hasn’t suddenly gone, but now I have people around me that genuinely care and that just makes it all that little bit easier. Thank you for caring and thank you for all the coffees past, present and future.”

Summer Fun Club 2024 was a huge success in its new home, St Paul’s Church rooms. A lovely large garden and several different rooms for quieter play were enjoyed by more than 60 families over two weeks. Activities included games, water play, singing, sensory play, arts and crafts and cooking, as well as a visit from the Children in Need bear, Pudsey.



Families said:
‘Chance to get out! Loved it. Kids enjoyed it’
‘Really well organised. Always lovely to be at anything organised by Homestart’
‘Above all the kindness and generosity of everyone there was notable.’
‘People so kind, accepting and non judgemental’
‘People looking after each other’
‘You are all fantastic and we are very lucky and grateful to be welcomed’



Autumn 24

In September the team had a fantastic day team building at Avon Beach. As well as discussing current issues and making plans, we also managed a dip in the sea, a game of boules (rather hijacked by a seagull stealing our jack) and a delicious fry up on the beach.

We feel so grateful to be working with such a wonderful team and that time together was so valuable.



We undertook some very informative and helpful training on the topic of domestic violence from Dragonfly with Home Start Butser, there was a very good turnout of volunteers and staff
Vicky Rodd from Solent NHS Sexual Health promotion team visited us in the office to give a presentation to the team and to discuss working together to support our families in this sensitive area.

Winter 24

We were honoured to receive the Bishop of Winchester on a visit to the office during November, he was very interested to hear about our work.

Our Christmas party held at St Paul's Church was such a fantastic celebration for our families, we had 97 attendees. Princes Mead families donated individually chosen presents that Father Christmas handed out to all the children. Beautiful gifts for mums and dads were donated by The Hygiene Bank, and our 'Extra gift' table was a great success for families to choose and wrap a few extra treats to be taken home and opened on Christmas Morning. Munch provided a delicious traditional Roast Christmas Dinner and everyone sat down together to enjoy it. Feedback from our families was that it was a really special celebration.



At the end of term in December we said a sad farewell to Sue Barham who has retired from her role as Office Manager after 17 years of steering this ship! She is missed in the office, but as she swiftly hopped into the role of Trustee we are glad to say that she is often on the end of the phone or email giving us lots of help and guidance.

Bonnie has taken on more hours to cover the administrative tasks in the office, she is thoroughly enjoying getting to grips with her new role and is delighted to still be running two of our groups as well.

Another fab new trustee, Sue Thomas joined us this year and amongst many other things organised some really professional looking signage in and around The Carroll Centre. There was much excitement when it was installed in February!

Spring 25

Several members of the team undertook a day of supervision training with Home-Start Butser, and have been implementing their learning this term during their supervision meetings.

Seven fantastic new volunteers completed their training course in early 2025 (one unable to be in picture!). Most of them have now been placed with families!



A flurry of fundraising events took place over the last few months: Ladies Day lunch at Winchester Rugby Club, Dog walk, Quiz at St Paul's Church and Supper & Auction at The Flowerpots pub; there is more information on these in the Fundraising report.

On the 9th April we held a Family Fun Run to celebrate and encourage our champion marathon runner Seb Stannard as he prepared to run the London Marathon for Home-Start Winchester and Districts. It was a brilliant event with a fun, festive atmosphere, over 30 runners completed laps of our course, raising £800 in sponsorship money!



Seb smashed the London Marathon in April. We 'virtually' followed Seb around the course, giving live social media updates throughout the event till he crossed the finish line. Seb raised over £3,000 obliterating his target of £2025. We are so grateful to him for his incredible effort, training through the cold, dark winter months through to the heat of the actual day.



Fundraising

The Events Team has run a number of fundraising events over the past year.

At the end of June, we held a Barn Dance and Hog Roast in the Meon Hall in West Meon. It was a wonderfully successful evening. The weather was perfect and people were able to enjoy the early evening sunshine whilst having a pre-supper drink. The hog, provided by Mr. Piggies Pork, who kindly stepped into the breach at very short notice, and the salads and desserts, all home-made by the incredible Events Group, were delicious. Craigievar Ceilidh Band provided the music and great time was had by all. Profits were a little down on the previous year because we were competing with a possible England Euro match! The event was generously sponsored by Rawles Classic Cars.

In July there was a Coffee and Cake morning hosted by Rick Stein's Restaurant in Winchester for the fourth year running. We are very grateful for their continued support. As usual we ran a Tombola. It was well attended.

From April to August, Rawles Classic Cars nominated Home-Start as one of the charities to receive the proceeds from their monthly Natters & Nibbles Saturdays. We are incredible grateful to the Rawles family for their support and generosity.

Happily the Car Boot Sale in August had none of the stresses about hay-cutting that made life so problematic in 2023. The weather was perfect and we had a good turn-out of sellers and buyers. Alison Wakeham and her team had accumulated a lot of 'treasures' to sell and Liz Stannard and her team sold children's clothes and toys, cleverly displaying them on the ground so they were in the eyeline of even the most diminutive buyer. The event seems to be gaining momentum in its new venue of the field in Bramdean kindly lent by Sally & Alastair Stewart and also now that it has reverted to August Bank Holiday Monday. The event is sponsored by Hellards Estate Agents and we are very grateful for their continued support.

The Quiz Night in November was held at Itchen Abbas Village Hall – and as always it was a huge success and in fact we nearly ran out of chairs! Thanks to IVC for their continued support and sponsorship.

The Bake Sale this year was – challenging – as it took place in a gale. Due to the extreme weather the Cathedral Christmas Market was closed and there were no High Street traders. Nevertheless we were still sold out by 1.15pm at which point we all raced home to try and restore some feeling to fingers, toes and noses.

Selling Christmas cards is becoming increasingly challenging but this year local Winchester artist, Daphne Vaughan allowed us to use one of her delightfully whimsical designs. Daphne Vaughan also, very generously, covered the cost of printing. It was very well received and in fact, having printed 500 packs we had to reprint an additional 250 packs. We sold at the Charity Chalet at Winchester Christmas Market; a day selling at Tesco's; at the Quiz Night and the Bake Sale and in the Cards for Good Causes shop in the Brook Centre. Selling Christmas Cards is very hard work and time consuming and whether we produce a card for 2025 remains to be decided.

I am incredibly grateful to the wonderful team of fabulous women who serve on the Events Group. They are tireless, enthusiastic and innovative and none of the events above would be possible without them.

Chrissie Barlow
Trustee & Chairs of the Events Team



How you can help us

Our services are provided free to families and are largely funded by individual donations, proceeds from fundraising activities, sponsorship and grants from charitable trusts and third parties, including Winchester City Council and BBC Children in Need.

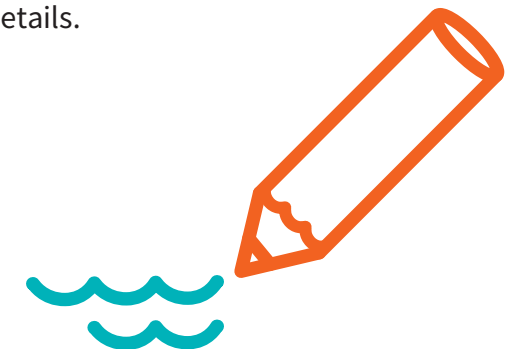
Local authority funding has been reduced in recent years and fundraising is more challenging whilst the need for our support has grown. The challenge now is to raise funds from new sources and we are asking people to commit to supporting us by making a regular monthly payment.

Become a Friend

The Friends of Home-Start Winchester programme was launched in summer 2020 and we are keen to see it develop further. Whilst all fundraising is beneficial, this scheme is the 'gold standard'. It is tax and time efficient for the donor and gives us financial security, allowing us to plan ahead. A standing order for £10 per month will enable us to provide emergency food vouchers while donating £30 per month will support a place in one of our family groups. Please will you help our families by becoming a Friend of Home-Start Winchester?

Email: info@home-startwinchester.org.uk for more details.

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Other ways you can help

Organise an event for us

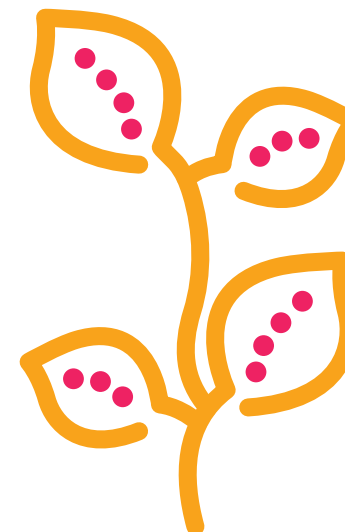
From wine tastings, to choir concerts to Grand Balls we would welcome the opportunity to be your charity partner.

If you are taking part in a sponsored event

Please consider selecting us as your chosen charity.

Corporate partners

Could your company sponsor one of our events?
Or make us your charity of the year?



Could you be a Trustee?

Our Trustees (or Board) have responsibility for overseeing the charity's governance, management and strategic direction. They play a very important role in helping to set the priorities for our local Home Start.

Our Board is chaired by Stephanie Durrant who leads a friendly, knowledgeable and active group of Trustees.

There are two sub-groups – the Events Group and the Bids Team with responsibilities for organising fundraising activities and preparing applications to charitable trusts and grant making organisations.

Some people have been trustees for many years. Others are relative newcomers: there's room for everyone! Trusteeship can be rewarding for many reasons – from a sense of making a difference in your local community to forging new experiences and relationships.

Email info@home-startwinchester.org.uk if you would like more information or if you think you could add something to the team.



Could you be a Volunteer?

Anyone with parenting experience is qualified to be a volunteer. But at another level we're looking for people with very special skills of empathy, friendliness, adaptability and common sense.

Volunteers are trained, supported and supervised to Home-Start UK national standards. If you could spare two hours a week to work with families who are going through their most challenging times, please contact info@home-startwinchester.org.uk

Your skills and experience could help families from all backgrounds through their most challenging times.

Financial Report

Treasurers Year – End Report Period 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

Income & Expenditure

In the 12 month period April 2024 until March 2025 the Charity achieved,

Income	£152,119	(£137,384)
Expenditure	£120,642	(£122,984)

Net current assets have therefore increased by £31,477 to £134,262 (£102,785)

Overall Income was up 26% against Budget at £152,119 and Expenditure was down 2% at £120,642.

This has been an impressive performance considering the present economic climate.

The Trustees would like to thank all of our sponsors both large and small for their generous support throughout the year and the hard work and endeavours of our staff in achieving this excellent result.

Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet shown later in the report shows that as of the 31st March 2025 the Charity had total assets of £134,262 made up as follows,

Restricted Funds	-£ 21,772	Nil
Unrestricted Funds	£123,234	£69,995
Designated Funds	£32,800	£32,800

Cash at Bank and in hand on 31st March stood at £134,262. There was no income deferred as at the 31st March.

Funding Sources

The Charity now operates in increasingly difficult economic times, where previous streams of Income have now been drastically diminished. As a consequence the Trustees and Managers are continually looking for alternative revenue streams.

Once again we have been successful in achieving this goal and I am happy to report the Charity is in a slightly better position than it was at the end of 2023/24 Financial Year.

Events: The Events Team headed by the tenacious Chrissie Barlow had an excellent year again raising in total £21,672 with an Expenditure of £4,711 giving a Revenue increase on the previous year of £1,588. Highlights were a well supported Quiz Night, Barn Dance, Car Boot Sale as well as Christmas Card sales.

Grants & Trusts: Once again a very difficult year again reflecting the economic situation the Charity finds itself in. In total the Team managed to raise £44,733 and a special thanks must go to Alresford Pigs, St. Mary's Kingsworthy, Vivid Housing, Winchester City Council, BBC Children in Need, Home-Start UK, Winchester Catholic Diocese, SGN, Big Lottery and finally Tesco, for their invaluable support.

Reserves: During the year the Scottish Widows 90 – Day account was closed as the return on this account was minimal. It was replaced by an account with the Hampshire Trust Bank which is currently giving a return of 3.8% At the end of the Financial Year this account stood at £80031.41 and is held in reserve.

Additionally funds are held in a CAF Bank Gold account and a small operational sum is held in our CAF Bank current account and as at March 31st these were £52,192.51 and £2,037.60 respectively. Making a total of £54,230.11

The Trustees and Senior Staff as part of their due diligence continue to review the Charity's needs for unrestricted reserves in light of the financial risks to the organisation and in line with our Financial Statement and Charity Commission guidelines.

Risk Assessment

The Trustees and Senior Staff maintain rolling funding and expenditure budgets including an assessment of the major risks to which the charity is exposed through regular discussions at Board meetings. Identified external risks to funding have been included in our three-year strategic plan which includes cash flow projections and an analysis of the major risks to our current and future funding sources. This is updated each year.

Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and activities. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers and families. All procedures are based on national Home-Start policies and are reviewed and updated periodically to ensure that they meet the needs and legal requirements of the charity. The results have been incorporated into the Charity's strategic and work plans.

I thank Mike Davies for undertaking an independent review of our accounts and Basingstoke Voluntary Action for preparing the monthly salary statements for our staff.

I would also like to thank Sue Barham our Office Manager (retired Dec 2024, and is now a Trustee) who continues to apply her considerable skills and experience to running the accounts on a day-to-day basis.

Robert White
Treasurer
May 2025

Home-Start Winchester and Districts

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Company Number: 5350249 Registered Charity Number: 1108170

HOME-START WINCHESTER AND DISTRICTS INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025

I report on the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of directors and independent examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Act) and that an independent examination is needed (under section 145 of the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. 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 in the records 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Michael Davies
29th May 2025

Balance Sheet - 31 March 2025

	31/03/2025		31/03/2024	
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Debtors				
Prepayments	0		0	
Cash at bank and in hand	134,262		102,785	
	134,262		102,785	
Creditors				
Deferred Income-	0		0	
	0		0	
Net Current Assets				
		134,262		102,785
Represented by:				
Restricted funds		-21,772		0
Unrestricted funds		123,234		69,985
Designated Funds		32,800		32,800
Total Funds				
		134,262		102,785

For the year ending the 31st March 2025 the Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the companies Act 2006

The Trustees have not required the Charity to obtain an audit of its Financial Statement for the year ended 31st March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to Companies subject to small companies regime

Home-Start Winchester & Districts

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ending 31st March 2025

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarized below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

(a) Basis of Accounts

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) “Accounting and Reporting by Charities” published in March 2005 and applicable accounting standards (FRS 102)

(b) Fund Accounting

The unrestricted funds are generally those which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

Designated funds are Unrestricted Funds used to manage revenue risks and to set aside funds for committed projects, in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission

(c) Income Recognition

Grants and Donations are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming sources in the period for which it has been received.

Bank interest is recognised on an accruals basis

(d) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is recognized when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for the expenditure. Costs relating to charitable activities comprise these incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Management and administration (governance) costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the Charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

All costs are allocated between expenditure categories of the SOFA on the basis designated to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis, such as estimated usage, as set out in Note 11.

(e) Cash in Bank and in Hand

Cash at Bank and in Hand includes short term, highly liquid investments accessible within 3 months.

2 & 3. Grants & Trusts

The Grants and Trusts Team raised a significant £44,733 during the year.

Grants & Trusts as at 31/03/2025	Restricted	Core	Total
WCC Drawings	4314		4,314
Vivid Housing	3,900		3,900
BBC CIN	5,000		5,000
HCC		530.00	
Alresford Pigs		1300.00	1,300
HCC			0
St. Marys Church		2,000	2,000
HS (UK)		5,736	5,736
Tesco		1,125	1,125
SGN		2,868	2,868
Big Lottery		15,000	15,000
Winchester Catholic Diocese		3,000	3,000
Totals	13,214	31,559	44733

The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank the generosity of all contributors and look forward to their continuing support in future years.

4. Trustee Remuneration & Related Party Transactions

No Trustee or related person received any remuneration during the period. No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

5. Taxation

The company is registered as a charity in accordance with the Charities Act 2003 and is not liable to taxation on its income. No tax charges have arisen in the charity during the year

6a. Fundraising Events

Our Fundraising Events Team raised £21671.88, with a special mention to the successful sale of Christmas Cards again and the Fusion Choir as well as the Barn Dance and Quiz Night. A big thank you to everyone who made these events such a success.

Events as at 31 March 25	Income	Expenditure	Net Income
Xmas Cards - Forum Media	3312	1441	1871
Carols by Tractor	560		
Candover Lifestyle - Christmas Fair	750		
Quiz Night	4744	804	3940
Dog Walk	295	85	210
Watercress Festival	214		214
Car Boot Andyloos	2307	266	2041
Rick Stein Coffee Morning	291		291
Barn Dance	3914	2115	1799
WCO Concert raffle - MT	200		200
Rawles Natter & Nibbles	1280		1280
Rugby Club Lunch	1712		1712
Carroll Christmas Fair	119		119
Tesco	390		390
Round Table - Santas Sleigh	540		540
Bake Sale	265		265
Just Giving	778		778
Total	£21,671.88	£4,711	£16,961

6b. Fundraising Donations

Donations raised £82577. A special mention must be made to Tillaid for their generous donation of £40,000 and Utilita for their continuing support.

All Volunteers who donated their expenses and a big thank you to D. Durrant for such a generous donation.

Donations as at 31/03/2025	Income £
Brought Forward	0
Friends Monthly Donations	7033
Friends Ad Hoc Donations	12545
Volunteer Expenses Donated	1083
Tillaid	40000
HCC	820
HMRC Gift Aid	5596
Utilita	6000
Plastow Family Trust	1500
Chapter of Economy	1000
Richard Kirkham Trust	1000
Patricia Baines Trust	1000
D Durrant	5000
Total	£82,577

7. Staff Costs and Numbers

Staff Costs	2024-25	2023-24
	£	£
Salaries and wages	79371	72,632
Social security costs (NI)	9446	8,970
Total	88817	81,602

	2024-25	2023-24
	Number	Number
Service Manager	0.65	0.65
Service Co-ordinator	0.65	0.65
Office Manager	0.65	0.65
Family Drop-in Group Co-ordinator	0.30	0.30
Family Drop-in Group Leader	0.10	0.10
Family Drop-in Group Leader	0.10	0.10
Total	2.50	2.50

8. Movement in Funds

Our Fundraising Events Team raised £21671.88, with a special mention to the successful sale of Christmas Cards again as well the Barn Dance and Quiz Night. A big thank you to everyone who made these events such a success.

Movement of Funds	At 1st April 2024	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfer Between Reserves	At 31st March 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
All restricted funds	0	13,214	34,986		-21,772
Total restricted funds	0		34,986		-21,772
Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds funds	69985	138,905	85,656		123,234
Designated Funds	32800	0	0		32800.00
Total unrestricted funds	102,785	138,905	85,656		156,034
Total funds	102,785	152,119	120,642		134,262

9. Designated Funds

The Trustees each year review the Charity’s financial requirements, establishing Designated Funds to manage revenue risks and to set aside funds for committed projects, in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Designated Funds plus Restricted Funds and Unrestricted Funds constitute the Charity’

Designated Fund	31-03-25
Revenue Unpredictability Provision	
a. WCC:	
b. BBC Children in Need:	5,000
c. HCC Councillors:	0
e. Vivid Housing	3,900
f. Donations	0
g. Events	0
Total of Revenue Unpredictability	13,214
Capital Equipment - Replacement Liability	0
Project Fund towards Scheme Expansion	0
Cost of Closing the charity	0
Designated Fund Total	13,214

HOME-START WINCHESTER AND DISTRICTS STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SOFA)
(INCLUDING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING
31ST MARCH 2025

These accounts reflect the period 1st April 2024 thro’ to 31st March 2025
 This statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

SOFA	Notes	Unrestricted Fund 2024/25	Designated Fund 2024/25	Restricted Funds 2024/25	Total Funds 2024/25	Total Funds 2023/24
Incoming resources						
Voluntary income:						
Donations & grants	1(b), 2	114136		13214	127350	91967
Activities for generating funds:						
Fundraising events	6	21672		0	21672	22267
Investment Income:						
Interest - All Accounts		1589		0	1589	1643
Appeals		1508			1508	
Total incoming resources		138905	0	13214	152119	-5768
Resources expended						110110
Costs of generating voluntary income	11	0	0	0	0	
Charitable expenditure	11	67559	0	34986	102546	
Governance costs	11	18096	0	0	18096	0
						68877
Total resources expended		85656	0	34986	120642	18449
Gross transfers to & from funds	10	0	0	0	0	87326
Net movement of funds		53249	0	-21772	31477	22784
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		69985	32800	0	102785	47201
Total funds carried forward		123234	32800	-21772	134262	69985

Structure, Governance and Management

Home-Start Winchester and Districts was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee in 2005 and is registered under the Charities Act 1993 and the Companies Acts 1985 and1989. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association and by its Board of Trustees. It has a legal agreement with Home-Start UK to follow their national Standards and Methods of Practice. Its year end is 31st March.

Registered charity name: Home-Start Winchester and Districts

Charity registration number: 1108170

Company registration number: 5350249

Registered office and operational address:

The Carroll Centre, Somers Close, Stanmore, Winchester SO22 4EJ

Telephone: 01962 851177

Bankers: CAF Bank Limited, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Trustees:

Stephanie Durrant – Chair
 Hilary North – Vice Chair
 Robert White – Treasurer
 Martin Tomsett - Company Secretary
 Chrissie Barlow
 Rob Bolwell
 Joanna Chapman – Andrews
 Tina Gericke
 Jane Skelton
 Jackie Sumner
 Sue Thomas (co-opted June 2024)
 Sue Barham (co-opted Jan 2025)

Patrons

Sally Stewart
 Alison Wakeham

Staff:

Liz Stannard – Service Manager
 Jane Read – Service Co-ordinator
 Charlotte Howard – Family Group Co-ordinator
 Liz Brown – Family Group Leader
 Bonnie Stagg – Admin Assistant and Family Group Leader

Independent Examiner: Mike Davies



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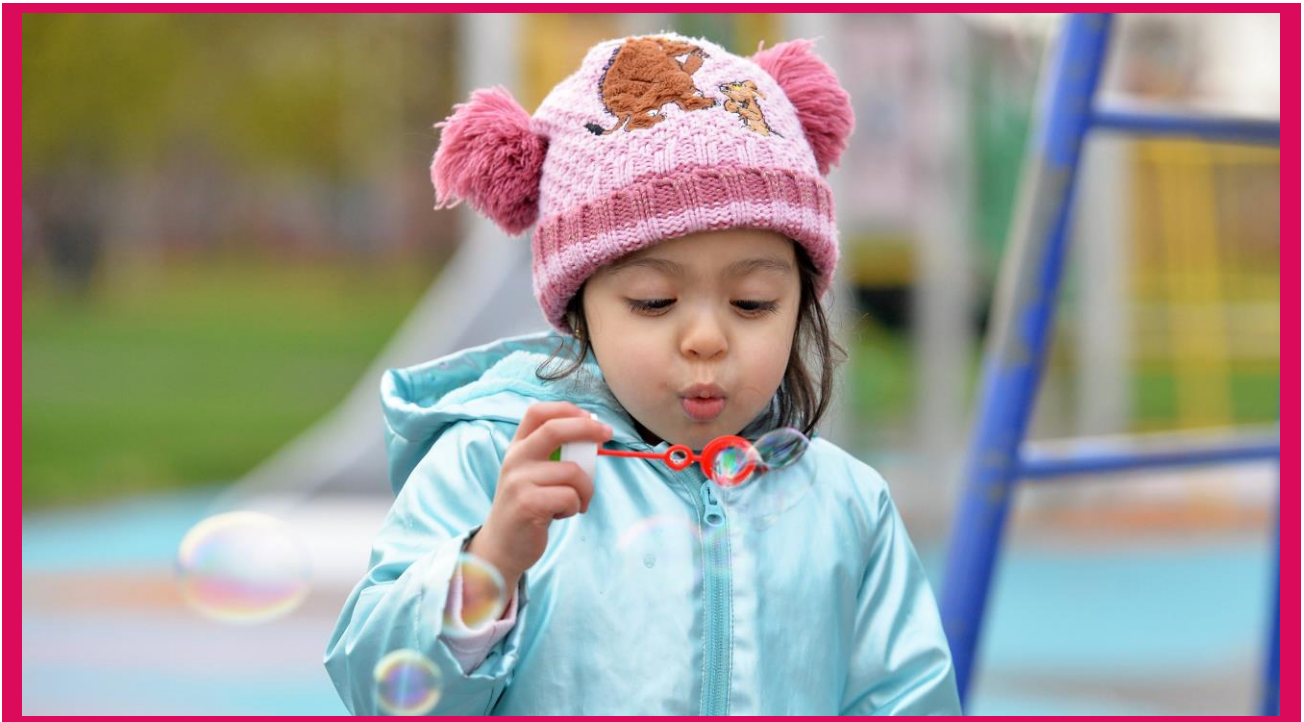
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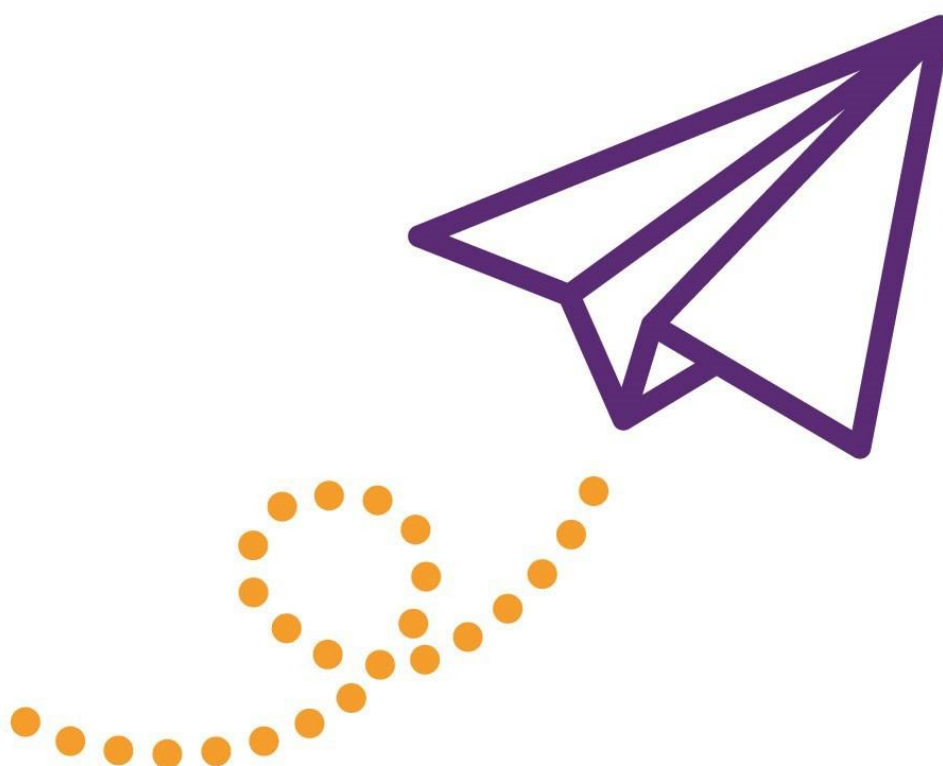
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BECAUSE CHILDHOOD CAN'T WAIT....

We believe that children need a happy and secure childhood and that parents play the key role in giving their children a good start in life. The earliest years make the biggest impact, so we want to see a society in which every parent has the support they need to give their children the best possible start.

We offer free support to young families with at least one child under the age of five who live in the Winchester and Districts area and who are experiencing challenging times including:

- Loneliness and isolation
- Relationship difficulties
- Coping with twins, triplets or several pre-school children
- Ill health physical or mental
- Disabilities and special needs
- Lone parenting
- First time parenthood and new babies
- Children's behavioural problems
- Unemployment or economic difficulties

Home-Start Winchester and Districts is one of around 180 local Home-Starts within the national Home-Start organisation. Our service is provided by a team of volunteers who are recruited, trained and given ongoing support by our Service Manager and Co-ordinators.

Volunteers offer informal friendly and confidential support for at least two hours a week in the family's home. Support typically lasts for between six and twelve months, although periods of more than a year are not uncommon for families with more complex needs.

We run five supportive and nurturing family groups in different locations across the area.

Our service is overseen by a Board of Trustees who bring a range of professional skills and expertise to the organisation.

CHAIR'S REPORT

This year has seen a continued rise in referrals and an increase in the vulnerability and needs of our families. Liz Stannard continues to do a sterling job, ably leading a very dedicated team. Along with Sue, Jane, Charlotte, Bonnie and Liz Brown, Liz S has successfully planned and delivered a wide range of services and experiences for our families. The Summer Fun Club was held for the fourth year running and was a great success with sponsorship enabling the families to experience a petting farm and MUNCH lunches amongst other activities. Jane reprised her role as The Very Hungry Caterpillar to delighted audiences! Many thanks to all those who contributed by giving time and financial support. Our support for Teenage Mums in Eastleigh has continued, now established in a more cost-effective venue and we have received funding to set up a group for Army families in Winchester.

A big event for the team has been our move from Lanterns to The Carroll Centre, where we have improved facilities and have been made very welcome. Special thanks to Steve Maynard, Sue and Liz and Tim Stannard and the many helpers for all their hard work in setting up and decorating the new office.

Over 2023/2024 two cohorts of volunteers have been trained. We are so very grateful to our team of volunteers who help us to support our families through home visits, supporting our family groups and our fundraising activities.

Sadly, we said goodbye to Barry Page at our last AGM, I would like to record my thanks to him for the support he has given me and for the support he gave to Home-Start. Our Treasurer Mike Davies also stepped down during the year, a massive loss to Home-Start but he has continued to provide us with support and has ably assisted our new treasurer to settle into his role. He continues to provide us with his excellent quizzes! Graham Winyard decided to step down in March and we will miss his insights and thoughtfulness. He will continue to support us and is keen to perform as Father Christmas again in December! Gill Longman also stepped down last year after some excellent work developing our communications.

We have been lucky enough to find two new Trustees to join our team. Robert Bolwell who has retired as a partner at Dutton and Gregory and provides us with useful business contacts in Winchester and Robert White, a retired businessman, who has taken on the role of treasurer. We are delighted to welcome them to our team.

My personal thanks go to our wonderful staff team and our dedicated, talented and very active board of trustees. It has been a challenging year in terms of fundraising and our staff team, bids team and events team have done a wonderful job enabling us to come in on budget. Our events team and staff team have put on and supported many excellent events.

Special thanks to Sue Gentry who has ensured that we get plenty of publicity.

We are also extremely fortunate in our wonderful Patrons, Alison Wakeham and Sally Stewart who give us such outstanding support and are both very hands on patrons.

Final thanks go to all those people who give us financial support, our 'Friends', our corporate supporters, the city council and all our volunteers. You enable us to support many families in the area who have nowhere else to go to receive the support they need. Every year it's a challenge to raise sufficient funds and we are grateful to you all.

As I complete my first year as Chair, I continue to be proud of the work Home-Start do and find it a privilege to be part of this incredible service.

Stephanie Durrant
Chair

KEY INFORMATION for 2023/2024

NUMBER OF
FAMILIES
SUPPORTED WITH A
VOLUNTEER OR IN
GROUPS

157

NUMBER OF
CHILDREN SUPPORTED
WITH A VOLUNTEER OR IN
GROUPS

309

FACTS AND FIGURES FOR FAMILIES SUPPORTED BY A VOLUNTEER

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COPING WITH CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH	20
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TEAM NEWS

What a year it's been! We have got a record number of families on our books and all our groups are flourishing! Here are some of our highlights.

A massive jumble sale run by Home-Start families in May 2023 was a tremendous success and raised over one thousand pounds. It even caught the attention of BBC South Today!

In June we attended the Wellbeing Fayre in the Cathedral grounds



Our annual Summer Fun Club was a wonderful cacophony of craft, food, games and entertainment which was enjoyed by young and old alike.



On the hottest day of the year, the team went on an adventure piloting a canal boat on the Kennet and Avon canal for a day. We had great fun, but we were very hot!



TEAM NEWS (CONTINUED)

In September, Daisy First Aid ran a very popular and informative course for Home-Start families. The feedback was excellent.

In October, Jane and Liz were invited to speak about Home-Start at the HCC First 1001 days conference in front of an audience of educationalists, politicians and health professionals. We hope that this has put the charity sector on the map as far as early support is concerned.

Group 21 completed their Preparation course and, as always, we celebrated with cake!



In the autumn, we were delighted to welcome an ITV camera crew and reporters who interviewed Jess, one of our Home-Start mums and their volunteer, Kay as part of their One Million Minutes campaign – did you see them on This Morning?



At the end of November, The 'Geriatrics' put on another hilarious murder mystery at Twyford Village Hall in aid of Home-Start which raised over £900.

TEAM NEWS (CONTINUED)

December was busy! We provided a wonderful Christmas meal cooked by Munch and enjoyed by our Home-Start families. Father Christmas visited and gave presents to everyone thanks to Princes Mead and Sofology, Hedge End.



We were beneficiaries of a fabulous Christmas concert by The Fusion Choir at St Paul's church, we collected money with the Round Table on their Santa Sleigh run and the team delivered donated Christmas hampers to Home-Start families!



TEAM NEWS (CONTINUED)

Between Christmas and New Year, the team said their farewells to Lanterns, shredded and burned 18 years of paperwork and moved into our lovely, newly refurbished offices at The Carroll Centre. In January, we held an official ribbon cutting ceremony and invited everyone who had helped us with the move to celebrate with us.

In January we had the official opening of our new offices when we invited everyone who had been involved with the move together with our Patrons, Trustees, volunteers and other supporters.



The Winchester Chamber Orchestra held a stunning concert for us in January which not only raised our profile but also raised over £1000.



And finally .. Thank you to the Carroll Centre for making us so welcome, to the fantastic trustees for their dedication and support, to all our supporters and our community of Home-Start families and to every single volunteer who has supported us in any way this year. We couldn't do it without you!

FUNDRAISING

As in previous years, the Events Team has run a number of fundraising events over the past year. Mike Davis kindly organised another Golf Day for us in May at the Royal Winchester Golf Club. On 1 July we held a Barn Dance and Hog Roast in the beautiful 15th century Pinglestone Barn in Old Alresford, kindly made available to us by Alison Wakeham (Lady Wakeham) who is one of our Patrons. It was a fantastically successful evening. The hog, provided by Sole Butchers in Alresford and the salads and desserts, all home-made by the incredible Events Group, were delicious. Craigievar Ceilidh Band provided the music and a great time was had by all. The event was generously sponsored by Rawles Classic Cars.



There was a Coffee and Cake morning hosted by Rick Stein's Restaurant in Winchester for the third year running. We are very grateful for their continued support. It was well attended despite the miserable weather.

The Car Boot Sale in August was somewhat stressful in the run-up. The weather had been decidedly unhelpful and getting the hay cut in time caused many a phone call between ourselves, Sally and Alastair Stewart, the owners of the farm, and the farmer. A compromise was reached and on the day the weather remained fair. Numbers were up on the previous year, but we still need more sellers and buyers.



The Quiz Night in November, was held at Itchen Abbas Village Hall as usual – and as always it was a huge success. Thanks to IVC for their continued support and sponsorship.

FUNDRAISING (CONTINUED)

Selling Christmas cards is becoming increasingly challenging but thanks to our presence in the Charity Chalet at Winchester Christmas Market, a day selling at Tesco's, a freezing cold day at Alresford Market and the support and help of Cards for Good Causes, we sold nearly all our 500 cards, plus those left over from 2022 and 2021. Whether we produce a card for 2024 remains to be decided.



Rich Stein's Restaurant in Winchester generously nominated Home-Start Winchester and Districts as their chosen charity for their Charity Lunches in January. As a result they donated nearly £1,000 to our funds.

The Dog Walk in March this year was well support by two and four legged friends. It set off from Bighton Village Hall. Those on the short walk made it back safely. Those on the long walk did not fare so well and arrived back soaked to the skin. The dogs seemed fine, but the two legged walkers were in need of the warming home-made soups and ploughmans that were awaiting their return. Thank you to Gay Dog Boarding Kennels for supporting us.



I am incredibly grateful to the wonderful team of fabulous women who serve on the Events Group. They are tireless, enthusiastic and innovative and none of these events above would be possible without them.

Chrissie Barlow
Trustee & Chairs of the Events Team

How you can help us

Our services are provided free to families and are largely funded by individual donations, proceeds from fundraising activities, sponsorship and grants from charitable trusts and third parties including Winchester City Council and BBC Children in Need.

Local authority funding has been reduced in recent years and fundraising is more challenging whilst the need for our support has grown. The challenge now is to raise funds from new sources and we are asking people to commit to supporting us by making a regular monthly payment.

Become a Friend of Home-Start Winchester

The Friends of Home-Start Winchester programme was launched in summer 2020 and we are keen to see it develop further. Whilst all fundraising is obviously beneficial, this is the 'gold standard'. It is tax and time efficient for the donor and gives us financial security, allowing us to plan ahead. A standing order for £10 per month will enable us to provide emergency food vouchers while giving £30 per month will support a place in one of our family groups. Please will you help our families by becoming a Friend of Home-Start Winchester?

Email: info@home-startwinchester.org.uk for more details.

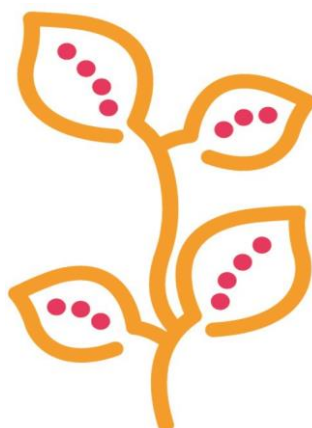


Other ways you can help

Organise an event for us—From wine tastings, to choir concerts to Grand Balls we would welcome the opportunity to be your charity partner.

If you are taking part in a sponsored event - Please consider selecting us as your chosen charity.

Corporate partners—Could your company sponsor one of our events? Or make us your charity of the year?



Could YOU be a Trustee?

Our trustees (or Board) have responsibility for overseeing the charity's governance, management and strategic direction. They play a very important role in helping to set the priorities for our local Home-Start.

Our Board is chaired by Stephanie Durrant who leads a friendly, knowledgeable and active group of Trustees.

There are two sub-groups – the Events Group and the Bids Team with responsibilities for organising fundraising activities and preparing applications to charitable trusts and grant making organisations.

Some people have been trustees for many years. Others are relative newcomers: there's room for everyone! Trusteeship can be rewarding for many reasons – from a sense of making a difference in your local community to forging new experiences and relationships.

Email info@home-startwinchester.org.uk if you would like more information or if you think you could add something to the team.

Could YOU be a volunteer?

Anyone with parenting experience is qualified to be a volunteer. But at another level we're looking for people with very special skills of empathy, friendliness, adaptability and common sense.

Volunteers are trained, supported and supervised to Home-Start UK national standards. If you could spare two hours a week to work with families who are going through their most challenging times, please contact info@home-startwinchester.org.uk



Your skills and experience could help families from all backgrounds through their most challenging times.

Financial Report

Treasurer's Year – End Report – Period 1st April 2023 to March 31st 2024

Income & Expenditure

In the 12-month period April 2023 until March 2024 the Charity achieved,

Income	£137,384	(£110,836)
Expenditure	£122,984	(£110,648)

Net Current Assets have therefore increased by £14,390 to £102,785 (£88,395)

Overall, against budget, income was up by 23% at £137,384 and Expenditure was down by 2% at £122,984.

This is an excellent result considering the present economic climate and the fact that the Charity also moved offices in the last quarter of the year.

The Trustees would like to thank all our sponsors for their generous support and all staff in making this year such a success.

Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet shown later in the report shows that as of 31st March 2024 the Charity had total net assets of £102,390 made up as follows,

Restricted Funds	Nil	(£ 8,394)
Unrestricted Funds	£ 69,985	(£47,201)
Designated Funding	£ 32,800	(£32,800)

Cash at bank and in hand on 1st March stood at £102,785. There was no income deferred as at the 31st March.

Funding Sources

In these challenging times the charity continues to try and identify alternative funding sources. Effort is being applied to try and increase core funding as this would provide a steady income stream and form a secure basis from which the charity can operate.

Events : The Events Team headed by Chrissie Barlow had an excellent year. In total all Events raised a total of £20717 with an expenditure of £5344. Once again highlights were the Quiz Night, Golf Day, Barn Dance, Murder Mystery, Jumble /Car Boot Sale and very useful additions from the Fusion Choir and the sale of Christmas Cards.

Grants & Trusts : The Grants & Trusts team had a difficult year and raised an excellent £61,455 in extremely difficult times this was slightly down on budget but overall an excellent result. We are grateful in particular for the continued support from WCC, HCC, Ex Pat Foundation, Brooks Trust, Basingstoke Voluntary Action and the Woodward Trust for their support.

Donations : Donations had an excellent year raising a total of £52,019. Once again, the Trustees would like to thank Utilita for their continuing core support.

Reserves :

The Charity has an account with Scottish Widows and this sum of money as at the 31st March stood at £54,271.33 and is held in reserve.

Additionally, funds are held in a CAF Bank Gold Account and a small operational sum is held in a CAF Current Account as at 31st March these were £46,525.45 and £1,988.11 respectively. Making a total of £48,513.56.

The Trustees and Senior Staff as part of their due diligence continue to review the Charity's needs for unrestricted reserves in light of the financial risks to the organisation and in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Assessment of Risk

The Trustees and Senior Staff maintain rolling funding and expenditure budgets including an assessment of the major risks to which the charity is exposed through regular discussions at Board meetings. Identified external risks to funding have been included in our three-year strategic plan which includes cash flow projections and an analysis of the major risks to our current and future funding sources. This is updated each year.

Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and activities. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers and families. All procedures are based on national Home-Start policies and are reviewed and updated periodically to ensure that they meet the needs and legal requirements of the charity. The results have been incorporated into the Charity's strategic and work plans.

I thank Vicki Tibbits for undertaking an independent review of our accounts and Community First Winchester for preparing the monthly salary statements for our staff.

I would also like to thank Sue Barham our Office Manager who continues to apply her considerable skills and experience to running the accounts on a day-to-day basis.

Robert White
Treasurer
April 2024

Home-Start Winchester and Districts

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Company Number: 5350249 Registered Charity Number: 1108170

**HOME-START WINCHESTER AND DISTRICTS INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024**

I report on the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of directors and independent examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Act) and that an independent examination is needed (under section 145 of the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. 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 in the records 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Victoria Tibbitts, FCA (ICAEW)

HOME-START WINCHESTER AND DISTRICTS STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(SOFA)
(INCLUDING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD
ENDING 31ST MARCH 2024

These accounts reflect the period 1st April 2023 thro' to 31st March 2024

This statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

SOFA	Notes	Unrestricted Fund 2023/24	Designated Fund 2023/24	Restricted Funds 2023/24	Total Funds 2023/24	Total Funds 2022/23
<u>Incoming resources</u>						
<i>Voluntary income:</i>						
Donations & grants	1(b), 2	91967		21507	113474	96657
<i>Activities for generating funds:</i>						
Fundraising events	6	22267		0	22267	13619
<i>Investment Income:</i>						
Interest - All Accounts		1643		0	1643	560
Total incoming resources		115,877	0.00	21507	137,384	110,386
Resources expended						
Costs of generating voluntary income	11	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable expenditure	11	68,877	0	35,668	104,545	94,051
Governance costs	11	18,449	0	0	18,449	16,597
Total resources expended	-	87,326	0	35,668	122,994	110,648
Net movement of funds		22,784	0	-8,394	14,390	188
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		47,201	32,800	8,394	88,395	88,207
Total funds carried forward		69,985	32,800	0	102,785	88395

Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet	31 March 2024			
	31/03/2024		31/03/2023	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Current Assets</u>				
Debtors: prepayments	0		3,379	
Cash at bank and in hand	102,785		102,945	
	<u>102,785</u>		<u>106,324</u>	
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Creditors falling due within one year,				
Deferred Income-	0		17,929	
	<u>0</u>		<u>17,929</u>	
<u>Net Current Assets</u>		<u>102,785</u>		<u>88,395</u>
Represented by:				
Restricted funds		0		8,394
Unrestricted funds		69,985		47,201
Designated Funds		32,800		32,800
<u>Total Funds</u>		<u>102,785</u>		<u>88,395</u>

For the year ending 31st March 2024 the Charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its financial statement for the year ended 31st March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to Companies subject to small companies regime.

Home-start Winchester & Districts

Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ending 31st March 2024

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarized below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

(a) Basis of Accounts

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in October 2019 and applicable accounting standards (FRS 102).

(b) Fund Accounting

The unrestricted funds are generally those which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

Designated funds are Unrestricted Funds used to manage revenue risks and to set aside funds for committed projects, in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

(c) Income Recognition

Grants and Donations are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming sources in the period for which it has been received. Bank interest is recognised on an accruals basis.

(d) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is recognized when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for the expenditure. Costs relating to charitable activities comprise those incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Management and administration (governance) costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the Charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements. All costs are allocated between expenditure categories of the SOFA on the basis designated to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis, such as estimated usage, as set out in Note 11.

(e) Cash in Bank and in Hand

Cash at Bank and in Hand includes short term, highly liquid investments accessible within 3 months.

2 & 3. Grants & Trusts

The Grants and Trusts Team raised a significant £61,455 during the year.

<u>Grants & Trusts as at</u> <u>31st March 2024</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Core</u>	<u>Total</u>
WCC Annual Grant B/F	1729	7,098	8,827
Brooks Charitable Trust B/F	6,000		6,000
HIWCF	10,000		10,000
St Marys KW Blessing Others	2,000		2,000
Win LCP Grant Communities First		6000.00	6,000
Wheeler Jones Trust		250.00	250
HCC M Todd	278		278
Woodward Trust		1500.00	1,500
Richard Kirkman Trust		1000.00	1,000
Plastow Family		1500.00	1,500
HCC	1,500		1,500
HSUK Supporting Army Families		3000.00	3,000
Albert Hunt		5000.00	5,000
Ex-Pat Foundation B/F		10,000	10,000
Winchester Rotary		1,000	1,000
Charlotte Bonham - Carter		3,600	3,600
Totals	21,507	39,948	61,455

The Trustees would like to take the opportunity to thank the generosity of all contributors and look forward to their continuing support.

4. Trustee Remuneration & Related Party Transactions

No Trustee or related person received any remuneration during the period. No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

5. Taxation

The company is registered as a charity in accordance with the Charities Act 2003 and is not liable to taxation on its income. No tax charges have arisen in the charity during the year.

6a. Fundraising Events

Our Fundraising Events Team raised £22,267, with a special mention to the successful sale of Christmas Cards again and the Fusion Choir as well as the Barn Dance and Quiz Night. A big thank you to everyone who made these events such a success.

<u>Events as at 31 Mar 24</u>	Income	Expenditure	Net Income
Xmas Cards - Forum Media	1855	1117	738
Charity Golf Day	1200	750	450
Dog Walk	2280	68	2212
Jumble Sale	1005	67	938
Car Boot	1491	200	1291
Murder Mystery	999	146	853
Quiz	3880	681	3199
Photo Exhibition N Symes	420		420
Fusion Choir	2641	268	2373
Carols by Tractor	401		401
Winchester Chamber Orchestra raffle	283		283
Rick Stein Coffee Morning	1372		1372
Barn Dance	4441	1998	2443
Total	22,267	5,293	16,974

6b. Fundraising Donations

Donations raised £52,019. A special mention must be made to Utilita for their continuing support, all Volunteers who donated their expenses and a big thank you to D. Durrant for such a generous donation.

Donations as at 31 Mar 24	Income
Friends Monthly Donations (Includes Utilita)	12067
Friends Ad Hoc Donations	12679
Imperium	7000
Volunteer Expenses Donated	1039
D Durrant Donation	5000
Winchester Chamber Orchestra	772
Round Table - Santa's Sleigh	778
Kings Worthy Pre-School	7500
N Crook (SFFC)	1343
John Lewis	1000
Pilgrims PPA	1330
Catholic Womens League	250
Food Finders	500
St Johns PCC	40
PCC St Simon & Jude Bramdean	420
Easy Fundraising	195
Much Loved	107
Total	52,019

7. Staff Costs and Numbers

Staff Costs	2023-24		2022-23
	£		£
Salaries and wages	72,632		66,303
Social security costs (NI)	8,970		8,733
Total	81,602		75,036
	2023-24		2022-23
	Number		Number
Service Manager	0.70		0.70
Coordinator	0.65		0.65
Office Manager	0.65		0.65
Family Group Coordinator	0.30		0.30
Family Group Leader	0.10		0.10
Family Group Leader	0.10		0.10
Total	2.50		2.50

8. Movement in Funds

<u>Movement of Funds</u>	At 1st April 2023	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfer Between Reserves	At 31st March 2024
£	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds					
All restricted funds	8,394	21,507	35,668	5,767	0
Total restricted funds	8,394	21,507	35,668	5,767	0
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	47,201	115,877	87,326	-5,767	69,985
Designated fund	32,800	0	0		32,800
Total unrestricted funds	80,001	115,877	87,326	-5,767	102,785
Total funds	88,395	137,384	122,994		102,785

9. Designated Funds

<u>Designated Fund</u>	<u>31-Mar-24</u>
Revenue Unpredictability Provision	
a. WCC:	0
b. BBC Children in Need:	7,000
c. HCC Councillors:	800
d. Other Charitable Trusts	23,000
e. Donations	0
f. Events	0
Total of Revenue Unpredictability	30,800
Capital Equipment - Replacement Liability	2,000
Project Fund towards Scheme Expansion	0
Cost of Closing the charity	0
Designated Fund Total	32,800

The Trustees each year review the Charity's financial requirements, establishing Designated Funds to manage revenue risks and to set aside funds for committed projects, in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Designated Funds are part of Unrestricted Funds. These, plus Restricted Funds constitute the Charity's reserves.

Structure, Governance and Management

Home-Start Winchester and Districts was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee in 2005 and is registered under the Charities Act 1993 and the Companies Acts 1985 and 1989. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association and by its Board of Trustees. It has a legal agreement with Home-Start UK to follow their national Standards and Methods of Practice. Its year end is 31st March.

Registered charity name: Home-Start Winchester and Districts

Charity registration number: 1108170

Company registration number: 5350249

Registered office and operational address:

The Carroll Centre

Somers Close

Stanmore

Winchester

SO22 4EJ

Telephone: 01962 851177

Bankers:

CAF Bank Limited, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Trustees:

Stephanie Durrant – Chair (from July 2023)

Hilary North – vice Chair

Robert White – Treasurer (from January 2024) (Co-opted Nov 23)

Martin Tomsett - Company Secretary

Chrissie Barlow

Rob Bolwell – (Co-opted Oct 2023)

Joanna Chapman – Andrews

Tina Gericke

Jane Skelton

Jackie Sumner

Barry Page- Chair (resigned July 2023)

Gill Longman – (resigned July 2023)

Mike Davies—Treasurer (retired September 2023)

Graham Winyard – (retired March 2024)

Patrons

Sally Stewart

Alison Wakeham

Staff:

Liz Stannard—Service Manager

Jane Read—Service Co-ordinator

Sue Barham—Office Manager

Charlotte Howard—Family Group Co-ordinator

Liz Brown—Family Group Leader

Bonnie Stagg—Family Group Leader

Independent Examiner: Vicki Tibbitts

HOME-START WINCHESTER AND DISTRICTS

England & Wales - Charity number 1108170

Accounts

HOME START

Winchester
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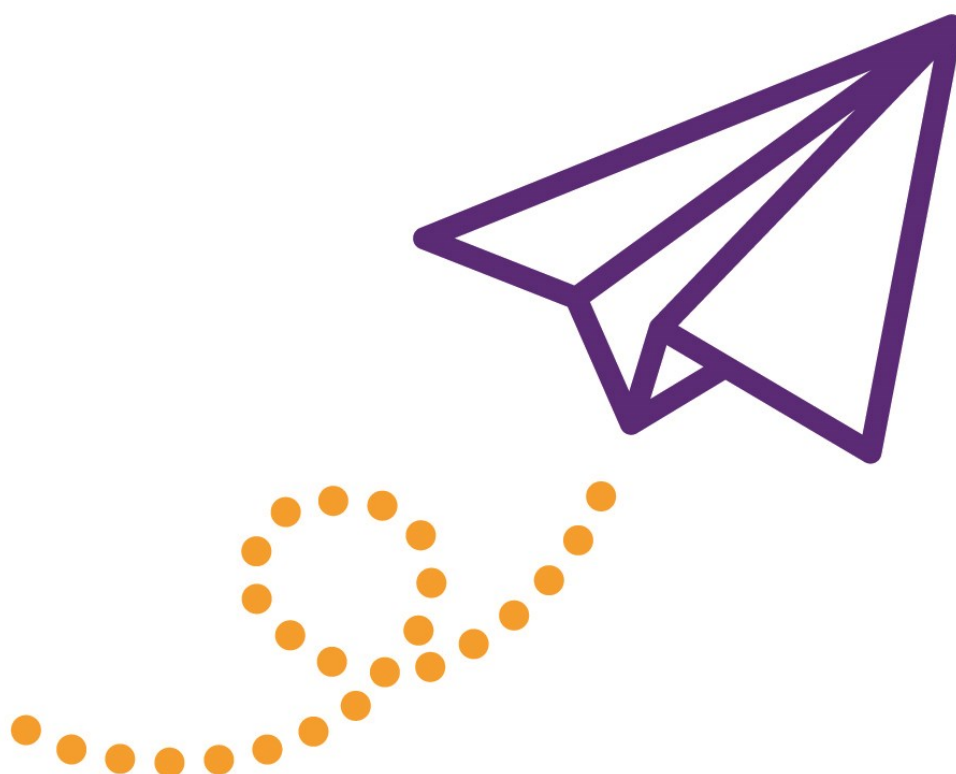


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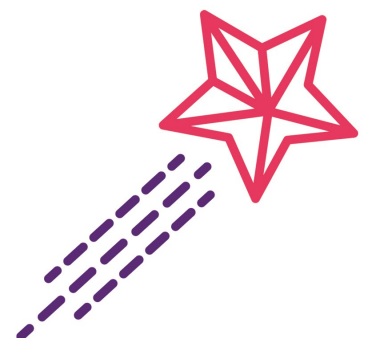
BECAUSE CHILDHOOD CAN'T WAIT....

We believe that children need a happy and secure childhood and that parents play the key role in giving their children a good start in life. The earliest years make the biggest impact so we want to see a society in which every parent has the support they need to give their children the best possible start.

We offer free support to young families within the Winchester area and surrounding districts with at least one child under five who are going through difficult times including:

- Loneliness and isolation
- Relationship difficulties
- Coping with twins, triplets or several pre-school children
- Ill health - physical or mental
- Disabilities and special needs
- Lone parenting
- First time parenthood and new babies
- Children's behavioural problems
- Unemployment or economic difficulties

Home-Start Winchester and Districts is one of over 180 schemes within the national Home-Start movement. Our service is provided by a team of volunteers who are recruited, trained and given on-going support by our Service Manager & Service Co-ordinator. Volunteers offer informal, friendly and confidential support, for at least two hours per week usually for between six and 12 months, although periods of more than a year are not uncommon for families with more complex needs. Our service is overseen by a Board of volunteer trustees who bring a range of professional skills and expertise to the organisation.



CHAIR'S REPORT

After the challenges of the prior two-years, the core team and our fantastic volunteers returned to normal service, with a real sense of enthusiasm and focus. Our crucial home-visit support resumed without restrictions, and our groups once again were back up to speed; which could not have come at a more important time, as the number of referrals rose.

The core team, led by Liz Stannard, as ever responded to the needs of our families, and once again grew as we welcomed Bonnie Stagg to the Home-Start 'family'. Along with Sue, Jane, Charlotte and Liz Brown, the team successfully planned and delivered a wide range of events and experiences for our families, as well as some new initiatives. One of note being a pilot group for young teenage mum's in Eastleigh. The Summer Fun Club was held for the third year running, and despite the heat was a great success. As in previous years, it created many great memories for those who attended. Thanks to all those who made the event possible.

As ever, we could not achieve what we do throughout the year without our volunteers. How lucky we are to have such a group of committed members of our Home-Start family, who help in many different ways: through home-visits, at the groups, other family support occasions and at many of our fundraising events. During the year we welcomed our latest cohort of new volunteers who completed their five weeks of training, all of whom added to the depth of support we are able to provide. That said, we are always in need of more support, so we will continue to run training courses for more volunteers to meet the constant flow of referrals we receive from more and more families in our area.

Not only did our team and range of services expand during the year, but so did our Board of Trustees. We welcomed Joanna Chapman-Andrews and Tina Gericke during the first half of the year, both with Home-Start volunteering experience, and then later in the year Jane Skelton, a retired Home-Start Senior Coordinator, joined the Board. The three of them bring a wealth of front-line Home-Start related experience.

While we could not achieve what we do without the amazing commitment of our core team and army of fantastic volunteers, overseen by a great Board of Trustees, we could not function without our wide range of financial supporters. From individual donors, our 'Friends of Home-Start', corporate sponsors, trusts and foundations, the contribution from the city council, and the commitments of our volunteers on the Home-Start Events Team, all of their collective contributions are essential; never more than now at a time of increasing costs and demands on our services. Without Home-Start Winchester & District many families in Winchester and the surrounding area would have nowhere else to access the support they need. A very big thank you to you all, as each year we face the challenge of raising sufficient funds to meet our financial obligations.

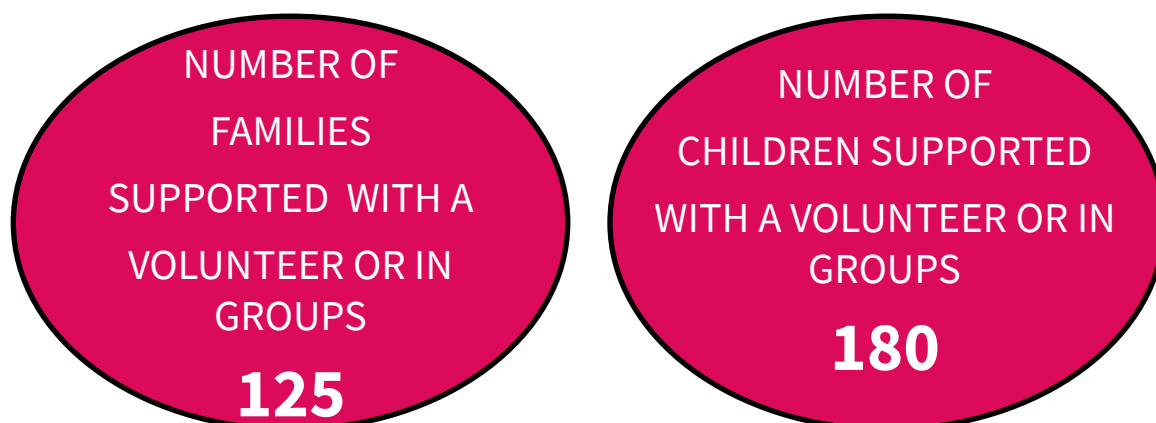
Finally, as I sign off and hand over the Chair's baton of responsibility to Stephanie Durrant, a number of very personal thank you's. For all the support and camaraderie I have received from my fellow Trustees over the last few years, to the core team for their commitment and patience, to our fantastic volunteers for their dedication and selflessness, and to all those who have financially supported Home-Start Winchester & District. Last, but certainly not least, thank you to our two amazingly supportive Patrons, Alison Wakeham and Sally Stewart; always there whenever we need them.

Barry Page,

Chair & Trustee



KEY INFORMATION for 2022/2023



FACTS AND FIGURES FOR FAMILIES SUPPORTED BY A VOLUNTEER

FAMILY NEEDS		
MANAGING CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR	34	
BEING INVOLVED IN CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENT	41	
PARENTS COPING WITH OWN PHYSICAL HEALTH		13
PARENTS COPING WITH OWN MENTAL HEALTH		51
PARENTS COPING WITH LONLINESS & ISOLATION		55
PARENTS' SELF ESTEEM	45	
COPING WITH CHILD'S PHYSICAL HEALTH	9	
COPING WITH CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH	15	
MANAGING THE HOUSEHOLD BUDGET	13	
DAY-TO-DAY RUNNING OF HOUSEHOLD	19	
STRESS CAUSED BY CONFLICT IN FAMILY	16	
COPING WITH MULTIPLE BIRTHS/CHILDREN UNDER 5	14	
PARENT'S OWN LEARNING NEEDS	3	

FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES		
UNSUITABLE HOUSING	16	
FAMILY MEMBER IN PRISON	2	
REFUGEE/ASYLUM SEEKER	4	
1 OR MORE PARENT EMPLOYED	13	
DEBT/FINANCIAL WORRIES	18	
SPEECH AND LANGUAGE	12	
LONE PARENT	33	
DISABILITIES	20	
TEENAGE PREGNANCY	4	
MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES	52	

TEAM NEWS

Spring Term 2022

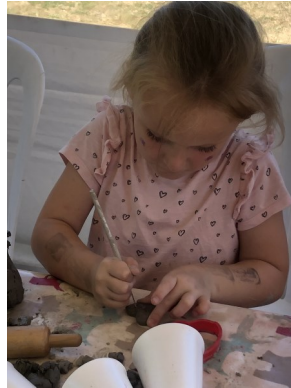


Home-start
well-being course



This quarter we had the opportunity to pilot a well-being course for parents as well as a group for children with developmental delay—Best Start. We also received funding from the Worthy Churches to set up a weekly drop-in at Tubbs Hall at Kings Worthy where the children share a healthy meal together and the parents have the opportunity to chat.

Summer Fun Club



We hosted another wonderfully successful Summer Fun Club in marquees on the meadow at Lanterns. This was enjoyed by 51 parents and 81 children and was supported by a small team of volunteers. There were lots of things to do and many friendships were made.

TEAM NEWS CONTINUED

Autumn Term 2022

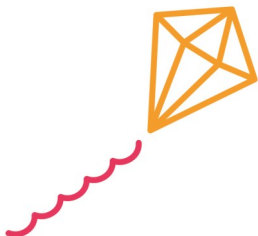


In October we welcomed Bonnie Stagg to the Home-Start team as Family Group Leader and as part of her role she set up a weekly group for very young mums in Eastleigh. We celebrated Christmas with a two course lunch for all our families at the Salvation Army Hall catered by Munch and Liz and Helen were privileged to be invited to the Royal Foundation carol service at Westminster Abbey.

Spring Term 2023



This term we enjoyed working alongside Babs Isaac, the CAP Coach, to offer a budgeting course to our families funded by Winchester City Council. As the world has opened up after COVID we have attended various networking events including a Volunteer Fayre run by Community First. Our very first Easter walk and Easter egg hunt with families was a great success and we welcomed Volunteer Group 20 to the Home-Start family.



FUNDRAISING

The Events Team has run a number of fundraising events over the past year.



We kicked off with our annual Quiz Night on April Fools' Day. Over 100 people attended the event which was held in Itchen Abbas Village Hall and was generously sponsored by IVC. We also held a raffle and one lucky couple won a week's holiday in The Algarve. There were other fantastic prizes donated by Leckford Water Gardens; The Flowers Pots Inn and the Waitrose Fishing Lake.

The Swing Band evening in June was held in the magnificent 15th century Pinglestone Barn kindly made available to us by Lord and Lady Wakeham. The Kasbah Swing Band provided musical treats from the Big Band era and guests were served a Hog Roast from Soles Butchers in Alresford with home-made salads and desserts created by the Events Team. Bill Rawles Classic Cars were the generous sponsors of the evening and brought with them a 1961 Austin Healey racing car which proved a great hit with the boys!



We were incredibly grateful to Rick Stein's Restaurant in Winchester who kindly held a Coffee and Cake morning in support of Home-Start for the second year running. Shoppers were persuaded in for a reviving cup of coffee and a slice of cake.



The annual Car Boot Sale was held in Bramdean on a boiling hot day in August. The location was generously made available to us by Sally and Alastair Stewart, Home-Start Winchester patron and Home-Start national patron respectively. Buyers who braved the heat were rewarded with some great bargains, but we'd like more sellers this year, so clear out your cupboards!

The Bake Sale in St. Maurice's Covert in Winchester was held on a freezing cold day in December. Friends and family were pressed into making cakes, bread, cupcakes, mince pies and brownies and the biscuit treats for dogs sold out in minutes!

Our Christmas card was designed last year by Alresford artist, Emma Trickle and was generously sponsored by Dutton Gregory, Solicitors. It was tough year for charity Christmas card sales. At the beginning there was no obvious charity card shop on the High Street; many people are now sending e-cards due to the price of postage; and also the last posting date was brought forward due to the postal strike. However, we still managed to sell over 450 packs.

I am incredibly grateful to the wonderful team of fabulous women who serve on the Events Group. They are tireless, enthusiastic and innovative and none of these events would be possible without them.

Chrissie Barlow

Chair of Events Group

How you can help us

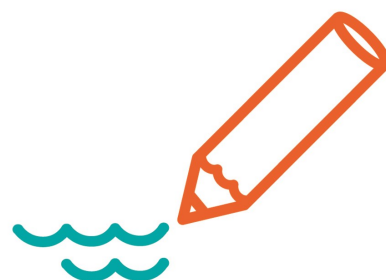
Our services are provided free to families and are largely funded by individual donations, proceeds from fundraising activities, sponsorship and grants from charitable trusts and third parties including Winchester City Council and BBC Children in Need.

Local authority funding has been reduced in recent years and fundraising is more challenging whilst the need for our support has grown. The challenge now is to raise funds from new sources and we are asking people to commit to supporting us by making a regular monthly payment.

Become a Friend of Home-Start Winchester

The Friends of Home-Start Winchester programme was launched in summer 2020 and we are keen to see it develop further. Whilst all fundraising is obviously beneficial, this is the 'gold standard'. It is tax and time efficient for the donor and gives us financial security, allowing us to plan ahead. A standing order for £10 per month will enable us to provide emergency food vouchers while giving £30 per month will support a place in one of our family groups. Please will you help our families by becoming a Friend of Home-Start Winchester?

Email: friends@home-startwinchester.org.uk for more details.

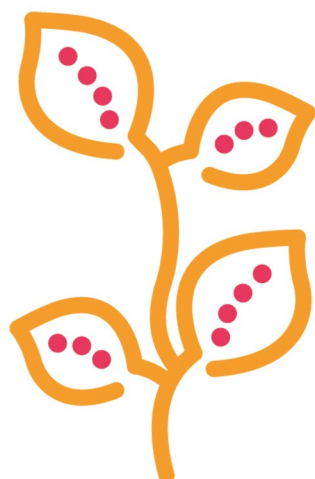


Other ways you can help

Organise an event for us—From wine tastings, to choir concerts to Grand Balls we would welcome the opportunity to be your charity partner.

Taking part in a sponsored event? - Please consider selecting us as your chosen charity.

Corporate partners—Could your company sponsor one of our events? Or make us your chari-



Could YOU be a Trustee?

Our trustees (or Board) have responsibility for overseeing the charity's governance, management and strategic direction. They play a very important role in helping to set the priorities for our local Home-Start.

Our Board is chaired by Barry Page who runs a friendly, efficient group who bring a range of different skills to the Home-Start table.

There are also two sub-groups, the Events Group and the Bids Team with responsibilities for fundraising activities and preparing applications to charitable trusts and grant making organisations.

Some people have been trustees for many years, others are relative newcomers: there's room for everyone! Trusteeship can be rewarding for many reasons - from a sense of making a difference to your local community to forging new experiences and relationships. Email trustee@homestartwinchester.org if you think you could add something to the team.

Could YOU be a volunteer?

Anyone with parenting experience is qualified to be a volunteer. But at another level we're looking for people with very special skills of empathy, friendliness, adaptability and common sense.

Volunteers are trained, supported and supervised to Home-Start UK national standards. If you could spare two hours a week to work with families who are going through their most challenging times, please contact info@home-startwinchester.org.uk



Your skills and experience could help families from all backgrounds through their most challenging times.

Financial Report

Treasurer's Year-End Report - Period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

Income and Expenditure

In the 12-month period April 2022 to March 2023 the Charity has achieved:

Income **£110,836**
(£98,463 restated)

Expenditure **£110,648**
(£95,158)

This performance has increased our Net Current Assets by **£188** to **£88,395** (£88,207, restated).

With Covid-19 still having an impact the Trustees nevertheless set a target at the start of this year to break even. I am delighted to announce that we have met the target. This has been achieved by strict cost controls together with magnificent contributions from a number of fundraising activities and grants providers.

The Trustees wish to thank all our sponsors for their most generous support. The full detail is laid out in the following accounts.

Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet shown later in the report shows that as at the 31st March 2023 the charity had total net assets of

£88,395 (£88,207, restated) made up of:

Restricted Funding of **£8,394**
(£8,736) Unrestricted Funding of
£47,201 (£56,671, restated)

Designated Funding of **£32,800**
(£22,800)

It also shows our Cash at Bank and in Hand on 31st March 2023 stood at **£106,324** (£119,997) showing a decrease of **£13,673** on our starting Balance and reflecting a more challenging year for raising Income. Last year following an excellent fundraising effort we were able to bring forward **£31,790** (restated) and whilst some of this excess has been used we are still able to defer **£17,929** to the following financial year 2023-24.

Funding sources

Our challenge continues to be to find alternative funding sources, particularly for Core Funding which is always more difficult to source than Project Funding. The identification of funding in addition to our normal Revenue Streams is key.

Events

Our **Fundraising Events Team** headed by Chrissie have had an excellent year, raising **£13,819** (£12,608). Highlights were the Quiz, Golf Day, Swing Band Party and Christmas Cards.

Grants & Trusts

The Grants and Trusts Team have had another good year. Charitable Trusts, year on year become more demanding so it is particularly pleasing that the hard work put in by Martin and his small team has enabled them to raise the magnificent total of **£75,646** for 2022/23. In addition to this total they have raised a further **£17,729** which has been deferred to be spent in 2023/24.

We are grateful in particular for the continued support of Winchester City Council, Hampshire County Council, BBC Children in Need, Brooks Charitable Trust, The Oak Foundation, the Ex-Pat Foundation and other Charitable and Family Trusts.

Donations

The **Donations** income stream has had another good year raising **£21,011**. Utilita continues to provide regular wonderful support.

Reserves & Investment Policy

A large part of the charity's reserves is held in a 90-day notice account with Scottish Widows. The balance in this account as at 31st March 2023 stood at **£53,675**.

The Charity also holds funds in a CAF Gold account and a small amount is held within a CAF Cash account to meet all short-term commitments. As at 31 March 2023 the combined balance in these two accounts was **£49,297**.

The Trustees continue to review the charity's needs for unrestricted reserves in light of the financial risks to the organisation and in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

R i s k Assessment

The Trustees and Senior Staff maintain rolling funding and expenditure budgets including an assessment of the major risks to which the charity is exposed through regular discussions at Board meetings. Identified external risks to funding have been included in our three-year strategic plan which includes cash flow projections and an analysis of the major risks to our current and future funding sources. This is updated each year.

Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and activities. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, and families. All procedures are based on national Home-Start policies and are reviewed and updated periodically to ensure that they meet the needs and legal requirements of the charity. The results have been incorporated into the Charity's strategic and work plans.

I thank Vicki for undertaking an independent review of our accounts and Community First Winchester for preparing the monthly salary statements for our staff.

I would also like to thank Sue Barham, our Office Manager, who continues to apply her considerable skills and experience to running the accounts on a day-to-day basis.

Mike Davies

Treasurer,

June 2023

Home-Start Winchester and Districts

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

Company Number:
5350249 Registered
Charity Number:
1108170

HOME-START WINCHESTER AND DISTRICTS INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR

ENDING 31st MARCH 2023

I report on the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2023, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of directors and independent examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Act) and that an independent examination is needed (under section 145 of the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. 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 in the records 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect:

the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

Victoria Tibbitts, FCA
(ICAEW)

June 2023

**HOME-START WINCHESTER AND DISTRICTS STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(SOFA)**

**(INCLUDING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD
ENDING 31ST MARCH 2023**

These accounts reflect the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

This statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

SOFA	Notes	Unrestricted Fund 2022/23	Designated Fund 2022/23	Restricted Funds 2022/23	Total Funds 2022/23	Total Funds 2021/22 (restated)
<u>Incoming resources</u>						
<i>Voluntary income:</i>						
Donations & grants	1(b), 2	64,911		31,746	96,657	83,566
<i>Activities for generating funds:</i>						
Fundraising events	6	13,619		0	13,619	14,859
Investment Income:						
Interest—All Accounts		560		0	560	38
Total incoming resources		79,090	0	31,746	110,836	98,463
Resources expended						
Costs of generating voluntary income	11	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable expenditure	11	61,963	0	32,088	94,051	82,281
Governance costs	11	16,597	0	0	15,597	12,877
Total resources expended		78,560	0	32,088	110,648	95,158
Gross transfers to & from funds	10	-10,000	10,000	0	0	0
Net movement of funds		-9,470	10,000	-342	188	3,305
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		56,671	22,800	8,736	88,207	84,902
<u>Total funds carried forward</u>		47,201	32,800	8,394	88,395	88,207

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities

Balance Sheet

<u>Balance Sheet</u>		<u>31st March 2023</u>			
		<u>31/03/2023</u>		<u>31/03/2022</u>	
				(restated)	
	£	£		£	£
<u>Current Assets</u>					
Debtors: Prepayments		3,379		2,751	
Cash at bank and in hand		102,945		117,246	
		106,324		119,997	
<u>Liabilities</u>					
<u>Creditors falling due within</u>		17,929		31,790	
		17,929		31,790	
<u>Net Assets</u>		88,395			88,207
Represented by:					
Restricted funds		8,394		8,736	
Unrestricted funds		47,201		56,671	
Designated funds		32,800		22,800	
<u>Total Funds</u>		88,395			88,207

For the year ending 31 March 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime.

Barry Page
Chair of Trustees
June 2023

HOME-START WINCHESTER AND DISTRICTS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2023

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

(a) Basis of accounts

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in March 2005 and applicable accounting standards (FRS 102).

(b) Fund accounting

The unrestricted funds are generally those which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

Designated Funds are Unrestricted Funds used to manage revenue risks and to set aside funds for committed projects, in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

(c) Income recognition

Grants and donations are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which it has been received.

Bank interest is recognised on an accruals basis.

(d) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for the expenditure. Costs relating to charitable activities comprise those 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.

Management and administration (governance) costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on the basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis such as estimated usage as set out in Note 11.

(e) Cash at bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes short-term, highly liquid investments accessible within 3 months.

(f) Prior year adjustment

Donations received had incorrectly been deferred in the prior year. As a result, the prior year comparatives have been restated, increasing income in the year to 31 March 2022 by £1,500, reducing the deferred income recognised as at 31 March 2022 by £19,500 and reducing the total unrestricted funds brought forward at 1 April 2022 by £18,000.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

2 & 3. Grants & Trusts

The Grants and Trusts Team raised a magnificent total of £93,375 which included £29,225 brought forward from the previous financial year. £17,720 was received later in the year and was carried forward to be spent in 2023/24.

It can be seen from the table below the extent of the generosity of many contributors.

Grants & Trusts—1 Apr 22-31 Mar 23	Purpose	Restricted 2022-23	Unrestricted 2022-23	Total 2022-23	Deferred To 2023-24
WCC Annual Grant	Core Funding		9,900	9,900	
WCC Drawings	Families	1,729		1,729	1,729
Garfield Weston Year 3	Families	1,000		1,000	
Broks Charitable Trust	Families	10,780		10,780	6,000
BBC Children in Need	Families	9,466		9,466	
BBC Children in Need Money Heroes	Families	1,000		1,000	
HSUK Warm Spaces	Families	1,000		1,000	
PCC Kings Worthy (Tubbs Group)	Families	2,000		2,000	
Richard Kirkman Trust	Core Funding		1,000	1,000	
Plastow Family Trust	Core Funding		1,500	1,500	
Imperium	Core Funding		3,000	3,000	
Oak Foundation	Core Funding		20,000	20,000	
Ex-Pat Foundation	Core Funding	12,500	18,500	31,000	10,000
Totals		39,475	53,900	93,375	17,729

4. Trustee Remuneration & Related Party Transactions

No Trustee or related person received any remuneration during the period. No Trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

5. Taxation

The company is registered as a charity in accordance with the Charities Act 2003 and is not liable to taxation on its income. No tax charges have arisen in the charity during the year.

6a. Fundraising Events

Our Fundraising Events Team raised **£13,619**, special mention going to the Swing Band evening, and the successful sales of our Christmas Cards.

Events 1 Apr22—31 Mar 23	Income	Expenditure	Net Income
Quizzes	3,194	737	2,457
Charity Golf Days	1,655	120	1,535
Dog Walk	755	76	679
Christmas Cards	2,670	1,210	1,461
Car Boot	1,253		1,253
Swing Band Party ticket and bar sales	2,702	1,220	1,482
Rick Stein's Coffee Morning	390		390
Murder Mystery Evening	529	12	517
St Maurice's Cake Sale—December 2022	470	35	435
Total	13,619	3,410	10,209

6b. Fundraising Donations

Donations raised **£21,011** plus **£19,600** received later in the year and carried forward to 2023/24. Special mention to the generosity of our loyal supporter Utilita.

Donations 1 Apr 22—31 Mar 23	Income	Deferred to
Brought Forward from 21/22		
Friends Donations	6,817	
Utilita	6,000	
Other Donations	8,194	
Carried Forward to 23/24		
Total	21,011	

7. Staff Costs and Numbers

Staff Costs (6)	2022-23		2021-22
	£		£
Salaries and wages	66,303		53,600
Social Security costs (NI) including pensions	8,733		10,887
Total	75,037		64,487
	2022-23		2021-22
	Number		Number
Senior Co-ordinator	0.70		0.70
Co-ordinator	0.65		0.65
Office Manager	0.65		0.65
Family Drop Co-ordinator	0.30		0.30
Family Group Leader	0.10		0.10
Family Group Leader	0.10		0.00
Total	2.50		2.40

8/9 Debtors & Creditors

Debtors	<u>2022/23</u>		<u>2021/22</u>
Quiz Deposit	0		250
Dog Walk	0		39
Summer Fun Club Marquee Deposit	0		250
Premier Insurance	187		173
Lanterns Rent	1,688		1,458
Charity Log—Dizons	391		397
Home-Start UK Annual Fee	885		0
HSUK Legal & Accident Insurance	0		70
Drop Box Annual Licence	229		115
Website Hosting Annual License	0		0
Total	3,379		2,751
Creditors falling due within one year	<u>2022/23</u>		<u>2021/22</u>
Deferred income			
Ex-Pat Foundation	10,000		0

Oak Foundation	0	20,000
Brooks Trust	6,000	4,000
Garfield Weston Trust	0	1,000
BBC CinN Money Heroes	0	1,000
Golf Day	200	0
Dog Walk	0	755
Quiz	0	1,810
J Porter	0	0
WCC Annual Grant	1,729	1,900
BBC Children in Need	0	1,325
Total	17,929	31,790

Income is deferred where conditions that limit recognition of that income have not been met.

10 Movement in Funds

	At 1st April 2021 (restated)		Incoming Resources (restated)		Outgoing Resources			At 31st March 2022 (restated)
	£		£		£			£
Restricted Funds								
All Restricted Funds	3,286		33,589		28,139			8,736
Total restricted funds	3,286		33,589		28,139			8,736
Unrestricted funds								
General funds	58,816		64,874		67,019			56,671
Designated funds	22,800		-		-			22,800
Total unrestricted funds	81,616		64,874		67,019			79,471
Total funds	84,902		98,463		95,158			88,207

	At 1st April 2022 (restated)		Incoming Resources		Outgoing Resources		Transfer between reserves	At 31st March 2023
	£		£		£		£	£
Restricted Funds								
All Restricted Funds	8,736		31,746		32,088			8,394
Total restricted funds	8,736		31,746		32,088			8,394
Unrestricted funds								
General funds	56,671		79,090		78,560		-10,000	47,201
Designated fund	22,800		-		0		10,000	32,800
Total unrestricted funds	79,471		79,090		78,560			80,001
Total funds	88,207		110,836		110,648		-	88,395

11. Total Resources Expended

	Core charitable	Governance	Parenting Course	Volunteer Prep	Family Drop -in Groups	Family services	2022/23 Totals	2021/22 Totals
Costs directly allocated to activities	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Wages, NI, Pensions	15,007		0	7,504	7,504	33,766	63,781	54,814
Staff expenses	179	134		90	90	403	896	284
Trustee expenses	0	119		0	0	0	119	0
Volunteer expenses	542	406		271	271	1,219	2,708	2,301
Training	411	308	0	205	205	924	2,054	1,793
Projects	477	358	0	239	239	1,074	2,386	0
Covid other expenses							0	1,448
Covid staff expenses							0	67
Groups	839	629	0	420	420	1,888	4,196	3,304
Parenting	64	48	0	32	32	144	320	
Family outings	102	77	0	51	51	230	510	38
Summer Fun Club	1,057	793	0	529	529	2,379	5,287	5,972
Direct total	18,679	2,872	0	9,339	9,339	42,027	82,256	70,021
Support costs allocated to activities								
Wages, Ni, Pensions		11,255					11,255	9,673

Stationery & postage	40	30		20	20	90	199	291
Telephone	268	201		134	134	604	1,342	1,718
Photocopying	106	80		53	53	239	532	1,348
Insurance	205	154	0	103	103	462	1,026	874
Capital items	427	320	0	213	213	960	2,133	0
Other Fees & Subscriptions	441	331	0	221	221	992	2,205	1,942
HSUK Fees	172	129	0	86	86	387	861	2,195
Fundraising	682	511	0	341	341	1,534	3,410	2,251
Bank charges	13	10	0	7	7	30	67	72
Accommodation	751	563	0	375	375	1,689	3,754	3,571
Sundry expenses	322	241	0	161	161	724	1,609	1,203
Support Total	3,427	13,826	0	1,714	1,714	7,712	28,393	25,138
Overall Total	22,106	16,698	0	11,053	11,053	49,739	110,649	95,159

12. Designated Funds

<u>Designated Fund</u>	<u>31-Mar-23</u>	<u>01-Apr-22</u>
Revenue Unpredictability Provision		
a. WCC	0	0
b. BBC Children in Need	0	0
c. HCC Councillors	800	800
d. Other Charitable Trusts	10,000	10,000
e. Donations	5,000	5,000
f. Events	5,000	5,000
Total of Revenue Unpredictability	20,800	20,800
Capital Equipment—Replacement Liability	2,000	2,000
Project Fund towards Scheme Expansion	10,000	0
Cost of Closing the charity	0	0
Designated Fund Total	32,800	22,800

The Trustees each year review the charity's financial requirements, establishing Designated Funds to manage revenue risks and to set aside funds for committed projects, in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. Designated Funds plus Restricted and Unrestricted Funds constitute the charity's Reserves.

Structure, Governance and Management

Home-Start Winchester and Districts was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee in 2005 and is registered under the Charities Act 1993 and the Companies Acts 1985 and 1989. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association and by its Board of Trustees. It has a legal agreement with Home-Start UK to follow their national Standards and Methods of Practice. Its year end is 31st March.

Registered charity name: Home-Start Winchester and Districts

Charity registration number: 1108170

Company registration number: 5350249

Registered office and operational address:

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Trustees:

Barry Page- Chair

Mike Davies—Treasurer

Martin Tomsett - Company Secretary & Vice Chair

Chrissie Barlow

Joanna Chapman – Andrews (Co-opted)

Stephanie Durrant

Tina Gericke (Co-opted)

Gill Longman

Hilary North (Co-opted)

Jane Skelton (Co-opted)

Jackie Sumner

Graham Winyard

Patrons

Sally Stewart

Alison Wakeham

Staff:

Liz Stannard—Service Manager

Jane Read—Service Co-ordinator

Sue Barham—Office Manager

Charlotte Howard—Family Group Co-Ordinator

Liz Brown—Family Group Leader

Bonnie Stagg—Family Group Leader

Independent Examiner: Vicki Tibbitts

HOME-START WINCHESTER AND DISTRICTS

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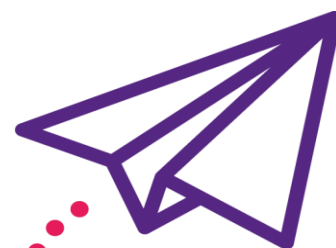
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We believe that children need a happy and secure childhood and that parents play the key role in giving their children a good start in life. The earliest years make the biggest impact so we want to see a society in which every parent has the support they need to give their children the best possible start.

We offer free support to young families within the Winchester area and surrounding districts with at least one child under five who are going through difficult times including:

- Loneliness and isolation
- Relationship difficulties
- Coping with twins, triplets or several pre-school children
- Ill health - physical or mental
- Disabilities and special needs
- Lone parenting
- First time parenthood and new babies
- Children's behavioural problems
- Unemployment or economic difficulties

Home-Start Winchester and Districts is one of over 180 schemes within the national Home-Start movement. Our service is provided by a team of **volunteers** who are recruited, trained and given on-going support by our **Service Manager & Service Co-ordinator**. Volunteers offer informal, friendly and confidential support, for at least two hours once per week usually for between six and 12 months, although periods of more than a year are not uncommon for families with more complex problems. Our service is overseen by a Board of volunteer **trustees** who bring a range of professional skills and expertise to the organisation.



Chair's Report

While 2020/21 was a year of resilience and adaptation, 2021/22 was focused on how to move forward: for both the families we support and the charity. As we emerge from the era of lockdown and start to realise the long-term impacts on health and social care, we now face a new set of pressures in our lives, as the rise in cost-of-living starts to become the new reality.

Whether you look at the global or national scene, or closer to home in our own local communities, life is getting more complex and, sadly for many, more difficult. With the continued decline in national and local government funded social services, the need for support from charities such as Home-Start Winchester & District increases: without us many families would have no access to emotional and practical support. It has been good to see Home-Start UK create greater representation and awareness of the importance of early learning and children's development at the national level. For some time, the local Home-Start schemes have been calling out for this to happen. We are now seeing a greater profile through various media channels and involvement in government committees. Home-Start UK has also been reviewing the range of practical support it provides to local schemes across the country, and my thanks to Graham Winyard who has represented Winchester & Districts' interests during this process.

The year saw a gradual return to our full range of services, albeit in a 'start-stop-start' manner, as periods of lockdowns and restrictions prevailed. Our new family group in Winnall finally opened, and as the year closed out the team prepared to start another new group at Tubbs Hall, Kings Worthy. Our wonderful volunteers returned to home visits, for which I thank each and every one of them for all that they do for our families. It was a real delight to welcome the latest cohorts of new volunteers to the Home-Start team, at the end of their seven weeks training in June 2021 and March 2022. Our commitment to all our Volunteers is to provide ongoing support, guidance and training as our home-visiting service remains at the heart of our charity.

The core team also expanded, as we welcomed onboard Charlotte Howard. She joined as our Family Group Coordinator, and with the support and experience of Liz Brown, is leading the expansion of our family groups. This will see additional groups being started and a wider range of training and support being available to families who attend. Under the overall leadership of Liz Stannard, our Service Manager, the core team of Jane Read, Sue Barham, Charlotte and Liz, and legion of Volunteers, have achieved many great moments for the families we supported during the year. Two of the Trustees, Stephanie Durrant and Jackie Sumner, have given their time during the year to support the team and they have also supported our safeguarding initiatives and responsibilities.

All of the support we provide to families depends on fundraising, and without the generosity of individuals, a few corporate organisations and grants from trusts, foundations and from Winchester City Council we would not exist. A big Thank You, to all of those who have supported the charity over the last year, many of whom continue to do so year-after-year. Within this, words of thanks to our *Friends of Home-Start*, who make regular donations, and to our Events Committee, chaired by Chrissie Barlow, who soldiered on despite the restrictions preventing the majority of our traditional fundraising events.

The biggest contributor to our running costs remains awards from grants and foundations, as well as local societies and organisations. Our Bids Team, chaired by Martin Tomsett, who also takes on the lion's share of writing bids and applications, were successful in securing invaluable sums of money. Each year it becomes more challenging to essentially 'compete' against many other worthy charities for such grants, so a big thank you to Martin and the rest of the Committee for all their efforts.

Once again, our financial management and oversight has, thankfully, been in the very capable hands of our Treasurer Mike Davies, and we ended the year with a good financial foundation. Our reserves afford us the confidence to push ahead with plans to expand the range of support and services we provide to a growing number of families being referred to the charity. The challenge remains to raise sufficient funds each year to meet the demand. Mike also dons his 'Quiz-Master' hat during the year to run the successful fundraising quiz, and he also organises an annual golf day.

Creating awareness of what Home-Start Winchester & District is about, what we do and how we help families is a vital task. Thanks to the leadership from Gill Longman, supported by Hilary North, the charity has regularly had coverage in the local media and across the various social media channels. A special mention to Alex Stewart for all his efforts and patience running our *Twitter* account for a number of years. During the year a new initiative was undertaken by Hilary and Gill to revamp our website, the result of which is a fresh, more user-friendly and relevant face to the charity. Going forward, we will ensure it remains current and an effective channel to communicate what is happening at Home-Start, as well as and an easy way of getting access to help and support.

Sadly, we said farewell to two of our Trustees during the year, as they stood down from the Board. Carolyn Beech had chaired the Events Committee for a number of years, as well as provided valuable input on a range of HR related matters. April Chidgey, well known by many families and those associated with Home-Start for her roles as a Volunteer and a Trustee over 10 years, retired in September, and she is certainly missed. Luckily for the charity, April has remained involved as a member of the Events Committee.

A final thank you to our two fantastic Patrons; Alison Wakeham and Sally Stewart. Both quietly give a great deal of moral and practical support to the Board and the charity throughout the year, and we remain grateful for their continued involvement.

While the Board's principal role is to ensure the governance and running of the charity is in compliance with the appropriate rules and regulations, which I affirm is the case, the Board, with involvement from the core team, spent significant time over the last year reviewing and developing a new strategy. While the process is not quite finalised, the experiences of families, the charity, and society at large over the last two-years, have informed the need to evolve and adapt. I intend to share more detail over the coming 12-months, but in essence the focus will be ensuring we have resources to meet the increased demand from across Winchester and the surrounding districts. Our services and facilities will be broader, some targeted to meet the needs of specific families, while we need to be able to respond to the increasing complexities of the family situations referred to Home-Start. We will also look to enhance the engagement with our volunteers, with a specific initiative to increase the level of communication, inclusion and training we provide.

Finally, we are embarking on an initiative to improve the engagement we have with a number of external stakeholders; many of whom are important to the charity's support to families or our financial position. My personal thanks to everyone who has helped to make the last year a success.

Barry Page
Chair &

Team Report 2021-22

April



To celebrate the re-opening of our family groups Liz B presents all the parents with a well-being pack donated by Waitrose Winchester.

May



Children have opportunities to renew their friendships at our family groups.

June



Patrons, trustees and staff join 12 volunteers in celebrating the completion of their training at St Barnabas, Weeke.

July



The trustee board approve hybrid working for staff - we love working in the office but the coffee's better at home!!

August



Pizza for lunch at the Summer Family Fun Club. Thank you Dominos, Weeke!

September



The team move into a dedicated office space in Lanterns (it doesn't always look this tidy!!)

October



We are delighted to welcome Charlotte Howard to the team - our first Family Group Co-ordinator.

November



Downtime for the team - escape room followed by supper. Getting out of the room took a little longer than expected but we made it in the end!

December



Thank you Prince's Mead for all the lovely Christmas presents which Father Christmas gives to everyone at our fabulous Christmas event.

January



Look what we got for Christmas. Thank you Hendog for brightening up our office.

February



Volunteers and staff connect with Citizens Advice Winchester to do online training in Advice First Aid.

March



The 19th cohort of volunteers complete their training and celebrate with cake.

Our Groups

It's been quite a year for groups! We realised quite early on after the pandemic that several community groups were not going to restart so our family groups were needed more than ever. Some families were cautious about returning and so we kept a lot of the covid safety procedures in place and gradually relaxed them as people got more confident.

Numbers were slow to start with, but it was brilliant to see the adults and children renewing their friendships and tentatively making new ones as the weeks progressed.

We also ran a baby group for children under 2 and their parents who had not had the opportunity to mix due to lockdowns. We gradually integrated these families into our larger groups when they were ready.

Our Tuesday group made a permanent move to Winnall Community Centre post covid and this group is going from strength to strength. The Lanterns family group, sponsored by Children in Need, is growing in popularity too.

We are grateful to our group volunteers who turn up week after week come rain or shine – they really add continuity to the groups. We have also been lucky enough to recruit parent helpers this year who no longer have a child at the group but who are a great resource for the families.

We have realised the need for more groups in different locations and so Charlotte Howard as Family Group Co-ordinator will be actively looking to start new groups this year.

What families say about Home-Start groups:

“Invaluable”

“I love watching my child coming out of his shell”

“Group day is the best day of the week”

“I don't find it easy to make friends, but at this group there is always someone to talk to”

Working in Partnership

This year we have been able to run two 10-week positive parenting courses (The Nurturing Programme), one in the Autumn and one in the Spring. We are working in partnership with Christchurch, Winchester who have led the course for us and we have provided an essential creche, which has enabled mums to focus without the distraction of their children. This course has been hugely successful for our parents; to have two hours of focused time to talk about parenting has been invaluable. All the parents attending have spoken very highly of the three ladies leading it.

Some of the parents have made firm friends and continue to support each other. The group dynamic is an empowering aspect of the course as the parents' felt isolation and lack of confidence in parenting has been reduced through shared experience.

The feedback we have received has all been positive and many concepts have been learned. One mum said how she has learnt the power of a parent and the importance of boundaries for the first time. Another mum said how enlightening it was and she now operates in a much more positive way towards her children, which in return they have picked up on and are being positive towards mum too!

We see the immense value of this course and we will continue to work with Christchurch to provide it again this year.



Reflections from a Volunteer

There is no typical visit for a Home-Start Volunteer. During two hours a week, with well over a dozen families, I have had a wide range of experiences, some straightforward, others challenging.

It has often been useful to go alongside a mum to give her the confidence to cope with a new or difficult task. One, after severe illness, although a qualified driver, had previously been afraid to collect her children from school.

I have accompanied mums to Job Centre & Probation Service appointments, medical and mental health appointments, or made their attendance possible by waiting outside with their small children.

I have found myself needing to do things that were new to me too. I once needed to track down a scrap car dealer to remove a mum's wrecked car after it had been set on fire in a country layby. Another time a bank manager was persuaded to write off a small but rising debt when a mum had mistakenly overdrawn by just £10.

Often my input is easy, but still appreciated. I planted a little garden with a needy seven-year-old to give the mum a chance to spend quality time after work with her baby. I pushed a buggy alongside a mum using a disability scooter who dearly wanted to meet her other children from school, just once a week. Another mum was taught to use a slow cooker, which, needing no attention, provided a great hot meal at the end of the day. I demonstrated to another family the joys of a cost-free sunny walk alongside the river and showed the children how to play Poohsticks from the bridge.

Every day is different!

Could YOU be a volunteer?

Anyone with parenting experience is qualified to be a volunteer. But at another level we're looking for people with very special skills of empathy, friendliness, adaptability and common sense.

Volunteers are trained, supported and supervised to Home-Start UK national standards. If you could spare two hours a week to work with some of Winchester and District's most vulnerable families, contact info@homestartwinchester.org.uk

My Home-Start Experience

"I was in a pretty bad way when Home-Start first met me. My flat was damp and unsuitable, my relationship had broken down and my little boy was challenging. We weren't getting any sleep because of the very noisy neighbours so we were exhausted and frustrated. My physical health is poor, and I was embarrassed to go out. I hadn't had much of a childhood, so I didn't really know how to be a good mum and I had no one to ask. My volunteer was brilliant. She gave me confidence, let me talk and gradually I started to go out with her. She even took me shopping and sometimes came with me to hospital appointments. I was devastated when my support ended 'cos we had been together for nearly a year. But I really wanted to stay involved with Home-Start - it's all the extras they support you with too: Basic Bank and Storehouse vouchers when you need them, stuff at Christmas, stuff for the kids. So, I braved it and went along to their summer club thing. In fact, they sent a taxi for me, so I had to go! But I didn't regret it. Both me and my son had a good time – he enjoyed playing outside in the garden, I liked the craft and we both liked the pizzas. I met some more Home-Start people there and so when the local group started after the holidays I decided to go along. It was just after Covid so there weren't many people which suited me and I got to know the staff and volunteers. We still go now – there is always someone to chat to especially when I am having a difficult day. It really breaks our week up and gives us something to look forward to.

When Home-Start suggested I attend a 10-week Nurture Programme I thought I would give it a go. And I am SO glad I did. It was brilliant. I loved every moment and I learnt so much. Plus, I had a couple of hours on my own each week because there was a creche. I learnt how to be a better mum and how to cope better on my own.

We've moved now as well so things are going much better for us. I sometimes wonder what life would have been like if Home-Start hadn't come into our lives. Well, all I can say is that I don't think we would be where we are now!! Thank you, Home-Start!"



Fundraising

We were delighted when the easing of Covid restrictions meant that we could start organising fundraising events again.

We kicked off in August with a Car Boot sale at a new location in Bramdean, kindly sponsored by Hellards Estate Agents. Sadly, the weather was not in our favour and light but steady rain for most of the morning deterred both sellers and buyers. But we still made a profit and were very grateful to our patron, Sally Stewart, who supplied the location, and to her enterprising sons who were on hand every time it looked as if an area of the field was getting bogged down. We will hold another Car Boot sale at the same location in August 2022 and hope for better weather.



The Judi Dench evening in October at the Theatre Royal, Winchester was a huge success and was a sell-out. In conversation with John Miller, Dame Judi delighted her audience with stories and anecdotes from her long and distinguished acting career. She was given a standing ovation which was repeated at the restaurant next door where she went for an after-theatre supper. We were incredibly grateful to John Miller for initiating the evening and to a generous sponsor.

On a freezing cold, but fortunately dry, Saturday at the beginning of December we held a Bake Sale in St. Maurice's Covert, Winchester. Friends and family of the team donned their aprons and produced an astounding number of mince pies, bread, brownies, biscuits and cakes of every flavour possible. We opened for business at 10am and were sold out by lunchtime. It took members of the selling team longer to thaw out, however!





Our Christmas Card sold nearly 1000 packs last year. Designed once again by local artist, Daphne Vaughan, and sponsored by Dutton Gregory Solicitors, it was sold in Winchester and village shops, by enthusiastic supporters and in the Winchester Combined Charities Card Society shop. Card sales in 2022 are going to be more challenging as there is unlikely to be a charity card shop in the city.

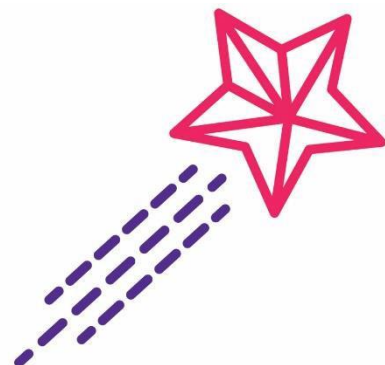
In March, we held our annual Dog Walk, sponsored by Gay Dog Boarding Kennels and Cattery. Two- and four-footed walkers set off from the beautiful 15th century barn in Old Alresford kindly made available to us by our patron, Alison Wakeham. The weather was kind, and the two footed walkers were welcomed back to the barn with home-made soups and a ploughman's lunch, while the four-footed walkers got a bowl of water!



I am so grateful to everyone who gives their time and energies to run these events and to the people who support them. They are invaluable to our fundraising efforts.

Sadly, we have recently seen the departure of two long-standing members of the Events Group, Barbara Tomsett and Marion Robinson. We would like to thank them for years of dedicated hard-work, innovative ideas and support. They will be missed.

Chrissie Barlow



Activities and Events

Summer Fun Club

In August, we once again ran a Summer Fun Club for our families. This was held in three marquees on the meadow at Lanterns and was attended by 33 adults and 53 children who enjoyed a variety of crafts and activities including a visit from Mill Cottage Mobile Farm, a drumming workshop run by Winnall Rock School and a dance session with Integr8Dance.

The Mayor of Winchester, Councillor Vivienne Achwal, visited and the highlight of her visit for the children was being allowed to try on her Mayoral chain.

Dominos provided pizzas for lunch on two of the days. On the other days, a picnic lunch was provided.





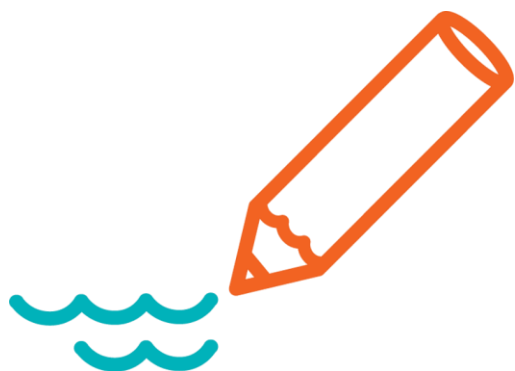
How you can help us

Our services are provided free to families and are largely funded by individual donations, proceeds from fundraising activities, sponsorship and grants from charitable trusts and third parties including Winchester City Council and BBC Children in Need.

Local authority funding has been reduced in recent years and the Covid-19 pandemic has made fundraising more challenging while the need for our support has grown. The challenge now is to raise funds from new sources, and we are asking people to commit to supporting us by making a regular monthly payment.



Become a Friend of Home-Start Winchester



The Friends of Home-Start Winchester programme was launched in summer 2020 and we are keen to see it develop further. While all fundraising is obviously beneficial, this is the “gold standard.” It is tax and time efficient for the donor and gives us financial security, allowing us to plan ahead. A standing order for £10 per month will support a place in one of our family groups while giving £30 per month would provide core support to a family for a whole year. Please will you help us help our families by becoming a Friend of Home-Start Winchester? Email friends@homestartwinchester.org.uk for more details.

Organise an event for us – From wine tastings, to choir concerts to Grand Balls we would welcome the opportunity to be your charity partner.

Taking part in a sponsored event? – Please consider selecting us as your chosen charity.

Corporate partners – Could your company sponsor one of our events? Or make us your charity of the year?

Could you be a trustee?

Our trustees (or Board) have responsibility for overseeing the charity's governance, management and strategic direction. They play a very important role in helping to set the priorities for our local Home-Start.

Our Board is chaired by Barry Page who runs a friendly, efficient group who bring a range of different skills to the Home-Start table.

The Board is supported by a Finance Committee, chaired by the Treasurer, which has specific responsibilities for financial and funding issues. There are also two sub-groups, the Events Group and the Bids Team with responsibilities for fundraising activities and preparing applications to charitable trusts and grant making organisations.

Some people have been trustees for many years, others are relative newcomers: there's room for everyone! Trusteeship can be rewarding for many reasons - from a sense of making a difference to your local community to forging new experiences and relationships. Email trustee@homestartwinchester.org if you think you could add something to the team.

**Your skills and
experience could
help some of
Winchester's most
vulnerable families**





Financial Report

Home-Start Winchester and Districts

Treasurer's Year-End Report - Period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Income and Expenditure

In the 12-month period April 2021 to March 2022 despite the continuing presence of Covid-19 the Charity has had a good year achieving:

Income **£97,020** (£76,307)

Expenditure **£95,074** (£76,972)

This performance has increased our Net Current Assets by **£1,805** to **£68,707** (£66,902).

With Covid-19 restrictions continuing throughout the year the Trustees nevertheless set a target at the start of this year to break-even. I am delighted to announce that we have met the target and more. This has been achieved by strict cost controls together with magnificent contributions from a number of fundraising activities and grants providers.

The Trustees wish to thank all our sponsors for their most generous support. The full detail is laid out in the following accounts.

Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet shown later in the report shows that as at the 31st March 2022 the charity had total net assets of **£68,707** (£66,902) made up of:

Restricted Funding of **£8,736** (£3,286)

Unrestricted Funding of **£37,171** (£40,816)

Designated Funding of **£22,800** (£22,800)

It also shows that our Cash at Bank and in Hand on 31st March 2022 stood at **£119,997** (£99,898). Testament to an excellent fundraising year this is an increase on our starting Balance and includes significant Income received later in the year totalling **£51,290** which has been deferred to the following financial year 2022-23.

Funding sources

Our challenge continues to be to find alternative funding sources, particularly for Core Funding which is always more difficult to source than Project Funding. The identification of funding in addition to our normal Revenue Streams is key.

Events

Our **Fundraising Events Team** headed by Chrissie, following a year when they had virtually to shut up shop, have Been able to run some successful events this year raising **£12,608** (£694). Highlights were the evening with Dame Judy Dench and Christmas Cards.

Grants & Trusts

The Grants and Trusts Team have had another excellent year. Charitable Trusts, year on year become more demanding so it is particularly pleasing that the hard work put in by Martin and his small team has enabled them to raise the magnificent total of **£55,787** for 2021/22. In addition, they have raised a further **£29,225** which has been deferred to be spent in 2021/22. We are grateful for the continued support of Winchester City Council, Hampshire County Council, BBC Children in Need, Brooks Charitable Trust and Garfield Weston together with a number of contributions from other Charitable and Family Trusts including a magnificent contribution from the Oak Foundation.

Donations

The **Donations** income stream has had another good year raising **£45,779**.

Utilita continue to provide regular wonderful support and additionally our generous individual supporters have donated between them **£12,555**.

Reserves & Investment Policy

A large part of the charity's reserves are held in a 90-day notice account with Scottish Widows. The balance in this account currently stands at **£53,516**.

The Charity also holds funds in a CAF Gold account and a small amount is held within a CAF Cash account to meet all short-term commitments. As at 31 March 2022 the combined balance in these two accounts was **£66,876**.

The Trustees continue to review the charity's needs for unrestricted reserves in light of the financial risks to the organisation and in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. As at 31st March 2022 our Unrestricted Fund held **£37,171** which represents approximately five months Expenditure.

Risk assessment

The Trustees and Senior Staff maintain rolling funding and expenditure budgets including an assessment of the Major risks to which the charity is exposed through regular discussions at Board meetings. Identified external risks to funding have been included in our three-year strategic plan which includes cash flow projections and an analysis of the major risks to our current and future funding sources. This is updated each year.

Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and activities. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers and families. All procedures are based on national Home-Start policies and are reviewed and updated periodically to ensure that they meet the needs and legal requirements of the charity. The results have been incorporated into the Charity's strategic and work plans.

I thank Michael Kerby for undertaking an independent review of our accounts and Community First Winchester for preparing the monthly salary statements for our staff.

I would also like to thank Sue Barham our Office Manager who continues to apply her considerable skills and experience to running the accounts on a day-to-day basis.

Mike Davies

Treasurer, June 2022

Home-Start Winchester and Districts

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

Company Number: 5350249

Registered Charity Number: 1108170

HOME-START WINCHESTER AND DISTRICTS INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2022

I report on the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2022, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of directors and independent examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act)
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act) and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 in the records 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

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

which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- (a) To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act and
- (b) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met.

To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Michael Kerby
Auditor

June 2022:

HOME-START WINCHESTER AND DISTRICTS STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SOFA)

(INCLUDING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDING 31ST MARCH 2022

These accounts reflect the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022. This statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

<u>SOFA</u>	Notes	Unrestricted Fund 2021/22	Designated Fund 2021/22	Restricted Funds 2021/22	Total Funds 2021/22	Total Funds 2020/21
<u>Incoming resources</u>						
<i>Voluntary income:</i>						
Donations & grants	1(b), 2	48477		33589	82066	75507
<i>Activities for generating funds:</i>						
Fundraising events	6	14859		0	14859	694
<i>Investment Income:</i>						
Interest - All Accounts		38		0	38	106
Total incoming resources		63374	0	33589	96963	76307
<u>Resources expended</u>						
Costs of generating voluntary income	11	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable expenditure	11	54142	0	28139	82281	65426
Governance costs	11	12877	0	0	12877	11546
Total resources expended	-	67019	0	28139	95158	76972
Gross transfers to & from funds	10	0	0	0	0	0
Net movement of funds		-3645	0	5450	1805	-664
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		40816	22800	3286	66902	67566
Total funds carried forward		37171	22800	8736	68707	66902

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Balance Sheet

<u>Balance Sheet</u>	<u>31 March 2022</u>			
	<u>31/03/2022</u>		<u>31/03/2021</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Current Assets</u>				
<u>Debtors</u>				
Prepayments	2,751		3,676	
Cash at bank and in hand	117,246		99,899	
	<u>119,997</u>		<u>103,575</u>	
<u>Creditors</u>				
Deferred Income-	51,290		36,673	
-	<u>51,290</u>		<u>36,673</u>	
<u>Net Current Assets</u>		68,707		66,902
Represented by:				
Restricted funds		8,736		3,286
Unrestricted funds		37,171		40,816
Designated Funds		22,800		22,800
Total Funds		68,707		66,902

For the year ending 31 March 2022 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime.

Barry Page

Chair of Trustees

June 2022

**HOME-START WINCHESTER AND DISTRICTS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2022**

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

(a) Basis of accounts

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in March 2005 and applicable accounting standards.

(b) Fund accounting

The unrestricted funds are generally those which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

Designated Funds are Unrestricted Funds used to manage revenue risks and to set aside funds for committed projects, in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

(c) Income recognition

Grants and donations are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which it has been received. Bank interest is recognised on a receipt basis.

(d) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for the expenditure. Costs relating to charitable activities comprise those 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. Management and administration (governance) costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on the basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis such as estimated usage as set out in Note 11.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

2 & 3. Grants & Trusts

The Grants and Trusts Team raised a magnificent total of **£85,012** which included **£18,673** brought forward from the previous financial year. **£29,225** was received later in the year and was carried forward to be spent in 2022/23. It can be seen from the table below the extent of the generosity of many contributors, but special mention must go to the Oak Foundation.

Grants & Trusts as at: 31 March 2022	Purpose	Restricted 2021-22	Unrestricted 2021-22	Total 2021-22	Deferred to 2022-23
WCC Annual Grant	Core Funding		8,820	6,920	1,900
Garfield Weston Year 3	Families	5,000	0	4,000	1,000
Brooks Charitable Trust	Families	6,780	0	2,780	4,000
BBC Children in Need	Families	8,966		7,641	1,325
BBC C-in-N Money Heroes	Families	1,000		0	1,000
Caring for Families HSUK	Core Funding	3,168		3,168	
HCC Supporting Families	Families	10,000		10,000	
Imperium Trust Co	Core Funding		5,000	5,000	
J Porter	Families	500	0	500	
Bank of England	Core Funding		500	500	
Wolvesey Lodge of Masons	Core Funding		300	300	
Mayor's Charity	Core Funding		2,478	2,478	
Richard Kirkman Trust	Core Funding		1,000	1,000	
Hants & IOW Masonic Charity	Core Funding		1,000	1,000	
WCC Phones for Volunteers	Families	500		500	
Oak Foundation	Core Funding		30,000	10,000	20,000
Totals		35,914	49,098	55,787	29,225

4. Trustee Remuneration & Related Party Transactions

No Trustee or related person received any remuneration during the period. No Trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

5. Taxation

The company is registered as a charity in accordance with the Charities Act 1003 and is not liable to taxation on its income. No tax charges have arisen in the charity during the year.

6a. Fundraising Events

Our Fundraising Events Team raised **£12,608** with special mention going to the evening with Dame Judy Dench and the successful sales of our Christmas Cards

Fundraising Events Summary April 2021 to March 2022	Income 2021-22	Expenditure 2021-22	Net Income 2021-22
On-Line Quiz	420	0	420
Car Boot Sale	1563	125	1438
Judy Dench Event	6784	323	6461
Covert Cake Sale	865	35	830
Christmas Cards	5228	1768	3459
Total	14,859	2,251	12,608

6b. Fundraising Donations

Donations raised **£26,279** plus **£19,500** received later in the year and carried forward to 2022/23.

Special mention to the generosity of our loyal supporter Utilita.

Donations Summary - April 2021 to March 2022	Income 2021/22	Deferred to 2022/23
Brought Forward from 20/21	18000	
Friends Donations	12147	
Utilita	6000	
Gift Aid	3342	
Other Donations	6290	
Carried Forward to 22/23	-19500	19500
Total	26,279	19,500

7. Staff Costs and Numbers

Staff Costs	2021/22	2020/21
	£	£
Salaries and wages	53,600	48,215
Social security costs (NI)	10,887	10,125
Total	64,487	58,340
Numbers of Staff	2021/22	2020/21
	Number	Number
Senior Coordinator	0.70	0.70
Coordinator	0.65	0.65
Office Manager	0.65	0.55
Family Drop-in Group Leader	0.30	0.10
Family Drop-in Group Support Worker	0.10	0.05
Total	2.40	2.05

8/9 Debtors & Creditors

Debtors	<u>2021/22</u>	-	<u>2020/21</u>
Quiz Deposit	250	-	250
Summer Festival Marquee Deposit	250	-	250
Premier Insurance	173	-	151
Lanterns Rent	1,458	-	1,529
Charity Log - Dizions	397	-	444
Home-Start UK Annual Fee	0	-	821
HSUK Legal& Accident Insurance	69	-	78
Drop Box Annual Licence	115	-	109
Web Site Hosting Annual Licence	39	-	44
Total	2,751		3,676
Creditors	<u>2021/22</u>	-	<u>2020/21</u>
Donations	19,500	-	18,000
Oak Foundation	20,000	-	0
Brooks Trust	4,000	-	6,780
Garfield Weston Trust	1,000	-	5,000
BBC CinN Money Heroes	1,000	-	0
Imperium Trust	0	-	0
Caring for Families HSUK	0	-	3,168
Dog Walk	755	-	0
Quiz	1,810	-	0
J Porter	0	-	500
WCC Annual Grant	1,900	-	1,900
BBC Children in Need	1,325	-	1,325
Total	51,290		36,673

10. Movement in Restricted Funds

Movement of Funds	At 1st April 2021	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources			At 31st March 2022
	£	£	£			£
Restricted Funds						
All Restricted Funds	3286	33,589	28,139			8736
Total Restricted Funds	3,286	33,589	28,139			8736
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	40,816	63,374	67,019			37171
Designated fund	22,800	0	0			22800
Total unrestricted funds	63,616	63,374	67,019			59971
Total funds	66,902	96,963	95,158			68707

11. Total Resources Expended

	Core charitable activities	Governance	Parenting Course	Volunteer Prep courses	Family Drop-in group	Family Services	2021/22 Totals	2020/21 Totals
Costs directly allocated to activities	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Wages, NI, Pensions	12,897		0	6,449	6,449	29,019	54,814	49,589
Staff expenses	57	43		28	28	128	284	234
Trustee Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68
Volunteer expenses	460	345	0	230	230	1,035	2,301	480
Training	359	269	0	179	179	807	1,793	780
Mental Health Project	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	555
Covid Other Expenses	290	217	0	145	145	651	1,448	2,474
Covid Staff Expenses	13	10	0	7	7	30	67	2,057
Family Group Exp	0	0	0	0	3,304	0	3,304	295
Family outings	0	0	0	0	0	38	38	351
Summer School	0	0	0	0	0	5,972	5,972	4,312
Direct Total	14,076	884	0	7,038	10,342	37,681	70,020	61,195
Support costs allocated to activities								
Wages, NI, Pensions	0	9,673	0	0	0	0	9,673	8,751
Stationery & postage	58	44	0	29	29	131	291	53
Telephone	344	258	0	172	172	773	1,718	1,385
Photocopying	270	202	0	135	135	606	1,348	72
Insurance	175	131	0	87	87	394	874	772
Capital items & fees	388	291	0	194	194	874	1,942	1,568
HSUK Fee	439	329	0	219	219	988	2,195	716
Fundraising	450	338	0	225	225	1,013	2,251	0
Bank charges	14	11	0	7	7	32	72	61
Accommodation	714	536	0	357	357	1,607	3,571	1,929
Sundry expenses	241	180	0	120	120	541	1,203	477
Support Total	3,093	11,993	0	1,546	1,546	6,959	25,138	15,784
Overall Total	17,169	12,877	0	8,584	11,888	44,640	95,158	76,979

12. Designated Funds

<u>Designated Funds - 2021-22</u>	<u>31-Mar-22</u>	<u>01-Apr-21</u>
Revenue Unpredictability Provision		
a. WCC:	0	0
b. BBC Children in Need:	0	0
c. HCC Councillors:	800	800
d. Other Charitable Trusts	10,000	10,000
e. Donations	5,000	5,000
f. Events	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total of Revenue Unpredictability	20,800	20,800
Capital Equipment - Replacement Liability	2,000	2,000
Project Fund towards Scheme Expansion	0	0
Cost of Closing the charity	0	0
Designated Fund Total	22,800	22,800

The Trustees each year review the charity's financial requirements, establishing Designated Funds to manage revenue risks and to set aside funds for committed projects, in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. Designated Funds plus Restricted and Unrestricted Funds constitute the charity's Reserves.



Structure, Governance and Management

Home-Start Winchester and Districts was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee in 2005 and is registered under the Charities Act 1993 and the Companies Acts 1985 and 1989. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association and by its Board of Trustees. It has a legal agreement with Home-Start UK to follow their national Standards and Methods of Practice. Its year end is 31st March.

Registered charity name: Home-Start Winchester and Districts

Charity registration number: 1108170

Company registration number: 5350249

Registered office and operational address:

Lanterns Nursery School
Bereweke Road
Winchester
SO22 6AJ
Telephone: 01962 851177

Bankers:

CAF Bank Limited, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 AJQ

Trustees:

Barry Page - Chair
Mike Davies - Treasurer
Martin Tomsett - Company Secretary & Vice Chair
Chrissie Barlow
Carolyn Beech – Resigned June 2021
April Chidgey – Retired September 2021
Stephanie Durrant
Gill Longman
Hilary North
Jackie Sumner
Graham Winyard

Patrons:

Sally Stewart
Alison Wakeham

Staff:

Liz Stannard – Service Manager
Jane Read – Service Co-ordinator
Sue Barham - Office Manager
Charlotte Howard – Family Group Co-ordinator
Liz Brown - Family Group Leader

Independent Examiner: Michael Kerby FCA



**the earliest years make
the biggest impact**



**No judgement, just compassionate,
confidential help and expert support.**

**Starting in the home, our approach is as
individual as the people we're helping.**

**Sharing local expertise to drive national
and regional change.**



HOME-START WINCHESTER AND DISTRICTS

England & Wales - Charity number 1108170

Accounts

Annual Report and Accounts 2020-2021



....a year like no other



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We believe that children need a happy and secure childhood and that parents play the key role in giving their children a good start in life. The earliest years make the biggest impact so we want to see a society in which every parent has the support they need to give their children the best possible start.

We offer free support to young families within the Winchester area with at least one child under five who are going through difficult times including:

- Loneliness and isolation
- Relationship difficulties
- Coping with twins, triplets or several pre-school children
- Ill health - physical or mental
- Disabilities and special needs
- Lone parenting
- First time parenthood and new babies
- Children's behavioural problems
- Unemployment or economic difficulties

Home-Start Winchester and Districts is one of over 200 schemes within the national Home-Start movement. Our service is provided by a team of **volunteers** who are recruited, trained and given on-going support by our **staff co-ordinators**. Volunteers offer informal, friendly and confidential support, for at least two hours once per week usually for between six and 12 months, although periods of more than a year are not uncommon for families with more complex problems. Our service is overseen by a Board of volunteer **trustees** who bring a range of professional skills and expertise to the organisation.

Chair's Report

Resilient; adaptable; creative; generous and totally committed. That's how I would sum up our Staff, Volunteers, Supporters, my fellow Trustees and, most importantly, our Families over the past year. And that doesn't begin to do justice to any of them!

We began the year soon after the start of the first lockdown, with newly formed staff and trustee teams. There was a level of uncertainty, apprehension and concern about what the pandemic was all about and how we would need to adjust. We hoped it wouldn't last very long and we could soon get back to 'normal'; how misguided that was!

Very quickly the impact on all our lives became significant. "Stay at home", shielding, social distancing, self-isolation and home-schooling impacted everyone to differing degrees, but for our families, staff, trustees and volunteers the effects were very real. Home visits were no longer possible, our family groups ended and staff had to work remotely from home. Our planned schedule of vital fundraising events had to be cancelled and Board meetings moved onto Zoom.

It was a year in which everyone went "above and beyond" and for that I am immensely grateful. We are still trying to understand the impact the lockdowns and associated restrictions had and continue to have on our families. Many showed high levels of resilience and resolve. But, worryingly, we know too many were negatively impacted.

A big Thank You to all those who donated during the year and to those who became a 'Friend of Home-Start', making a one-off and/or regular donation. You have helped to make a big difference and continue to do so. But it didn't end there. Thanks to the efforts of a number of present and former trustees, and with support from staff, numerous applications were made for Covid-related grants from both local and national sources. None was guaranteed, and we were not always successful. But many bids were won and they have made a significant contribution.

I would like to thank our corporate sponsors, particularly Utilita who generously continue to make regular donations, and all the trusts and foundations who donated during the year. Without your support we could not make the level of difference we do to the parents and their children of Winchester and the surrounding area.

The impact on all our lives became significant.... It was a year in which everyone went "above and beyond".



Sometimes being chairman means joining Santa's team to select random lucky hamper winners!



Regular Board meetings and even the AGM were held on Zoom.

It was a year when humanity, humility and selflessness were much in evidence, not least on the part of our staff, volunteers, supporters and my fellow trustees.

Our Board of trustees has taken on a very different look this year since the retirement last year of our former Chair and Vice-chair. Our schedule of meetings continued online, including the AGM, ensuring governance of the charity was maintained. This was supplemented by fortnightly update meetings with the staff team and a two-part strategy meeting. It is truly a great Board of trustees. and we have wonderful support from our Patrons Alison Wakeham and Sally Stewart.

A particular word of thanks to our treasurer Mike Davies for steering us throughout the challenges of the year with his regular up-to-date financial reports. Stephanie Durrant must have often wondered what she'd committed herself to, after she agreed to join the Board shortly before the first lockdown: what a year to take on the shared responsibility for helping to run the charity! Later in the year Gill Longman joined the Board to lead our Marketing and Communications, taking over from Sue Gentry who had spent several years ensuring Home-Start was regularly promoted via various media. Thank you Sue! At our AGM we will say goodbye and an enormous thank you to April Chidgey who has not only been a Board member for nearly 10 years but also a hugely valued volunteer since 2009. April has been a complete stalwart of our team, fondly liked by everyone, she has made invaluable contributions to the many families she has supported, to the Board and our fundraising team.

As the year progressed, staff prepared for a resumption of "normal service" including the start of a new group in Winnall. We managed finally, to complete the training of the latest cohort of volunteers, without whom we couldn't provide our core service. By the end of March 2021 we were supporting 42 families (25 with volunteers; 17 at groups) and had 39 volunteers on our books, seven of whom are resting. Frustratingly, our desire to resume the full scope of our services, including the launch of a new family group in Winnall, was still being thwarted by lockdown and restrictions. But everyone was primed and ready for the government's phased 'road-map' back to normality.

So, while it was a year which won't be forgotten for reasons of isolation, financial, physical and mental hardship and, for some, the loss of loved ones, there are also some more positive reflections. It was a year when humanity, humility and selflessness were much in evidence, not least on the part of our staff, volunteers, supporters and my fellow trustees. Being the Chair is way easier when you have great people around you; and without your support the last year would have been a lot more difficult than it was. Thank you to you ALL.

Barry Page

Staff Team Report

Jane Read joined us in April last year. When we reordered the office to accommodate her and social distancing, we had no idea that she would not spend a full day working from her new desk for over a year.



Who would have thought that one of Jane's first visits to a new Home-Start family would be in a field of cows or that her entire induction would be on zoom?

This was a year when job descriptions were loosely held as Sue Barham orchestrated and delivered with the rest of the team not only food and activities, but also a friendly chat on hundreds of doorsteps over many weeks, while at the same time easing us from one familiar yet outdated database system to another.

New senior co-ordinator Liz Stannard's plans for building and developing the team were whittled down to one socially distanced fish and chip Christmas lunch and a shared pizza. Who says team building is more difficult via a screen? In place of groups, Liz Brown and Susan Baker's weekly telephone and video calls or doorstep visits became a regular fixture for the isolated households of previous family group members, offering vital connections and a raising of spirits. Liz recalls a WhatsApp session when her image was propped up in a dolls house while a child played around her and chatted endlessly to her on screen!

It was a year for collaborative working on a scale greater than ever before, and we became familiar faces (both virtual and real) at The Food Bank, Churches Together Christmas Project, The Storehouse and Community First. We went to appraisals, supervisions, family conferences, agency meetings and Home-Start meetings, met new referrers and got to know our supporting agencies much better, all through the magic of technology.

But if we thought our year was tricky, spare a thought for some of our families:

- The single parent who received a devastating diagnosis for her baby daughter just before lockdown and was totally unable to access the services that she or the baby needed.
- The parents whose fragile relationship finally gave out in a painful and acrimonious way leaving five children without contact with their Dad.
- The father devastated by the death of both his parents in the space of three months.
- The Mum who was so paralysed with anxiety and fear that she and her three children were unable to leave the house for several months.
- The new Mum who struggled to bond with her baby and longed for the support of friends and family.



Liz and Sue collect hamper donations from Waitrose. Part of the national "Give a Little Love" corporate partnership.

**Fantastic, flexible and
dedicated volunteers
have supported each family.**

We supported families who were shielding children and parents who were being shielded; saw families through relationship breakdowns, illness, chickenpox, mental health issues and new arrivals and were there for families living in high rise flats, one room in hostels and overcrowded homes. And through all this our fantastic, flexible and dedicated volunteers have imaginatively supported each family in whatever way they could and however they were allowed to, by building relationships, keeping communication channels open and gifting quality time and a listening ear to anyone who needed it.

It has been an extraordinary year and one that we will never forget. We have laughed and cried and been energised and exhausted in equal measure. Above all we have done it together, not for the families but with the families. Their resilience and determination have been an inspiration to us and we have all felt it a real privilege to support them during this time.

Liz Stannard



**When job descriptions were
loosely held...**

**Sue with a FareShare bakery
store!**

**Jane with husband Andy during
the May fundraising JOGLE.**

**Liz with a boot full of deliveries
for locked down families.**



Volunteering through lockdown

Melissa has been a volunteer for five years. In that time she has worked with four families. But she admits, the greatest challenge has been the past year with its three periods of lockdown and social distancing.

“I met my family in November 2019, we had three months of getting to know each other, meeting weekly, cuddling and playing with the children in their home, attending school meetings with the family and travelling on buses and in taxis. Then lockdown started.

“It was such a shame – and the timing felt terrible. Mum and I had built up quite a lot of trust and we were working through child development and self-esteem issues. So we decided together that I would continue to visit her every week with social distancing, on her doorstep. My weekly visit changed to bringing food, toys and books and checking in with Mum and the children. I usually stayed for 30 minutes to an hour listening and discussing any worries.

“During the year Mum’s family unfortunately suffered three significant traumas. A close family member became seriously unwell, another was involved with the police, and finally social services became involved causing much anxiety and worry. I had many phone calls through this time with Mum but I feel the face to face meetings were even more valuable.

“A year later I am extremely proud of my family. The children are more settled. The eldest is managing much better at school while the youngest has started pre-school and is very happy. The children get on better together and Mum is much more confident in her parenting. Her self-esteem has significantly improved: the difference in her and the children is really noticeable. She is incredibly capable and has now started supporting others.”



**Could YOU
be a
volunteer?**

Home-Start’s philosophy is very simple: It’s about parents helping parents. So, at one level, anyone with parenting experience is qualified to be a volunteer.

But at another level we’re looking for people with very special skills of empathy, friendliness, adaptability and common sense. Volunteers are trained, supported and supervised to Home-Start UK national standards.

If you could spare two hours a week to work with some of Winchester’s most vulnerable families contact info@homestartwinchester.org.uk

A family in lockdown

We first met Vicky in the cluttered, neglected garden of her parents' home. She was shy and nervous but proud of her eight-month baby daughter Clara, who greeted us with a cute, dribbly smile. In the house was Vicky's demanding and difficult brother who refused to allow visitors inside. Vicky was his carer while her parents worked. His controlling behaviour clearly reflected her experiences with Clara's father – and she was determined to have no further contact with him.

She explained that there was no room for her and Clara in the small house: she slept on a sofa with baby in a cot next to her. Her eyes filled with tears at the hopelessness of their situation. Clara had been born during lockdown and had met no other babies or small children. We felt overwhelmed by the challenges Vicky was facing – and the pressure worsened her chronic arthritis.



Maria, one of our volunteers with lots of experience of babies and early motherhood began visiting Vicky regularly. They went for walks and talked and talked. Maria helped Vicky with the paperwork needed to apply for council accommodation. Step by step life improved – and then went backwards as Vicky's fragile confidence collapsed and had to be rebuilt.

But at the end of last year Vicky and Clara moved into a flat of their own. They had nothing but a small case of essential clothing. Home-Start connected with other agencies to provide white goods and some second-hand furniture. Local volunteers and supporters rallied round to provide kitchen utensils, toys, curtains and soft furnishings. At Christmas lovely parents from Princes' Mead School provided presents for Clara.

Vicky is beginning to see light at the end of what seemed like her very dark tunnel. She has a lovely relationship with Maria but doesn't have the confidence to go out to parent groups with Clara. We have invited her to join our new small baby group to help both of them socialise and make new friends. Clara is giggling and crawling and ready to help her Mum make their next steps forward.

Fundraising

Traditional fundraising events were cancelled as Lockdown 1 took hold. Our golf tournament, car boot sale, autumn quiz and Christmas cake sale all had to be cancelled. Creativity and innovation helped plug the financial hole.

An exhausting but lucrative “JOGLE”

The first flash of inspiration came from new Senior Co-ordinator, Liz Stannard. She proposed a JOGLE – a virtual marathon trip from John O’Groats to Land’s End and back. The idea was supported enthusiastically by people at home who were keen to put their daily exercise to good use. Participants walked, cycled, jogged, scootered, galloped, and even swam outdoors because pools were closed. Sixty adults and seven children took part, raising an astounding £14,000 in fourteen days last May. The original trip would have been around 2,000 miles but enthusiasm proved infectious and the final distance “travelled” was 3,069 miles – enough for a further journey to Land’s End! Huge thanks to IVC cars of Alresford who sponsored the event.

Right:
Anne McPherson on Brenna.

Below right:
Christine Sacree exercised with the support of her grandson.

“Friends” help secure long term core funding

The uncertainties surrounding Covid and the state of public finances focussed our attention on the need to secure regular, long-term core funding.

Even in affluent Winchester, there are many families with young children who really struggle with issues such as poverty, isolation, low self-esteem, disability or mental health problems. With the difficulty of receiving state-funding we recognised that we increasingly need to secure long term core funding through the generosity of the local community.

The Friends of Home-Start Winchester programme was launched last summer. It led to a doubling of standing orders from private individuals and we are keen to see the programme develop further. While all fundraising is obviously beneficial this is the “gold standard”. It is tax and time efficient for the donor, gives us financial security and allows us to plan ahead.



Former Home-Start Mum Lena Poole watched by triplets Logan, Xander and Alastair cycled 150km on her static bike to say thank you for the support she had received.

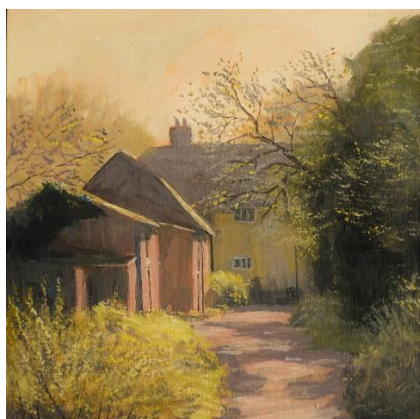




Claire Tomsett-Rowe

Jazz for cocktails

Technology came to our aid again in June when saxophonist Claire Tomsett-Rowe performed early evening *'Jazz for Cocktails'* live on our Facebook page. Her programme included many favourites from the Great American Songbook, including well-known numbers by George Gershwin, Irving Berlin and 'Fats' Waller. The concert attracted viewers from the UK, Europe and as far away as Melbourne, Australia and donations totalled over £1,700.



A painting of the Mill at Alresford by Richard Cox – one of 25 artworks sold by the ArtStart fundraising project.

ArtStart

In the autumn, ArtStart brought together artists from around Hampshire who were unable to sell their work when exhibitions and galleries were closed. Artists exhibited work in a range of media, prints and even mosaics on a bespoke website. The idea was the brainchild of Winchester photographer Michelle Quinton, who joined forces with our former trustee and current chair of the Alresford Art Society, Sue Gentry. Nearly £400 was raised as a percentage of money from each sale was donated to Home-Start Winchester. The idea took off at Christmas with people shopping online, glad of the opportunity to buy original presents.



Ali and Matt at the end of their "Keep calm and keep on pedalling" challenge.

New Year cycling

2021 got off to an energetic and profitable start thanks to cyclists Ali Longman and Matt Neal from Sutton Scotney. They set out to beat the January blues and cycled 1000km during the month raising over £1200 for us along the way.

Online for St Patrick's Day

In the spring we took entertainment online when over 60 people attended an online celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Ready-prepared meals were delivered to participants who tuned in to a Zoom festival which included Irish songs and dancing and a demonstration of lace making.

Christmas

Christmas doesn't usually have a section to itself in our Annual Report. But the combination of restrictions, changing tiers and impending further lockdown encouraged widespread generosity from the local community and businesses. It seemed that everyone rallied round to ensure our children and families weren't left behind.



Our Christmas fundraising was dominated by the excitement surrounding the national partnership with John Lewis and Waitrose. We had little notice of the "Give a Little Love" campaign but forged partnerships with three local Waitrose stores and the partnership's hotel at Leckford.

Initial funding provided money for 40 children plus their parents to visit the Theatre Royal's "Four Dames in Search of a Panto". Unfortunately, lockdown measures stopped families attending the second performance. A later tranche of money has provided the funding for our bespoke Mother and Baby group – specifically targeting new Mums with babies born in lockdown.

Partners at our local Waitrose in Winchester have been particularly generous – both at Christmas and into 2021. Jaxon and Kaitlyn were two of over 60 children to receive Advent calendars.



Meanwhile Mums (and babies) have been spoiled with some special wellbeing packs.



Ava was one of our lucky youngsters who did get to the panto. She sat in the front row and even got sprayed with water!



Santa didn't quite come to town in December but he did drop by for some FaceTime calls with our children. Graham Winyard demonstrates that our trustees are infinitely adaptable!

Early in December **Hotel du Vin** offered us two hampers containing a full Christmas lunch: turkey & all the trimmings, champagne, vegs, pudding. The hotel provided the turkeys while generous staff donated all the other items.

The only way to share the bounty was to dress chairman Barry in an elf's hat and ask him to pull out the names of two families at random from Santa's hat. Two days before Christmas, Hotel du Vin's night manager John Ray disguised as Santa went delivering....

One of the lucky Mums admitted she was overwhelmed: "This has been a tough year for almost every business, but especially for those in hospitality. **Through Home-Start I have made friendships that will last a lifetime. I have had my tears wiped, and I've learned so much.** In a year when the world has been turned upside down and things have seemed dark and gloomy, I am truly uplifted by the kindness and generosity of this donation."

Clothing retailer **White Stuff** has also created a national partnership with Home-Start. Lots of clothing goodies arrived in our office before Christmas and here's Lexi-Mai modelling her new hat, scarf and gloves. We were able to share the love and spread the goodies among children who needed them all around Winchester.



Staff and parents at Prince's Mead School once again brought toys and gifts for our children and families. The picture shows Carl the caretaker being one of Santa's little helpers as he handed over the Christmas treats.



Activities and Events

Activities and Events in the past year were inevitably hit by the pandemic. Face to face visits with families were replaced by phone calls and sadly the closure of our family groups.



An AGM on Zoom

The 2020 AGM was a virtual event shortly after the start of Lockdown1 - but it had important implications for the management of Home-Start. Former Chair Liz Cooper stood down and handed over to Barry Page. We also said goodbye to Deputy Chair Trevor Lewis. The Mayor of Winchester, Cllr Patrick Cunningham, “attended” one of his first engagements by joining us on what was then the novelty of meeting on Zoom.



Farewell to Anne

In May, we said goodbye to Anne MacPherson who became the first Co-ordinator of Home-Start Winchester when the scheme began in September 2005. Anne’s last day before retirement was spent in isolation at home with her husband Angus. But that didn’t stop the arrival of flowers, dozens of cards from families, staff and volunteers, a bottle of bubbly and a collection of over £1,000. Her last staff meeting on Zoom was gate-crashed by trustees and colleagues eager to say goodbye.



Summer Fun Club

The two-week Summer Fun Club brought families together to socialise following the hardships of the first lockdown and the challenge of educating children at home. Our staff had grown concerned about the impact of isolation and we wanted to support parents and prepare children for the return to school and nursery.

Social distancing was key and we created a mini village with three separate marquees - each with its own play area to keep the 15 families in 'pods'.

Each day play and craft activities were themed on popular children's stories including *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and *Elmer the Elephant*. Each Tuesday there were special sessions where parents and children were able to try their hand at weaving, modelling with clay and making dream catchers.

The Fun Club also led to collaboration with several local businesses: the marquees were supplied by Medstead Marquees, lunches by Domino pizza and fish and chips from Rick Stein.



The Mayor of Winchester, Cllr Patrick Cunningham, who chose Home-Start as one of his charities, made a real-life appearance. He was warmly greeted by the youngsters who were fascinated by his mayoral chain and he quickly joined in the fun and games.





How you can help us

Our services are provided free to families and are largely funded by individual donations, proceeds from fundraising activities, sponsorship and grants from charitable trusts and third parties including Winchester City Council and BBC Children in Need.

Local authority funding has been reduced in recent years and the Covid-19 pandemic has made fundraising more challenging while the need for our support has grown. The challenge now is to raise funds from new sources and we are asking people to commit to supporting us by making a regular monthly payment.



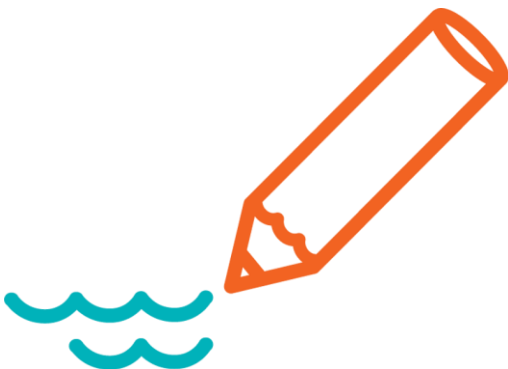
Become a Friend of Home-Start Winchester

The Friends of Home-Start Winchester programme was launched in summer 2020 and we are keen to see it develop further. While all fundraising is obviously beneficial, this is the “gold standard.” It is tax and time efficient for the donor and gives us financial security, allowing us to plan ahead. A standing order for £10 per month will support a place in one of our family groups while giving £30 per month would provide core support to a family for a whole year. Please will you help us help our families by becoming a Friend of Home-Start Winchester? Email friends@homestartwinchester.org.uk for more details.

Organise an event for us – From wine tastings, to choir concerts to Grand Balls we would welcome the opportunity to be your charity partner.

Taking part in a sponsored event? – Please consider selecting us as your chosen charity.

Corporate partners – Could your company sponsor one of our events? Or make us your charity of the year?





Could you be a trustee?

Our trustees (or Board) have legal responsibility for the charity's management and administration. They play a very important role in employing staff and helping to set the priorities for our local Home-Start.

Our Board is chaired by Barry Page who runs a friendly, efficient group who bring a range of different skills to the Home-Start table.

The Board is supported by a Finance Committee, chaired by the Treasurer, which has specific responsibilities for financial and funding issues. There are also two sub-groups, the Events Group and the Bids Team with responsibilities for fundraising activities and preparing applications to charitable trusts and grant making organisations respectively.

Some people have been trustees for many years, others are relative newcomers: there's room for everyone! Trusteeship can be rewarding for many reasons - from a sense of making a difference to your local community to forging new experiences and relationships. Email trustee@homestartwinchester.org if you think you could add something to the team.

**Your skills and
experience could
help some of
Winchester's most
vulnerable families**





Financial Report

Treasurer's Year-End Report - Period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021

Income and Expenditure

In the 12-month period April 2020 to March 2021 the Charity has had a break-even year achieving:

Income **£76,307** (2019/20 - £85,347)

Expenditure **£76,972** (£89,731)

This performance has slightly reduced our Net Current Assets by **£665** to **£66,901** (£67,566).

Despite the overwhelming presence of Covid-19 throughout the year the Trustees nevertheless set an extremely challenging target at the start of this year to break-even. I am delighted to announce that we have met our target. This has been achieved by strict cost controls together with magnificent contributions from a number of fundraising activities and Grants providers. The Trustees wish to thank all our sponsors for their most generous support. The full detail is laid out in the following accounts.

Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet shown later in the report shows that as at the 31st March 2021 the charity had total net assets of **£66,901** (£67,566) made up of:

Restricted Funding of **£3,286** (£445)

Unrestricted Funding of **£40,806** (£44,321)

Designated Funding of **£22,800** (£22,800)

It also shows that our Cash at Bank and in Hand on 31st March 2021 stood at **£99,898** (£81,0138).

Testament to an excellent fundraising year, this is an increase on our starting Balance and includes significant Income received late in the year totalling **£36,673** which has been deferred to the following financial years 2021/22.

Funding sources

Our challenge continues to be to find alternative funding sources, particularly for Core Funding which is always more difficult to source than Project Funding. The identification of funding in addition to our normal Revenue Streams is key.

Events

Our **Fundraising Events Team** headed by their Chair Carolyn has effectively had to shut up shop due to Covid restrictions raising just **£694** (£16,495).

Grants & Trusts

The Grants and Trusts Team have had another excellent year. Charitable Trusts, year on year become more demanding so it is particularly pleasing that the hard work put in by Trevor, Martin, Chrissie and Carolyn has enabled them to raise the magnificent total of **£46,706** for this year and in addition have raised a further **£18,673** deferred to be spent in 2021/22.

We are grateful for the continued support of Winchester City Council, BBC Children in Need, Brooks Charitable Trust and Garfield Weston together with a number of significant contributions from other Charitable and Family Trusts.



Donations

The **Donations** income stream has had a bumper year. We set a target to raise **£17,500** and ended up raising an amazing **£46,801!!**

Utilita continue to provide regular wonderful support. Additionally, we are lucky to have such generous individual supporters who have donated between them **£21,090**.

Special mentions to Matt & Ali's Cycle Ride, Jazz for Cocktails and of course the very lucrative JOGLE.

Reserves & Investment Policy

A large part of the charity's reserves is held in a 90-day notice account with Scottish Widows. The balance in this account currently stands at **£53,489**.

The Charity also holds funds in a CAF Gold account and a small amount is held within a CAF Cash account to meet all short-term commitments. As at 31st March 2021 the combined balance in these two accounts was **£46,409**.

The Trustees continue to review the charity's needs for unrestricted reserves in light of the financial risks to the organisation and in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. Currently our Unrestricted Fund holds **£40,816** which represents approximately six months' Expenditure.

Risk assessment

The Trustees and Senior Staff maintain rolling funding and expenditure budgets including an assessment of the major risks to which the charity is exposed through regular discussions at Board meetings. Identified external risks to funding have been included in our three-year strategic plan which includes cash flow projections and an analysis of the major risks to our current and future funding sources. This is updated each year.

Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and activities.

Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers and families.

All procedures are based on national Home-Start policies and are reviewed and updated periodically to ensure that they meet the needs and legal requirements of the charity. The results have been incorporated into the Charity's strategic and work plans.

I thank Michael Kerby for undertaking an independent review of our accounts and Jean Field at Community First Winchester for preparing the monthly salary statements for our staff.

I would also like to give special thanks to Sue Barham our Office Manager who continues to apply her considerable skills and experience to running the accounts on a day-to-day basis.

Mike Davies

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

Company Number: 5350249

Registered Charity Number: 1108170

HOME-START WINCHESTER AND DISTRICTS INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR-ENDING 31st MARCH 2021

I report on the accounts for the year ending 31st.March 2021, which are set out on the following pages.

Respective responsibilities of directors and independent examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act)
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act) and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 in the records, 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- (a) To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act and
- (b) To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

have not been met and to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Michael Kerby

Dated:



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SOFA)

(INCLUDING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD
ENDING 31ST MARCH 2021

These accounts reflect the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021. This statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

SOFA	Notes	Unrestricted Fund 2020/21	Designated Fund 2020/21	Restricted Funds 2020/21	Total Funds 2020/21	Total Funds 2019/20
<u>Incoming resources</u>						
<i>Voluntary income:</i>						
Donations & grants	2, 3, 6(b)	46864		28643	75507	68634
<i>Activities for generating funds:</i>						
Fundraising events	6	694		0	694	16495
<i>Investment Income:</i>						
Interest - All Accounts		106		0	106	179
Sundries		0			0	7
Total incoming resources		47664	0	28643	76307	85315
<u>Resources expended</u>						
Voluntary Income Costs	11	0	0	0	0	0
Charitable expenditure	11	43104	0	22322	65426	76244
Governance costs	11	11546	0	0	11546	13455
Total resources expended	-	54650	0	22322	76972	89699
Gross transfers to/from funds	10	3490	0	-3490	0	0
Net movement of funds		-3496	0	2831	-665	-4384
<u>Reconciliation of funds</u>						
Total funds brought forward		44312	22800	454	67566	71950
Total funds carried forward		40816	22800	3286	66902	67566

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

BALANCE SHEET

Balance Sheet as at:				
<u>31st March 2021</u>	31-Mar-21		31-Mar-20	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Current Assets</u>				
<u>Debtors</u>				
Prepayments	3,676		1,878	
Cash at bank and in hand	99,899		81,013	
		103,575		82,891
<u>Creditors</u>				
Deferred Income-		36,673		15,325
<u>Net Current Assets</u>		66,902		67,566
Represented by:				
Restricted funds		3,286		454
Unrestricted funds		40,816		44,312
Designated Funds		22,800		22,800
<u>Total Funds</u>		66,902		67,566

For the year ending 31 March 2021 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime.

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees

Mr Barry Page

Date:



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2021

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.

(a) Basis of accounts

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in March 2005 and applicable accounting standards.

(b) Fund accounting

The unrestricted funds are generally those which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund.

Designated Funds are Unrestricted Funds used to manage revenue risks and to set aside funds for committed projects, in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

(c) Income recognition

Grants and donations are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which it has been received.

Bank interest is recognised on a receipt basis.

(d) Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for the expenditure.

Costs relating to charitable activities comprise those 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.

Management and administration (governance) costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on the basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis such as estimated usage as set out in Note 11.

2 & 3. Grants & Trusts

The Grants and Trusts Team raised a total of **£65,379**.

£19,963 of this total was designated for Restricted use by the Family Groups plus support for a New Baby Group Project.

£18,673 was received late in the year to be spent in 2021/22.

Fundraising Grants & Trusts	Purpose	Restricted 2020-21	Un-Restricted 2020-21	Total 2020-21	C/F to 2021-22
WCC Annual Grant	Core Funding	0	7,785	5,885	1,900
Garfield Weston Year 2	Families	10,000	0	5,000	5,000
Brooks Charitable Trust	Families	10,780	0	4,000	6,780
BBC Children in Need	Families	8,966	0	7,641	1,325
HSUK Emergency Grant	Core Funding	0	953	953	
HSUK Christmas Grant	Families	1,000		1,000	
Plastow Family Trust	Core Funding		1,500	1,500	
HIWCF Grant	Families	2,712		2,712	
Albert Hunt Trust	Families	3,000		3,000	
Rathbones	Core Funding		360	360	
Beechgrove Trust	Core Funding		500	500	
HCC Jackie Porter	Portaloos	1000		500	500
Caring for Families HSUK	New Baby Group	3168		0	3,168
Richard Kirkman Trust	Core Funding		1,000	1,000	
Winchester Churches	Summer School & Xmas Project	790		790	
CAF Grant	Core Funding		5,865	5,865	
Sylvia Adams	Families	4,000		4,000	
Truemark Trust	Core Funding		2,000	2,000	
Totals		45,416	19,963	46,706	18,673

4. Trustee Remuneration & Related Party Transactions

No Trustee or related person received any remuneration during the period. No Trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

5. Taxation

The company is registered as a charity in accordance with the Charities Act 1003 and is not liable to taxation on its income. No tax charges have arisen in the charity during the year.



6a. Fundraising Events

Our Fundraising Events Team raised **£694**.

6b. Fundraising Donations

Donations raised **£46,801**.

Donations	Income 2020-21	Expenditure 2020-21	Net Income 2020-21	Carried Forward to 2021-22
Friends Monthly SO Donations	5664		5,664	
Friends Ad Hoc Donations	12926		12,926	
Jogle inc. £500 IVC Sponsor	14144		14,144	
Jazz for Cocktails	1457		1,457	
Matt & Ali's Cycle	1452		1,452	
S J Lewin	500		500	
PCC Beauworth	100		100	
Freemasons	500		500	
John Lewis	333		333	
A Lorek - Tablets	2000		2,000	
Volunteer Expenses Donated	270	270	0	
Utilita	6000		6,000	
Gift Aid	0		0	
Friends of Lanterns	350		350	
Wolvesey Lodge Freemasons	200		200	
Waitrose	333		333	
Easyfundraising	81		81	
Collection Tins	144		144	
ArtStart	346		346	
Carried Forward to 2021-22				18,000
Total	46,801	270	46,531	18,000

7. Staff Costs and Numbers

Staff Costs	2020-21	2019-20
	£	£
Salaries and wages	48,215	45,936
Social security costs (NI) including Pensions	10,125	9,730
Total	58,340	55,666
	2020-21	2019-20
	Number	Number
Senior Coordinator	0.70	0.70
Coordinator	0.65	0.65
Office Manager	0.65	0.55
Family Drop-in Group Leader	0.10	0.10
Family Drop-in Group Support Worker	0.05	0.10
Total	2.15	2.10



8/9 Debtors & Creditors

Debtors	2020-21		2019-20
Quiz Deposit	250		250
Summer Festival Marquee Deposit	250		
Premier Insurance	151		170
Lanterns Rent	1,529		1,458
Charity Log – Dizions	444		
Home-Start UK Annual Fee	821		
HSUK Legal & Accident Insurance	78		
Drop Box Annual Licence	109		
Web Site Hosting Annual Licence	44		
Total	3,676		1,878
Creditors	2020-21		2019-20
Donations	18,000		0
Brooks Trust	6,780		4,000
Garfield Weston Trust	5,000		10,000
Caring for Families HSUK	3,168		
WCC Annual Grant	1,900		0
J Porter	500		0
BBC Children in Need	1,325		1,325
Total	36,673		15,325

10 Movement in Restricted Funds

Movement of Funds	At 1st April 2020	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	At 31st March 2021
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Funds				
All Restricted Funds	454	25,153	22,322	3,285
Total restricted funds	454	25,153	22,322	3,285
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	44,312	51,154	54,650	40,816
Designated fund	22,800	0	0	22,800
Total unrestricted funds	67,112	51,154	54,650	63,616
Total funds	67,566	76,307	76,972	66,901

11 Total Resources Expended

<u>Expenditure Direct</u>	Core charitable activities	Governance	Volunteer Prep courses	Family Drop-in group	Family Services Unrestricted	Family Services Restricted	2020/21 Totals
Costs directly allocated to activities	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Wages, NI, Pensions	11,668		5,834	5,834	9,334	16,919	49,589
Staff expenses	47	35	23	23	37	68	234
Trustee Expenses	14	10	7	7	11	20	68
Volunteer expenseks	96	72	48	48	77	139	480
Training	156	117	78	78	125	226	780
Mental Health Project	111	83	56	56	89	161	555
Covid Other Exp	495	371	247	247	396	717	2,474
Covid Staff Exp	411	309	206	206	329	596	2,057
Family group exp.	59	44	30	30	47	86	295
Parenting Course	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Family outings	70	53	35	35	56	102	351
Summer School	862	647	431	431	690	1,250	4,312
Direct Total	13,988	1,740	6,994	6,994	11,190	20,282	61,188
Support costs allocated to activities							
Wages, NI, Pensions		8,751					8,751
Stationery & postage	11	8	5	5	9	15	53
Telephone	277	208	139	139	222	402	1,385
Photocopying	14	11	7	7	12	21	72
Insurance	154	116	77	77	124	224	772
Capital Items & Fees	314	235	157	157	251	455	1,568
HSUK Fee	143	107	72	72	114	207	716
Fundraising	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank charges	12	9	6	6	10	18	61
Sundry Items	95	72	48	48	76	138	477
Accommodation	386	289	193	193	309	559	1,929
Support Total	1,406	9,806	703	703	1,125	2,039	15,783
Overall Total	15,394	11,546	7,697	7,697	12,315	22,322	76,972



12 Designated Funds

Designated Funds - 2020-21	31-Mar-21	01-Apr-20
Revenue Unpredictability Provision		
a. WCC:	0	0
b. BBC Children in Need:	0	0
c. HCC Councillors:	800	800
d. Other Charitable Trusts	10,000	10,000
e. Donations	5,000	5,000
f. Events	5,000	5,000
Total of Revenue Unpredictability	20,800	20,800
Capital Equipment - Replacement Liability	2,000	2,000
Project Fund towards Scheme Expansion	0	0
Cost of Closing the charity	0	0
Designated Fund Total	22,800	22,800

The Trustees each year review the charity's financial requirements, establishing Designated Funds to manage revenue risks and to set aside funds for committed projects, in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Designated Funds plus Restricted and Unrestricted Funds constitute the charity's Reserves.





Structure, Governance and Management

Home-Start Winchester and Districts was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee in 2005 and is registered under the Charities Act 1993 and the Companies Acts 1985 and 1989. It is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association and by its Board of Trustees. It has a legal agreement with Home-Start UK to follow their national Standards and Methods of Practice. Its year end is 31st March.

Registered charity name: Home-Start Winchester and Districts

Charity registration number: 1108170

Company registration number: 5350249

Registered office and operational address:

Lanterns Nursery School
Bereweek Road
Winchester
SO22 6AJ
Telephone: 01962 851177

Bankers:

CAF Bank Limited, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 AJQ

Trustees:

Barry Page - Chair
Mike Davies - Treasurer
Martin Tomsett - Company Secretary & Vice Chair
Chrissie Barlow
Carolyn Beech
April Chidgey
Stephanie Durrant
Gill Longman (co-opted 22.10.20)
Hilary North (co-opted 24.3.21)
Jackie Sumner
Graham Winyard

Patrons:

Sally Stewart
Alison Wakeham

Staff:

Liz Stannard - Senior Co-ordinator
Jane Read - Co-ordinator
Sue Barham - Office Manager
Liz Brown - Family Group Leader
Susan Baker - Family Group worker

Independent Examiner: Michael Kerby FCA





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