

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05283272 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1109568

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31st March 2024
for
HOME-START WESTMINSTER, KENSINGTON &
CHELSEA AND HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

**HOME-START WESTMINSTER, KENSINGTON &
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for the year ended 31st March 2024**

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**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st March 2024**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To offer support and friendship to **ANY** local family, with at least one child under 5, who needs us. We aim to make a positive impact on the emotional and physical development of children from pre-birth to pre-school, and on their parents.

Standards and methods of practice

Home-Start Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham ("Home-Start WKCHF") work with families living in the London Boroughs of Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham who are experiencing difficulties and who are expecting a baby or have at least one child under the age of 5.

Home-Start WKCHF is an independent voluntary organisation, which works towards the increased confidence and independence of the family through our core services of advocacy and recruiting, training and matching volunteers to undertake home-visiting or providing therapy. The volunteer, who is supervised by an experienced co-ordinator, will:

- Visit the family regularly in their own homes where the dignity and identity of each individual can be respected and protected.
- Reassure parents that difficulties in bringing up children are not unusual and encouraging enjoyment in family life.
- Develop a relationship with the family in which time can be shared and understanding can be developed; the approach is flexible to take account of different needs.
- Encourage the parents' strengths and emotional wellbeing for the ultimate benefit of their children.
- Encourage families to widen their network of relationships and to use effectively the support and services available within the community.
- Provide therapy to families who wouldn't normally be able to access this service, to help cope with mental health difficulties.

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**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st March 2024**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Charitable activities

Chair's Report Year 2023/24

I am pleased to report that Home-Start Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham supported 239 families during the year to 31st March 2024. Our support had a broad range of positive impacts including 71% of parents able to manage their children's behaviour better, 81% of families becoming less isolated and 81% making better use of local services.

The work of our growing, dedicated staff team has delivered these high-quality results, either via their supervision and support of our exceptional volunteers, or through their direct support to families. With the continuing challenge of a nationwide volunteer shortage, they have had to step in and offer interim support to families to a greater extent than in the past.

I continue to appreciate the professionalism of our trustees whether at board meetings, serving on our Finance, Funding and HR Committees, or providing other much needed ad hoc support. Committees provide an extra focus on key areas of work. During the year a new committee was set up to set up to address issues around Volunteers.

None of our work would be possible without the support of our funders, several of whom have provided long-standing, consistent support which is invaluable in a tough financial climate. We would like to thank in particular the John Armitage Charitable Trust, the John Lyons Charity, the National Lottery Community Fund, and the Westminster Adult Education Service for their continued support. We are also grateful for the financial support from local authorities in which we operate, in particular the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea who have supported us since 2014. As always, we constantly seek to widen the diversity of funding sources and are grateful for continuing support in cash and in kind to a range of local businesses.

Treasurers Report and Financial Review

Home-Start Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham aims to raise income to support its charitable objectives from a variety of sources including trusts and foundations, government, businesses and private individuals.

The charity started the year with 54% of the 2023/24 funding requirement in place and an optimism in the ability to grow reserves to meet our reserve policy. Unfortunately, the year did not proceed as planned with 3, multi-year applications, failing to raise critical funding. Due to this funding gap, an organisational review was held at the end of 2023 resulting in a team restructure and applications made for emergency funding.

The restructured team along with support from longstanding donors allowed us to end the year positively with 2023/24 income of £617,551 up from £327,229 in the previous year, which includes unrestricted funding of £35,000 that relates to services scheduled to be provided after the year end. This growth in income has been both significant and required given the deficit in the prior year and the ongoing cost of delivering services. Expenditure in the year grew by 14% to £477,219 (2022/23 £419,018) as the number of families supported grew by 13%. Part of the growth in cost per family supported is due to the ongoing struggle to recruit volunteers in a sector which has a greater demand for volunteers than numbers available. This results in paid staff bridging volunteer gaps to maintain a quality service delivery. Reserves at the year end stood at £275,106 of which £24,270 was restricted.

Reserves policy

The charity operates a policy of maintaining free reserves amounting to six months of operating costs, to enable management to maintain a consistent level of services with a fluctuating income stream, as well as providing sufficient resources to cover the costs of an orderly wind down. The surplus for the year has led to an increase in reserve levels to £275,106, of which £250,836 is unrestricted. This equates to the target reserves level of six months of operating costs.

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**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st March 2024**

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

Home-Start WKCHF provides a range of services to the local community as it aims to improve the lives of local families. We continue to supply services across three boroughs - Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham to any family expecting a baby or with a child under the age of 5 who needs it because they are experiencing emotional or practical difficulties. In addition to our core service of home visiting we offer our Bump-Start support service for mothers from pregnancy through to the child's 1st birthday. This programme aims to give all babies the best start in life. Referrals to our programmes come primarily from statutory bodies such as health and social services but are open to self-referrals. We provide a wide variety of benefits, ranging from the provision of parenting support to improved health & wellbeing including therapy and specific training on current issues such as budgeting. The charity has considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in setting its objectives and planning its activities.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Status and governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 10 November 2004 and registered as a charity on 20 May 2005.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objectives and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Directors and trustees

Under the Memorandum & Articles of Association, the officers of the charity (Chair, Treasurer and Company Secretary) are appointed by the Trustees. The Trustees according to the Articles of Association are elected by the members of the charity attending the Annual General Meeting. The training and induction of Trustees will depend on their existing experience.

Under the Articles of Association, one third of the trustees retire by rotation at each Annual General Meeting.

The Trustees may co-opt any person duly qualified to be appointed as Trustee and that person will hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.

Once appointed, trustees will be supported by the Board of Trustees in any area of induction or training needed.

The Trustees meet bi-monthly to ensure the compliance with the Memorandum and Articles and the policies of Home-Start. The day to day operation within the policies, forward plan and budgets are delegated to the Scheme Manager.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

05283272 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1109568

Registered office

St Paul's Church Centre
Rossmore Road
London
NW1 6NJ

**HOME-START WESTMINSTER, KENSINGTON &
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**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st March 2024**

Trustees

The trustees who have served during the year and to the date of this report:

Christina Smyth	Chair	
Tinuke Bell	Treasurer	
Denise Loewen	HR	
Isla Johns		
Uwa Adedeji		- Resigned 19 January 2023
Elizabeth Jarvis		- Resigned 17 March 2023
Rob Bradshaw		- Resigned 30 March 2023
Saleem Khalid		
Daphne Aikens MBE		
Stephen Miley OBE		- Appointed 30 March 2023

Company Secretary

Emily Henderson

Patron

Baroness Floella Benjamin

Finance/Fundraising Committee

Tinuke Bell
Christina Smyth
Thienhuong Nguyen
Fiazah Pervez
Lucy Allison

HR Committee

Denise Loewen
Christina Smyth
Thienhuong Nguyen

Auditors

Simpson Wreford & Partners
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors
Suffolk House
George Street
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Bankers

CAF Bank
25 Kings Hill Avenue
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**Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31st March 2024**

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

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 26th September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

C Smyth - Trustee

**HOME-START WESTMINSTER, KENSINGTON &
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**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities
for the year ended 31st March 2024**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Home-Start Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
Home-Start Westminster, Kensington &
Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Home-Start Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31st March 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31st March 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
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Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Report of the Trustees.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Report of the Trustees.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Due to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of
Home-Start Westminster, Kensington &
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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Alasdair Weaks (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Simpson Wreford & Partners
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors
Suffolk House
George Street
Croydon
Surrey
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26th September 2024

**HOME-START WESTMINSTER, KENSINGTON &
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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	137,712	-	137,712	10,039
Charitable activities	5				
Charitable activities		165,000	311,059	476,059	316,221
Investment income	4	3,780	-	3,780	969
Total		<u>306,492</u>	<u>311,059</u>	<u>617,551</u>	<u>327,229</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	6				
Charitable activities		<u>190,430</u>	<u>286,789</u>	<u>477,219</u>	<u>419,018</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		116,062	24,270	140,332	(91,789)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		134,774	-	134,774	226,563
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>250,836</u></u>	<u><u>24,270</u></u>	<u><u>275,106</u></u>	<u><u>134,774</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Balance Sheet
31st March 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.3.24 Total funds £	31.3.23 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	10	35,000	-	35,000	-
Cash at bank		228,880	34,195	263,075	161,591
		<u>263,880</u>	<u>34,195</u>	<u>298,075</u>	<u>161,591</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(13,044)	(9,925)	(22,969)	(26,817)
		<u>250,836</u>	<u>24,270</u>	<u>275,106</u>	<u>134,774</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>250,836</u>	<u>24,270</u>	<u>275,106</u>	<u>134,774</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>250,836</u>	<u>24,270</u>	<u>275,106</u>	<u>134,774</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>250,836</u>	<u>24,270</u>	<u>275,106</u>	<u>134,774</u>
FUNDS					
	13				
Unrestricted funds				250,836	134,774
Restricted funds				24,270	-
				<u>275,106</u>	<u>134,774</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>275,106</u>	<u>134,774</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 26th September 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

C Smyth - Trustee

T Bell - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**Cash Flow Statement
for the year ended 31st March 2024**

	Notes	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	97,704	(79,744)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities		97,704	(79,744)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		3,780	969
Net cash provided by investing activities		3,780	969
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		101,484	(78,775)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		161,591	240,366
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		263,075	161,591

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**Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the year ended 31st March 2024**

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24 £	31.3.23 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	140,332	(91,789)
Adjustments for:		
Interest received	(3,780)	(969)
Increase in debtors	(35,000)	-
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(3,848)	13,014
Net cash provided by/(used in) operations	<u>97,704</u>	<u>(79,744)</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.24 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank	161,591	101,484	263,075
	<u>161,591</u>	<u>101,484</u>	<u>263,075</u>
Total	<u>161,591</u>	<u>101,484</u>	<u>263,075</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**HOME-START WESTMINSTER, KENSINGTON &
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**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31st March 2024**

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Home-Start Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales (Company number: 05283272) and a charity registered with the Charity Commission (registered number: 1109568). Home-Start Westminster's registered address is St Paul's Church Centre, Rossmore Road, London, NW1 6NJ.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements have been prepared in sterling, the functional currency of the charity, and monetary amounts in these financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £.

Going concern

The charity has faced multiple challenges in the year, such as rising staff costs as a result of the cost-of-living crisis. This has placed pressure on the charity's reserves. In the light of challenges over funding going forward, the charity has bid (by invitation from a long-term funder) for a fund targeted at recovery from COVID and its aftermath. These monies would include a ring-fenced sum for a funding consultant, whom the charity would deploy to identify new sources of long term funding, in order to grow its income and return to a healthier reserve position.

Having considered post year-end financial results and cash reserves, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Grant income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Grant income received in advance for activities undertaken after the year end is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

Donations and similar incoming resources are included in the year in which they are receivable, which is when the charity becomes entitled to the resource.

Investment income includes interest receivable and is included in the accounts when the charity becomes entitled to the income.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31st March 2024**

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

All expenditure is shown inclusive of irrecoverable VAT

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply Sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 in respect of financial instruments.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the year ended 31st March 2024**

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the charity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the charity has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in the Statement of Financial Activities when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in creditors as a liability in the Balance Sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the charity in independently administered funds.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Donations	137,712	10,039
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Deposit account interest	3,780	969
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Grants	476,059	316,221
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6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs £	Support costs £	Total 31.3.24	Total 31.3.23 £
Staff costs	416,973	-	416,973	348,093
Support of families	56,028	4,218	60,246	70,925
	<u>473,001</u>	<u>4,218</u>	<u>477,219</u>	<u>419,018</u>

SUPPORT COSTS

	Total 31.3.24	Total 31.3.23 £
Auditors' remuneration	<u>4,218</u>	<u>3,876</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

Trustees were not reimbursed with any expenses during the year (2023 - £Nil).

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.24	31.3.23 £
Wages and salaries	372,384	309,614
Social security costs	29,542	25,296
Other pension costs	15,047	13,183
	<u>416,973</u>	<u>348,093</u>

The average number of staff employed during the year was 13 (2023 - 11).

There were no staff paid more than £60,000 during the year (2023 - none).

During the year, the charity incurred costs totalling £49,474, including employer's NIC and employer's pension, in respect of key management personnel.

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9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	10,039	-	10,039
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	100,000	216,221	316,221
Investment income	969	-	969
Total	<u>111,008</u>	<u>216,221</u>	<u>327,229</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities	<u>202,797</u>	<u>216,221</u>	<u>419,018</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(91,789)	-	(91,789)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	226,563	-	226,563
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u><u>134,774</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>134,774</u></u>

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>35,000</u>	<u>-</u>

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11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,188	349
Social security and other taxes	7,017	7,841
Other creditors	639	401
Accruals and deferred income	14,125	18,226
	<u>22,969</u>	<u>26,817</u>
Deferred income reconciliation	31.3.24	31.3.23
		£
Balance brought forward	14,458	-
Amount released to the Statement of Financial Activities	(14,458)	-
Amounts deferred in the year	9,925	14,458
	<u>9,925</u>	<u>14,458</u>
Balance carried forward	<u>9,925</u>	<u>14,458</u>

The deferred income at 31st March 2024 relates to a performance-related grant from Westminster City Council to run the Healthy Communities Fund project, which is received quarterly in advance.

12. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	31.3.24	31.3.23
	£	£
Within one year	20,846	20,846
Between one and five years	71,224	92,070
	<u>92,070</u>	<u>112,916</u>

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	134,774	116,062	250,836
Restricted funds			
WAES	-	1,778	1,778
Young Westminster Foundation	-	8,296	8,296
Westminster City Council	-	4,313	4,313
Westminster Foundation	-	8,086	8,086
John Lyons SHAF	-	1,797	1,797
	-	24,270	24,270
TOTAL FUNDS	134,774	140,332	275,106

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	306,492	(190,430)	116,062
Restricted funds			
National Lottery Community Fund	109,769	(109,769)	-
Family grants received	340	(340)	-
John Lyons Charity	49,158	(49,158)	-
Kensington & Chelsea	42,400	(42,400)	-
WAES	13,970	(12,192)	1,778
NHS CNWL Perinatal Mental Health	4,400	(4,400)	-
Hammersmith & Fulham	30,450	(30,450)	-
Volunteer DBS Income	647	(647)	-
Young Westminster Foundation	10,000	(1,704)	8,296
The Howard de Walden Estate	10,000	(10,000)	-
Pears Breathing Space	10,000	(10,000)	-
Peter Stebbings Memorial Charity	5,000	(5,000)	-
Westminster City Council	9,925	(5,612)	4,313
Westminster Foundation	10,000	(1,914)	8,086
John Lyons SHAF	5,000	(3,203)	1,797
	311,059	(286,789)	24,270
TOTAL FUNDS	617,551	(477,219)	140,332

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13. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	226,563	(91,789)	134,774
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>226,563</u>	<u>(91,789)</u>	<u>134,774</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	111,008	(202,797)	(91,789)
Restricted funds			
National Lottery Community Fund	48,698	(48,698)	-
Family grants received	1,749	(1,749)	-
John Lyons Charity	20,242	(20,242)	-
Kensington & Chelsea	40,000	(40,000)	-
WAES	14,215	(14,215)	-
Campden Charities	1,500	(1,500)	-
NHS CNWL Perinatal Mental Health	23,625	(23,625)	-
Hammersmith & Fulham	30,102	(30,102)	-
Volunteer DBS Income	415	(415)	-
Young Westminster Foundation	2,100	(2,100)	-
Westminster Protects	10,000	(10,000)	-
The Howard de Walden Estate	10,000	(10,000)	-
KC SC (Covid Protection)	10,575	(10,575)	-
HSUK PIMH Pilot	3,000	(3,000)	-
	<u>216,221</u>	<u>(216,221)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>327,229</u>	<u>(419,018)</u>	<u>(91,789)</u>

Restricted funds have been received to support specific programme delivery costs and projects that contribute to the charity's overall vision that every parent has the support they need to give their children the best start in life. Some of the funding relates our general support work, but in defined Boroughs, whereas other grants have been received to help fund specific activities, such as volunteer training and support, providing grants to families, covering the costs of DBS checks, community learning programmes or school holiday activities.

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14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year, donations were received from trustees, key management and related parties totalling £1,952 (2023 - £1,655). No restrictions or conditions were attached to any of these donations. There were no other related party transactions requiring disclosure in either the current or prior years.

15. COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

Home-Start Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea and Hammersmith & Fulham is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.