HOME-START NORTH SOMERSET

England & Wales · Charity number 1111549

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	05555050
Registered	2005-10-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: A) TO SAFEGUARD, PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE GOOD HEALTH, BOTH MENTAL AND PHYSICAL OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS OF CHILDREN;B) TO PREVENT CRUELTY TO OR MALTREATMENT OF CHILDREN;C) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS, POVERTY AND NEED AMONGST CHILDREN AND PARENTS OF CHILDREN;D) TO PROMOTE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN BETTER STANDARDS OF CHILD CARE;WITHIN THE AREA OF NORTH SOMERSET AND ITS ENVIRONS

Activities: We recruit train and support home visiting volunteers to support vulnerable families with at least one child under 5yrs in North Somerset

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WITHIN THE AREA OF NORTH SOMERSET AND ITS ENVIRONS
- North Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£126,256	£133,712	-	-
2024-03-31	£154,882	£137,882	-	-
2023-03-31	£101,245	£122,505	-	-
2022-03-31	£119,485	£99,604	-	-
2021-03-31	£84,079	£93,596	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Daljit Sidebottom		2015-09-01
Diane Scarborough		2025-09-08
Nicole Day		2016-02-23

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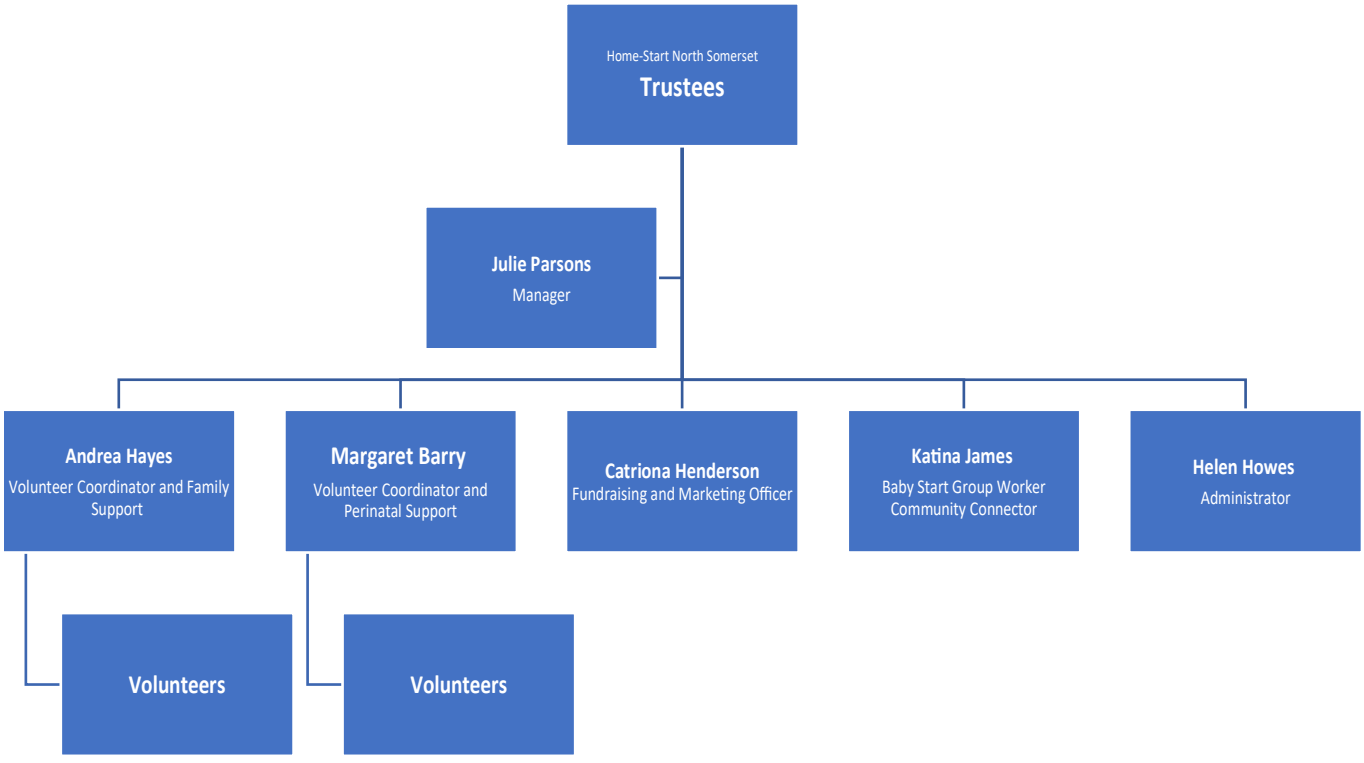
This year Home-Start North Somerset has supported 67 families with 91 children through home-visiting and peri-natal support groups



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Board of Trustees

Kate Milton	Chair of Trustees (appointed December 2023)
Dali Sidebottom	Trustee
Ian Cooper	Treasurer (resigned 7th November 2024)
Charles Wright	Trustee (3rd January 2025)
Colville Greaves	Trustee (Resigned 1st October 2024)
Joyce Murray	Trustee (Resigned 1st September 2025)
Nicole Day	Trustee
Judith Tomlinson	Trustee
Jane Sleigh	Volunteer Representative



Home-Start North Somerset

Home-Start North Somerset is a voluntary organisation that supports families who are experiencing difficulties and have at least one child under the age of five. We recruit and train volunteers who support families within their own home offering non-judgemental, confidential support, friendship and practical assistance specifically tailored to the family's needs.

We have a core staff of six people and a board of voluntary trustees.

Mission Statement

Childhood makes a huge impact. We aim to make sure those years count so that a child's future Is not limited and families can thrive.

Our vision is to be the leading independent family support charity in North Somerset. We aim to be a partner of choice for families and organisations, known for our reliable, responsive and respected quality service. Through families and volunteers working together, we aim to improve outcomes for all.

Respectful

We welcome and respect each other's views and are confidential in the way we work together and with others.

Supportive

We believe in supporting and developing everyone involved in our charity.

Inclusive

We value collaboration with partners and aim to work in an open and non-judgemental way, listening to feedback from those we work with.

Independent

We are true to our vision and make pro-active decisions that are in the best interest of our charity.

Ambitious

We strive for success and are enthusiastic to develop and sustain an excellent service.

Responsible

We are clear on our roles and take all responsibilities seriously making sure we question and challenge in order to make carefully considered decisions at an appropriate level.

Trustworthy

We are honest and can be trusted to meet our commitments ethically and responsibly.

Effective

We aim to work effectively and efficiently making careful use of all our resources.

Home-Start North Somerset

We are a local charity and have been working exclusively in North Somerset for 20 years to provide practical and emotional support to families with young children, who are experiencing difficulties. We are registered with the Charity Commission and Companies House. We are quality assured by Home-Start UK.

Our ambition is to:

- Develop a range of services from which families can choose
- Secure resources to maintain or increase the number of families supported
- Increase the support we provide to families through such things as groups and drop-ins.

We aim to:-

- Support families throughout the whole of North Somerset, offering support, friendship and practical assistance
- Visit families 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 encourage 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 well-being for the ultimate benefit of their own children
- Encourage families to widen their network of relationships and to use effectively the support and services available within the community.

We offer free, confidential support, friendship, and practical help to parents, with at least one child under 5 in North Somerset. Families are welcome to approach us themselves, or, with their consent, may be referred by a professional such as a health visitor who is known to them.

We recruit and train home-visiting volunteers, who all have parenting experience, and match them carefully with a family who has requested, or been referred for support. Each volunteer then regularly visits a family in their own home, offering emotional and practical support through difficult times for as long as it is needed. This friendly parent-to-parent support is a simple, yet effective, way of enabling families to get back on track and start to really enjoy family life again.

Service Report

It has been a challenging year for Home-Start North Somerset with a number of trustee resignations including the treasurer. The post was ably filled by Nicky Day but we were unable to find a permanent replacement. However the staff and volunteers continued their sterling work with families and children who benefitted enormously as demonstated by their positive feedback.

Between April 2024 to March 2025, we supported 67 families via home visiting and one to one support with 91 children. 13 families were supported in the Baby Start group and 15 families were supported in the Mums in Mind group and 53 families were supported directly by the staff team.

Since April 2025 we have supported 50 families via home visiting with 73 children. Baby Start has supported 13 mums and babies in Pill. The staff team directly supported 48 families.
In total since April 2024 until October 2025, we have supported 211 families.

We ran 2 volunteer prep courses in October 2024 and March 2025 with 12 new volunteers.

Over the past 20 years we have:

· trained and supported 346 home-visiting volunteers

· provided approx. 50,000 hours of voluntary support

· supported just over 1000 North Somerset families with 2000 children under 5 years old

Treasurers Report_ April 2024 to March 2025

During the financial year starting in April 2024, Home-Start North Somerset have benefited from the Lottery funding, as well valued grants from North Somerset and the ICB (NHS funding).

This has allowed the Charity to provide much needed support for local families.

The Trustees would like to thank the work of the smaller contributors, as their efforts are so personal to our charity.

To past and present, individual and regular, volunteers who donate to the charity**: thank you**

To the anonymous donor who supported our endeavour to recruit and train volunteers: **thank you.**

To the companies and clubs who have supported us: **Thank you.**

- BClear Communication: £500
- Portishead Ladies Bowling Club: £1150
- Waitrose: £1500
- HomeSense ansd TKMaxx: £500
- Pure Office Portishead: £1130

To the indefatigable maker of chutneys, jams and mince pies and Christmas brooches: And all who assisted in these endeavours**: Thank you.**

Every pound raised, help us provide support to families in North Somerset.

I wish everybody who is connected with Home-Start North Somerset the best for the future, and thank the volunteers for their commitment and the staff and fellow trustees for their help in the past and present

Nicky Day
Financial Officer

Financial Statement and Examined Accounts available in a separate document

Group Family Feedback

“I really like attending the course as it gets me out of the house which is very good for my emotional wellbeing”.

“Meeting other mums for advice improved my confidence with my baby and gave me new skills”.

“Encouraged me to get out and helped bond with baby”.

“It's been nice to have some routine in the week and see the same group of Mums. It's nice to know I'm not alone in certain stages of motherhood”.

“I really enjoy meeting with other Mums. Chatting with others makes me feel better if I am having a difficult week”.

“Gets us out of the house, adds structure to our week. Have made friends”.

“It’s good to have somewhere to go to meet other Mums, where it is friendly and calm”.

“Yes, very it’s nice to be around others in the same position”.

“When I first started the group, I had no confidence and now getting to know the other mums I feel like I have come out of my shell”.

“Nice to have a safe space to talk, no judgement. I've really liked the arts and crafts”.

“I have found meeting new mums enjoyable and have found some real friends

Home-Visiting Family Feedback

"My son loves his walk to the park with the volunteer and if they go on another day he tells everyone that he goes there with his volunteer".

"I want to express that I felt at the beginning I was 'taking support away from another family if I accepted the help, but I am so glad I did as it has made all the difference to me and my family".

"Going with my volunteer to groups at the start helped build my confidence".

"I appreciate all help given and I am in a much better place now"

"I express gratitude to Homestart and my volunteer. Having someone to talk things through when I was anxious at the start helped normalise things in my mind. I am keen to help others who have found difficulties at the start.

"My volunteer is lovely".



…to all the volunteers, families, referrers, funders and friends of the scheme who supported have supported us this year and for the past 20 years.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(Incorporating the Director's Report)*

Year ended March 31st, 2025

The Trustees, who are also the Directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the year ended **31 March 2025.**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Name	Home-Start North Somerset
Charity registration number	1111549
Company registration number	055550050
Principal office and registered office	Badger House, Old Mixon Cresent, Weston-Super-Mare, BS24 3HF

The Trustees	Positions	Date of Appointment	Date of Resignation
Nicole Day	Trustee	23 February 2016	
Dali Sidebottom	Trustee	01 September 2015	
Joyce Murray	Trustee	08 November 2022	
Judith Tomlinson	Trustee	28 November 2024	
Kate Milton	Trustee	12 December 2023	
Ian Cooper	Trustee	12 September 2022	07 November 2024
Colville Greaves	Trustee	09 January 2023	01 October 2024
Charles Wright	Trustee	01 November 2021	03 January 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

ARCARDIA (SOUTH WEST) LTD residing at UNIT 9, MORSTON COURT, AISECOME WAY, BS22 8NG

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The details of the structure and organization are included in the accompanying Annual Report.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Please see the Annual Report for the full objectives and activities of the charity.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Please see the Annual Report for the achievements and performance for the year ended **31st March 2025.**

Financial Review

The Financial statements show a deficit of ***£7,456*** for year ending **March 31st 2025**, compared to a surplus of ***£17,000*** for the year ending March 31st 2024. Further details of the financial position of the Charity are given in the Trustees report.

The Trustees are satisfied of the following:

A. Following a financial viability review in July 2025, the Trustees explored a potential merger with Home Start Bristol & South Gloucestershire. After these discussions proved unsuccessful, the Board resolved in late October 2025 to propose the charity's closure by January 2026.

B. The cash buffer maintained by the charity would be sufficient to cover liabilities in the event of cessation of the charity.

C. Though this year's accounts have been prepared under the accruals/prepayment basis, comparison to last year's prepared on a cash basis results in no material difference.

D. All funds received are spent on the charitable objectives of Home-start North Somerset as this is a prerequisite of grant donors.

E. Micro-Entity Accounts for Home-Start North Somerset Ltd as exempted by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 will be submitted for this period to Companies House by the relevant date.

The Trustees' annual report was approved on _____ and signed on behalf of the board.

Trustee **Trustee**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('2006 Act').
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiners statement
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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

Michelle Parsons
Arcadia Chartered Tax Advisors & Accountants
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Statement of Financial Activities *(Income and Expenditure Account)*

Year ended March 31st, 2025

	Notes	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Income			
Donations		8,167	5,528
Grants		116,480	147,993
Investment income	1	1,609	961
Total income		**126,256**	**154,882**
Expenditure			
Charitable activities	2	133,712	137,882
Total expenditure		**133,712**	**137,882**
Surplus / (Deficit)		**(7,456)**	**17,000**

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Statement of Financial Activities *(Statement of Financial Positions)*

Year ended March 31st, 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Debtors	**3**	850	-
Cash at bank		55,913	66,305
		56,763	**66,305**
Creditors: amount falling due within one year	**4**	(2,021)	(4,107)
Net assets		**54,742**	**62,198**
Total charity funds	**5**	**54,742**	**62,198**

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Statement of Financial Activities *(Notes to the Financial Statements)*

Year ended March 31st, 2025

Disclosure

For the year ended **31st March, 2025** the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The member has not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The director's knowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees' and authorized for issue on _____ and are signed on behalf of the board by;

Trustee **Trustee**

Home-Start North Somerset Ltd.
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Statement of Financial Activities *(Notes to the Financial Statements)*
Year ended March 31st, 2025

1. Income

Donations

	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Donations	8,167	5,928
Total Donations	**8,167**	**5,928**

Grants funding

	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Community Connector	25,000	-
CCG	16,480	54,393
Local Authority	15,000	15,000
Leveling up	-	8,600
Garfield Weston	-	10,000
Lottery grant	60,000	60,000
Total Grants	**116,480**	**147,993**

Investment Income

Bank Interest	1,609	961
TOTAL INCOME	**126,256**	**154,882**

Statement of Financial Activities *(Notes to the Financial Statements)*

Year ended March 31st, 2025

2. Expenditure

Charitable activities

	2025	2024
Staff costs	105,063	107,492
Fund raising	602	1,714
Volunteer expenses	6,121	2,861
Administration	11,051	13,190
Premises	10,815	12,615
Finance	60	60
Total	**133,712**	**137,882**

Statement of Financial Activities *(Notes to the Financial Statements)*

Year ended March 31st, 2025

3. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	850	-
Total Debtors	**850**	**-**

4. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	2,022	4,107
Social security and other taxes	-	-
Total Creditors	**2,022**	**4,107**

Statement of Financial Activities *(Notes to the Financial Statements)*

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5. Analysis of Charitable funds balances

	At 1st April 2024 £	INCOME £	EXPENDITURE £	AT 31ST MARCH 2025 £
General Funds	62,198	126,256	133,712	54,742

	At 1st April 2023 £	INCOME £	EXPENDITURE £	AT 31ST MARCH 2024 £
General Funds	45,198	154,882	137,882	62,198

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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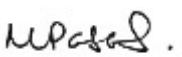
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Financial Review

The Financial statements show a profit of ***£17,000*** for year ending **March 31st 2024**, compared to a deficit of ***£21,260*** for the year ending March 31st 2023. Further details of the financial position of the Charity are given in the Trustees report.

The Trustees are satisfied of the following:

A. Having reviewed the three strategic year review for 2023 - 2026, there will be funding in place to ensure the financial viability of the Charity over that time span.

B. The cash buffer held by the Charity would be sufficient to cover liabilities in the event of cessation of the Charity.

C. All funds received are spent on the charitable objectives of Home-start North Somerset as this is a prerequisite of grant donors.

D. Micro-Entity Accounts for Home-Start North Somerset Ltd as exempted by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 will be submitted for this period to Companies House by the relevant date.

The Trustees' annual report was approved on _____ and signed on behalf of the board.

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Statement of Financial Activities *(Income and Expenditure Account)*
Year ended March 31st, 2024

	Notes	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
Income			
Donations		5,928	5,074
Grants		147,993	95,454
Investment income		961	717
Total income	1	**154,882**	**101,245**
Expenditure			
Charitable activities	2	137,882	122,505
Total expenditure		**137,882**	**122,505**
Surplus / (Deficit)		**17,000**	**(21,260)**

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Statement of Financial Activities *(Statement of Financial Positions)*
Year ended March 31st, 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
Current assets			
Debtors	3	-	850
Cash at bank		66,305	51,241
		66,305	**52,091**
Creditors: amount falling due within one year	4	4,107	6,893
Net assets		**62,198**	**45,198**
Total charity funds	5	**62,198**	**45,198**

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Statement of Financial Activities *(Notes to the Financial Statements)*

Year ended March 31st, 2024

Disclosure

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

Directors' responsibilities:

- The member has not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The director's knowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees' and authorized for issue on _____ and are signed on behalf of the board by;

Trustee **Trustee**

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Statement of Financial Activities *(Notes to the Financial Statements)*
Year ended March 31st, 2024

1. Income

Donations

		2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
	Donations	5,928	5,074
Total Donations		**5,928**	**5,074**

Grants funding

		2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
	Henry Smith	-	44,200
	CCG	54,393	25,480
	Local Authority	15,000	15,000
	Levelling up	8,600	-
	Garfield Weston	10,000	10,000
	Lottery grant	60,000	774
Total Grants		**147,993**	**95,454**

Investment Income

	Bank Interest	961	717
TOTAL INCOME		**154,882**	**101,245**

Statement of Financial Activities *(Notes to the Financial Statements)*

Year ended March 31st, 2024

2. Expenditure

Charitable activities

	2024	2023
Staff costs	107,492	98,674
Fund raising	1,714	1,960
Volunteer expenses	2,861	3,310
Administration	13,190	11,732
Premises	12,615	6,757
Finance	60	72
Total	**137,882**	**122,505**

Independent Examination Fee for 2023/24 was £650.

Statement of Financial Activities *(Notes to the Financial Statements)*

Year ended March 31st, 2024

3. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	-	850
Total Debtors	**-**	**850**

4. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	4,107	3,228
Social security and other taxes	-	3,665
Total Creditors	**4,107**	**6,893**

Statement of Financial Activities *(Notes to the Financial Statements)*

Year ended March 31st, 2024

5. Analysis of Charitable funds balances

	At 1st April 2023 £	INCOME £	EXPENDITURE £	AT 31ST MARCH 2024 £
General Funds	45,198	154,882	137,882	62,198

	At 1st April 2022 £	INCOME £	EXPENDITURE £	AT 31ST MARCH 2023 £
General Funds	66,458	101,245	122,505	45,198

Home-Start North Somerset Ltd.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('2006 Act').

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

Independent examiners statement

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

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HOME-START NORTH SOMERSET

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HOME START

North Somerset

Making a Difference for Families and Children

Annual Report 2022/2023

This year Home-Start North Somerset has supported 141 families with 162 children through Home-visiting and Perinatal support groups



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Home-Start North Somerset

We are a local charity and have been working exclusively in North Somerset for 18 years to provide practical and emotional support to families with young children who are experiencing difficulties. We are registered with the Charity Commission and Companies House. We are quality assured by Home-Start UK.

Our ambition is to:-

- Develop a range of services from which families can choose
- Secure resources to maintain or increase the number of families supported
- increase support groups

We aim to:-

- support families throughout the whole of North Somerset, offering support, friendship and practical assistance
- visit families 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 well-being for the ultimate benefit of their own children
- encourage families to widen their network of relationships and to use effectively the support and services available within the community.

We offer free, confidential support, friendship and practical help to parents, with at least one child under 5 in North Somerset. Families are welcome to approach us themselves or with their consent may be referred by a professional such as a health visitor who is known to them.

We recruit and train home-visiting volunteers, who all have parenting experience and match them carefully with a family who has requested or been referred for support. Each volunteer then regularly visits a family in their own home, offering emotional and practical support through difficult times for as long as it is needed. This friendly parent-to-parent support is a simple yet effective way of enabling families to get back on track and start to really enjoy family life again as the following quotes demonstrate.

Home-Start Home-Visiting Family Quotes

"I am blessed to have the volunteer and couldn't thank her or Home-Start enough for the support they have given".

The Home-Start support has been great and came when I needed it. The volunteer was brilliant with the kids and talks to everyone in the family. I could not have asked for a better match".

The volunteer is wonderful and non-judgemental and listens to me. She is adaptable and has a wide understanding of lots of issues like emotional resilience. It is like having a friend"

"It is a lifeline my volunteer coming on a Monday. Someone to speak to and bit of support. Can't fault her. I have more confidence. Sounding board – Confidential"

"My volunteer has given the family confidence to get out there and feel better about myself".

"The support was given quickly and my child responded very well to having the volunteer there and reassured".

"She helped my self esteem and confidence"

"The friendly face - how lovely my volunteer is. She was so easy to talk to"

"I will miss my volunteer!!! I am in a good place. Did lots of nice things together".

"Could not have better volunteer support. Listening, advice, knowledge. Whoever gets my volunteer next will be lucky"

"I really liked my volunteer and it was nice knowing she was going to be here and I could rely on her support. Looked forward to her visits and going out. Support and Friendship"

Home-Start Mums in Mind Family Quotes

"We were all so different but able to talk about the feelings we had in common. I'm not giving my negative emotions the power anymore."

"I was feeling quite negative towards myself and quite inadequate. I feel like I have more compassion towards myself and try to be kinder to myself now."

"I feel much more connected to my baby than I was at the start of the group. I was feeling like I wasn't spending enough time with either child one on one. The group allowed me to spend some time with her one on one even with other people around."

"It was such a safe space to speak with everyone and know everyone is in the same place. Talking with the other mums made me more aware…Within the last 10 weeks of doing it I've noticed such a different change in myself and how I am with my baby".

"Because of this group I've been able to go to other groups which I wouldn't have done before. It's opened my eyes and I am now capable of doing it by myself. It definitely made me feel a lot less isolated and definitely opened up a friendship group there."

"I can't thank you enough for what you've done and how you've helped me become a better parent. When your anxious you feel like you're not being a good enough parent and now I don't have any concerns with that."

"He's become more of a social baby. Knowing I had a group to go to every Wednesday got me into a routine which essentially helped him as well."

"Coming to the Wednesday group has left me feeling I don't need to continue counselling at the moment. It's really helped me manage.

Baby Massage, Baby Yoga and Toddler Yoga Quotes

"Having the chance to talk to other mums has been really helpful".

"It adds structure to an otherwise listless day and helps us make new friends and connections which is important"

"Attending group has encouraged me to get into a routine, I've learnt some news things and made some nice memories and friendships".

"Made me be social"

"Really lovely to see other mums and have a class to get out to"

"It has been nice to socialise with new people and bond more with baby"

"It is nice to do something fun with my daughter without breaking the bank. Also, nice to see other mums and have a little chat".

"Having somewhere to be on my day off from work where my son can play and I can talk to other mums greatly improves my emotional wellbeing".

"Mel is great, she covered everything we raised and was fantastic, i feel ready to have my first baby because of the excellent service she has provided and calmed me through the process".

Chair's Report

April 2022 to March 2023

In April 2022 we appeared to have seen the back of the Covid pandemic but experienced some of the inevitable fall out in terms of impact on services and the cost-of-living crisis. The latter affected our families along with the rest of the population but perhaps with greater impact as can be evidenced in the work described below.

We moved our office base to larger more suitable accommodation at Badger House The staff were pleased to return to office working offering more opportunities for collaboration and face-to-face networking.

There were some changes introduced in terms of staff roles along with the appointment of a new co-ordinator. We continued to deliver several groups for parents, babies and toddlers alongside home visiting. More details of our service provision and outcomes came can be found in our end of year report in Appendix 1

Three cohorts of mums were supported at our Mums in Mind Groups (MIM) Nineteen mothers in three groups experiencing stress, depression, anxiety and isolation coming together to talk honestly and openly about life as a new or subsequent mum, mental health struggles and life circumstance. Over a 10-week period they were able to normalise their experiences, reframe their thinking, set goals and access services, supporting each other and being signposted to information and support on the WhatsApp groups which ran alongside the face-to-face groups.

We have seen more families experiencing increased anxiety and isolation. Many mums attended MIM with their second baby not having socialised in any groups with their first. More women were experiencing transience in housing moving back and forth between North Somerset and Bristol unable to access appropriate accommodation for the long term. We have given out more foodbank parcels than before and gift vouchers for parents to buy their children Christmas presents. Food, clothes, blankets, nappies and toys were regularly donated and distributed at groups.

Volunteers Diane and Alex celebrated 6 years of supporting mums and babies at group and we are so thankful to have had their consistent support to around 200 mums and babies during this time!

We ran volunteer preparation courses in Spring and Autumn 22 for new volunteers and a range of volunteer support sessions (VSS) for existing volunteers. This included the the annual Safeguarding update in July. Volunteers enjoyed a session on 'Look Say Sing Play' delivered by Emma Motherwell of the NSPCC. This initiative gives ideas and tips on how parents can help to build their babies' brain and bond through interactions and play at home. We also took part in John Lewis sponsored 'Healthy Happy Home' training for volunteers

We all gathered to celebrate together at the end of the year at our Volunteers' Christmas Lunch in Clevedon. Volunteers met before the VSS events for a coffee and chat organised by our volunteer representative who engages with our volunteers on a regular basis.

In March a group met together outdoors at Goblin Combe for a day of Connection with Nature delivered by the Avon Wildlife Trust and funded by Natural England. We considered the value of nature for wellbeing and discussed some of the barriers our families face which prevent them from spending time outdoors, as well as making willow bird feeders and natural looms.

Staff attended a North Somerset Domestic Abuse Services Launch Event at the Winter Gardens in February 23. We had a chance to meet with many other agencies, talk about Home-Start at our stand and listen to speakers.

We were thrilled to be invited to take part in 'Delivering Joy', a scheme run by Dunelm in Weston-super-Mare. Customers to the store were invited to donate Christmas gifts which will be distributed to several local charities including Home-Start. Many thanks to Dunelm and their customers for helping to deliver a little extra cheer to Home-Start families this festive season.

We were extremely grateful to be chosen by The Wrington Vale Inner Wheel as their charity of the year and benefitted from a substantial financial donation as well as nappies and baby equipment which were distributed to some of our families.

We also did Nailsea Methodist Fair and Weston Rotary Christmas Fair to raise funds and publicise our service to local people.

We have been successful in recruiting three more trustees including a new treasurer which has considerably built on the capacity and resilience of the Board.

As part of the Lottery Funding we commissioned an independent external strategic review to highlight areas for development and set us up to make the best use of the Lottery funding. We shall be working together to implement any recommendations which arise from the report. We have also signed up to new HSUK Home-Start Agreement with its increased emphasis on governance and quality assurance

Once again a big thank you to our dedicated staff, volunteers and trustees who work tirelessly to ensure support for our families continues and develops to meet constantly changing needs.

Dali Sidebottom
Chair

Treasurers Report

April 2023 to March 2023

I am pleased to report the financial year 22/23 has returned to more normal 'trading' conditions, the Covid pandemic is behind us. I am new in post as Treasurer and have been learning the ropes. I want to thank the Staff and Trustees for their hard work in raising funds for the Charity. It is a difficult climate out there, and every pound raised helps support our families.

We are very grateful to our grant funders, namely Garfield Weston, Henry Smith, North Somerset Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group for their continued support. We have taken the opportunity to review our 3-year strategic plan. This review is ensuring optimum use of grant funding. Also, to develop our services in line with staged funding over the next three years from the National Lottery .

I would also like to say big thank you to our regular contributors and our local business funders. We received £2000 from Waitrose stores in Nailsea and Portishead, £500 from TK Maxx, £50 from a local Women's Institute group and £958 from Jane Sleigh's Garden party. Thanks too for our fund-raising committee and staff for their hard work in their efforts to raise funds. I feel their efforts make Home-Start North Somerset, a 'Community Charity'.

Thank you again for all every pound donated, it really makes a difference.

Ian Cooper
Treasurer
October 2023

Financial Statement and Examined Accounts available in a separate document

Thank You!

...to all the volunteers, families, referrers, funders and friends of the scheme who supported us this year.
We look forward to working together in the coming year.

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Home-Start North Somerset

March 31st, 2023

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Financial Statements

Year ended March 31st, 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report *(Incorporating the Director's Report)*
Year ended March 31st, 2023

The Trustees, who are also the Directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the year ended **31 March 2023.**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity Name	Home-Start North Somerset
Charity registration number	055550050
Company registration number	1111549
Principal office and registered office	Badger House, Old Mixon Crescent, Weston-Super-Mare, BS24 3HF

The Trustees	Positions	Date of Appointment
Colville Greaves	Trustee	09 January 2023
Joyce Murray	Trustee	08 November 2022
Ian Cooper	Trustee	13 September 2022
Charles Wright	Trustee	01 November 2021
Sheila French	Trustee	22 August 2019
Nicole Day	Trustee	23 February 2016
Daljit Sidebottom	Trustee	01 September 2015

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

ARCARDIA (SOUTH WEST) LTD residing at 9 ELBOROUGH GARDENS, WEST-SUPER-MARE, BS24 8PL

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The details of the structure and organization are included in the accompanying Annual Report.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Please see the Annual Report for the full objectives and activities of the charity.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Please see the Annual Report for the achievements and performance for the year ended 31st March 2023

Home-Start North Somerset Ltd.

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Financial Review

The Financial statements show a deficit of ***£21,260*** for year ending **March 31st 2023**, compared to a surplus of ***£19,881*** for the year ending March 31st 2022. Further details of the financial position of the Charity are given in the Trustees report.

The Trustees are satisfied of the following:

A. Having undertaken the three strategic year review for 2023 - 2026, there will be funding in place to ensure the financial viability of the Charity over that time span.
B. The cash buffer held by the Charity would be sufficient to cover liabilities in the event of cessation of the Charity.
C. Though this year's accounts have been prepared under the accruals/prepayment basis, comparison to last year's prepared on a cash basis results in no material difference.
D. All funds received are spent on the charitable objectives of Home-start North Somerset as this is a prerequisite of grant donors.
E. Micro-Entity Accounts for Home-Start North Somerset Ltd as exempted by Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 will be submitted for this period to Companies House by the relevant date.

The Trustees' annual report was approved on 7/11/23 and signed on behalf of the board.

J Sidebottom

Trustee

Ian R. Cooper

Trustee

Home-Start North Somerset Ltd.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Charitable company for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Trustees, who are also Directors for the purposes of company law,are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('2006 Act').

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Statement of Financial Activities *(Income and Expenditure Account)*
Year ended March 31st, 2023

	Notes	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
Income			
Donations	1	5,074	6,284
Grants	2	95,454	113,200
Investment income	3	717	-
Total income		**101,245**	**119,484**
Expenditure			
Charitable activities	4	122,505	99,603
Total expenditure		**122,505**	**99,603**
Surplus / (Deficit)		**(21,260)**	**19,881**

Home-Start North Somerset Ltd.
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Statement of Financial Activities *(Statement of Financial Positions)*
Year ended March 31st, 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
Current assets			
Debtors	3	850	-
Cash at bank		51,241	67,562
		52,091	**67,562**
Creditors: amount falling due within one year	6	6,873	1,104
Net assets		**45,218**	**66,458**
Total charity funds	7	**45,218**	**66,458**

Home-Start North Somerset Ltd.
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Statement of Financial Activities *(Notes to the Financial Statements)*
Year ended March 31st, 2023

Disclosure

For the year ended 31st March, 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

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

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

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 7/11/23 and are signed on behalf of the Board by;

J Sidebottom

Trustee

Ian R. Cope

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Year ended March 31st, 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities *(Notes to the Financial Statements)*

Year ended March 31st, 2023

2. Expenditure

Charitable activities

	2023	2022
Staff costs	95,173	77,951
Fund raising	1,960	1,568
Volunteer expenses	3,310	1,539
Group sessions	4,124	5,773
Administration	11,732	7,770
Premises	6,134	4,903
Finance	72	99
Total	**122,505**	**99,603**

Independent Examination Fee for 2022/23 was £600.

Statement of Financial Activities *(Notes to the Financial Statements)*

Year ended March 31st, 2023

3. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued Income	850	-
Total Debtors	**850**	-

4. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	3,208	-
Social security and other taxes	3,665	1,104
Total Creditors	**6,873**	**1,104**

Statement of Financial Activities *(Notes to the Financial Statements)*

Year ended March 31st, 2023

5. Analysis of Charitable funds balances

	At 1st April 2022 £	INCOME £	EXPENDITURE £	AT 31ST MARCH 2023 £
General Funds	66,458	101,245	122,505	45,198

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HOME START
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Making a Difference for Families and Children

Annual Report 2021/2022

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We have recruited and trained 8 new volunteers bringing the total to 40 active volunteers.



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Sheila French	Trustee
Jane Sleigh	Volunteer Representative
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Rebecca Cresswell	Trustee (Retired September 2021)
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Home-Start North Somerset

We are a local charity and have been working exclusively in North Somerset for 17 years to provide practical and emotional support to families with young children who are experiencing difficulties. We are registered with the Charity Commission and Companies House. We are quality assured by Home-Start UK.

Our ambition is to :-

- Develop a range of services from which families can choose
- Secure resources to maintain or increase the number of families supported
- increase support groups

We aim to :-

- support families throughout the whole of North Somerset, offering support, friendship and practical assistance
- visit families 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 well-being for the ultimate benefit of their own children
- encourage families to widen their network of relationships and to use effectively the support and services available within the community.

We offer free, confidential support, friendship and practical help to parents, with at least one child under 5 in North Somerset. Families are welcome to approach us themselves or with their consent may be referred by a professional such as a health visitor who is known to them.

We recruit and train home-visiting volunteers, who all have parenting experience and match them carefully with a family who has requested or been referred for support. Each volunteer then regularly visits a family in their own home, offering emotional and practical support through difficult times for as long as it is needed. This friendly parent-to-parent support is a simple yet effective way of enabling families to get back on track and start to really enjoy family life again as the following quotes demonstrate.

Home-Start Home-Visiting Family Quotes

"All my life, I have struggled to accept help from anyone. My volunteer was amazing, making everything look natural and she always had a positive attitude which I followed so easy".

"Thank you to each and everyone of you for working so hard to be able to support families in need. I do not have enough words for my volunteer as she did an amazing job. We all appreciate her so much".

"Just a mother type figure that listened. Don't have the same support in my own family".

"My volunteer's support and sympathy always kept me going through some of the hardest times of my life. She always found a way to help me see the positive and kept me going. My volunteer and I would often have a laugh over the phone which really helped me see the positives and move forward".

"My volunteer was also very calm, collected kind and very funny.
We got on so well as we had a lot in common".

"Nice to have someone to talk to – she was reassuring. I am going out more with the children".

"Having someone friendly to talk to that makes situations seem different
from a different point of view".

"I made a supportive and valued friend with my volunteer".

"My volunteer was always so understanding of anything I discussed with her. I never felt judged or like she would be disappointed in me. She really helped me to rationalise my thoughts and put my feelings into perspective. She also helped me to understand that I've been through a lot and it's ok to feel the way I do".

"I gained back my self-esteem and started to be more relaxed. I understood it is ok not to feel ok and seek help".

"My volunteer has been a perfect match to me and my family".

Home-Start Mums in Mind Family Quotes

"I've met a very lovely friend and know that I'm not alone. I couldn't face being with other mums who were really loving life so this group really helped."

"It was nice to have other people who understood what I was going through as well, somewhere to talk about it and all not feel ashamed or anything. Group just made me feel more normal and I don't feel as much anymore that I don't wish I didn't have a baby."

"When I got my diagnosis I felt like I was stuck in it. Now I know that it's not always going to be a bad day and in time I felt lighter. I didn't realise what I was experiencing was intrusive thoughts. I feel like every mum should come to this group!"

"I learnt from group that there are other mums like me that worry about things and that I don't have to be perfect."

"I think it's challenged my attitude and changed the way I think about things. This is how it is and it's only as good as you can make it. When you said that there are other people out there with partners but it doesn't necessarily mean they have support. I felt more positive about being a single mum."

"Seeing what other mums are doing and getting tips from them helps. She [baby] benefited from being around other babies too and it helped me relax which helped her relax."

Baby Massage, Baby Yoga and Toddler Yoga Quotes

How the group has helped my baby/child

- *Creating a calm bedtime routine*
- *My child socialising with other babies and children*
- *Introduced new activities for baby*
- *Given ideas for baby massage at home*
- *Baby sleeping very well after class*
- *New ways of interacting with my child*
- *Singing with my child*
- *Learnt new baby massage techniques*
- *Learn ways to relax my baby*
- *Helped my baby's constipation, wind and tummy pain*

What would you like to say about our groups

- *We would love to continue and have loved coming! Thank you Mel!*
- *Keep group like this going it has helped so much*
- *Amazing class*
- *Love the fact it's free - so helpful of financial circumstances*
- *Good way to meet new people*
- *Great - Love the atmosphere!*
- *Thank you for having us. We really enjoyed coming*
- *Would really recommend Mel's Class. Lots of fun!*
- *very lonely and struggling, helped massively. Made friends, felt better*
- *Class works!*
- *Love the variety!*
- *More sessions please*
- *Don't change a thing with this class. Thank you so much.*
- *Helped me to interact with my baby better*
- *The teacher is lovely - More sessions please*
- *The class has been really enjoyable*
- *The sessions are fab*
- *We have really enjoyed the classes*
- *Mel has been fab and a great support*

Chair's Report

April 2021 - March 2022

The consequences of the Covid Pandemic were still being felt in terms of returning to business as usual. Face to face contact with families was resumed initially out of doors and then in families' homes. A thorough risk assessment was conducted prior to volunteers and families meeting.

First Mums in Mind of the year continued as a Zoom and then moved to Face to Face.

Referrals were slow to pick up so an online referral system was introduced along with improving data collection on activity and progress.

Our base moved to smaller premises in the same building and was used for meetings but staff continued to work from home for some of their time. Search for more appropriate accommodation continued.

Home visiting still formed the core of our work but we continued to explore and develop different ways of engaging with families. Telephone support continued to complement face-to-face contact and we introduced brand new Baby Yoga, Baby Massage and Toddler Yoga groups.

We held an online telephone befriender course in March and April and 4 more volunteers were trained. This was followed in the summer by a preparation course for those trained in telephone support to become home-visiting volunteers.

We continued to get regular feedback from families and volunteers through reviews and supervision. In addition to this our volunteer representative conducted a survey which was generally very positive. It came up with some ideas for consideration such as more opportunities for volunteers to meet each other to exchange ideas and experiences while still protecting family confidentiality.

We held 3 volunteer support sessions as part of our ongoing training for volunteers on Autism, Safeguarding and Domestic Abuse.

We appointed a new marketing officer Catriona Henderson who despite only working one day a week has done a grand job in raising the profile of HSNS, promoting our services and recruiting volunteers and trustees via a range of media including social media, updated leaflets and our website. Raising income through fundraising events remained difficult due to Covid.

Once again through the generosity of Lottie Dale and Paul Priestley we were able to provide all our families with Christmas parcels including gifts for the children.

We have had a significant turnover of trustees this year. We were very sad to say goodbye to Jane Wells who has been a stalwart of Home-Start North Somerset for over ten years and latterly served as vice-chair and fundraising lead. We welcomed 2 new trustees during the course of the

year. Andrew Robb and Charles Wright who between them bring a wealth of knowledge and business experience to the Board. Unfortunately, Andrew was unable to continue as a trustee and our treasurer Chris Bird also resigned as well as Rebecca Cresswell and Jade Terry. So the search for new trustees became even more important. Many thanks to Nicky Day for stepping up as interim treasurer.

Our Home-Start model depends on three key pillars. Staff, volunteers, and finances. We are fortunate to have staff, volunteers and trustees who are dedicated and passionate about what we do and go that extra mile to ensure support for our families continues. This is against an ever more challenging backdrop of diminishing resources while the need for our service is even greater. Partnerships with our colleagues in health, education and social care remain critical in delivering a coherent offer to families across North Somerset.

I am confident that together we can continue to deliver this essential service for as many families as resources allow. Thanks to everyone who helps us in this endeavour.

Dali Sidebottom

Treasurers Report

April 2021 to March 2022

Despite the pandemic, I am very pleased to say the finances remain in a healthy state, despite the lockdowns and uncertainties during the year.

We are very grateful to our funders, North Somerset Council, North Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group, the Henry Smith Charity, Quartet Community Foundation who have continued to support Home-Start North Somerset.

We are grateful to receive donations from the local Co-op, TK Maxx and Waitrose stores, as well as regular donations from Volunteers and Friends.

Finally, a big thank you to the members of the fundraising committee who worked tirelessly to raise the profile of HSNS and funds in spite of the restrictions.

In this financial year,

- We applied for grants to the Lottery Fund, Quartet and Garfield Weston
- A family Fund was set up to enable the staff to purchase goods and provide immediate help to families

I look forward to a year where our operations will continue to develop, without restrictions due to the pandemic

Nicky Day

The Statement of Financial activities below was approved by the board on 1st November 2022

Homestart North Somerset
Registered Charity 1111549

Statement of Financial Activities Year Ending 31st March 2022

The following accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) issued by the Charity Commission to comply with the Executive Committee's obligations as the Trustees of the Charity for keeping accounting records

		2022 £	2022 £	2021 £	2021 £
Income					
Donations & Legacies		44.27		3,817.31	
Easyfundraising		109.52		88.18	
Individual Donations - Non Gift Aid		504.00		110.00	
Just Giving		-		121.82	
Organisations		2,960.62		2,147.55	
Regular Individual Givers		2,070.00		623.09	
Membership		11.00		6.00	
Christmas Fundraising		585.50		548.30	
Other					
			6,284.91		**7,462.25**
Investment Income					
Bank Interest			-		7.68
Other Income					
Restricted Grant Funding	Quartet		20,000.00		2,000.00
Unrestricted Grant Funding	NHS Bristol		30,000.00		
	Clevedon Town Council		-		1,000.00
	Portishead Town Council		-		1,500.00
	North Somerset Council		15,000.00		
	Children in Need				10,000.00
	Henry Smith		43,200.00		-
	Quartet		5,000.00		-
Covid 19 Support	National Lottery		-		-
	HMRC JRS Grant		-		42,082.26
Total Income			**119,484.91**		**64,052.19**
Expenditure					
Direct Charity					
Activity Costs			1,568.10		331.85
Staffing Costs			77,951.26		76,265.17
Volunteer Expenses			1,539.42		297.90
Premises Costs			4,903.74		8,319.63
Baby Massage			5,773.50		-
Insurances			534.00		534.00
			92,270.02		**85,214.55**
Other					
Bank Charges			99.24		79.00
Legal & Professional			185.00		224.00
Office & Admin Expenses			7,148.81		8,493.59
			7,333.81		**8,796.59**
			99,603.83		**94,011.14**
Surplus/Deficit			**£19,881.08**		**(£29,958.95)**
Cash & Bank Balances B/Fwd			46,576.99		76,535.94
Total Funds			**£66,458.07**		**£46,576.99**
Funded By:					
Current Accounts			67,565.37		48,037.00
less Creditors due within one year			-1107.30		-1,460.01
			£66,458.07		**£46,576.99**

Notes to the Accounts

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Home-Start North Somerset
Respective responsibilities of Trustees and 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 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the charities act) and that an independent examination is needed.
It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Direction
- given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the
- Charities Act) and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

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

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements
   to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act
   to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the
   with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: MJIBowles, 83 Upper Halfway, Beanacre, Melksham, SN12 7QA

Date: 30/09/2022

HOME-START NORTH SOMERSET

England & Wales - Charity number 1111549

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HOME START
North Somerset

Annual Report 2020/2021

This year Home-Start North Somerset has supported 61 families with 90 children.

We have recruited and trained 11 new volunteers bringing the total to 38 active volunteers.



Board of Trustees

Dali Sidebottom	Chair of Trustees
Christopher Bird	Treasurer
Jane Wells	Trustee, Vice-Chair
Nicky Day	Trustee
Sheila French	Trustee
Rebecca Cresswell	Trustee
Jade Terry	Trustee
Jane Sleigh	Volunteer Representative

Staff Team

Julie Parsons	Senior Organiser
Sally Downey	Co ordinator
Karen Whitaker	Co ordinator
Helen Howes	Administrator

Volunteers

Alex	Christine	Jane S	Nicola
Andrew W	Debra	Janet	Patricia
Andrew R	Diane	Jennie	Patsy
Annie	Eleanor	Julianne	Petra
Ann	Emma	Kate	Sarah L
Anne-Marie	Fran	Karen	Sue O
Barbara	Gill	Kaye	Sue R
Bernie	Helen	Lindsay	Val
Belinda	Izzy	Marian	
Carol	Jackie	Mo	

Home-Start North Somerset

Home-Start North Somerset is a voluntary organisation that supports families who are experiencing difficulties and have at least one child under the age of five. We recruit and train volunteers who support families within their own home offering non-judgemental, confidential support, friendship and practical assistance specifically tailored to the family's needs.

Mission Statement

Our vision is to be the leading independent family support charity in North Somerset. We aim to be a partner of choice for families and organisations, known for our reliable, responsive and respected quality service. Through families and volunteers working together, we aim to improve outcomes for all.

Respectful

We welcome and respect each other's views and are confidential in the way we work together and with others.

Supportive

We believe in supporting and developing everyone involved in our charity.

Inclusive

We value collaboration with partners and aim to work in an open and non-judgemental way, listening to feedback from those we work with.

Independent

We are true to our vision and make pro-active decisions that are in the best interest of our charity.

Ambitious

We strive for success and are enthusiastic to develop and sustain an excellent service.

Responsible

We are clear on our roles and take all responsibilities seriously making sure we question and challenge in order to make carefully considered decisions at an appropriate level.

Trustworthy

We are honest and can be trusted to meet our commitments ethically and responsibly.

Effective

We aim to work effectively and efficiently making careful use of all our resources.

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Home-Start Family Quotes

"Despite the lockdown I do feel less isolated now. A weekly group is something to look forward to. You have people to talk to".

(Mums in Mind Group)

Home-Start worked 'as I was really down for a long time. My volunteer's support helped me to recover and put myself all together
- I gained back my self-esteem
- I started to be more relaxed and understood it's ok not to feel ok and to seek help'

(Home-Visiting Support)

"The group gave me more confidence to speak about my worries
because it allowed me to know that other people are going through
that and it was quite normal".

(Mums in Mind Group)

‘I felt awful and felt so much better after a chat.
It is good to have a non-judgemental person to talk to.
I really appreciate it, it’s really helping’
(Home-Visiting Support)

“I feel more confident now in my abilities to be a mother because I’ve come to understand myself better and just enjoy it a bit more. The group has given me the chance to take stock and reflect on that”.
(Mums in Mind Group)

'***She helped me find ways to include my younger child with activities***
***when I was doing home learning with my son*'.**
(Home-Visiting Support)

Home-Start Family Quotes

'***My volunteer has been great and it is good to be able to talk to someone***
who has been in the same position, they helped with planning and
financial side of things. Having Home-Start made everything easier. '
(Home-Visiting Support)

“Having other mums come in to talk who are still going after hard times was comforting. I know things can move on”.
(Mums in Mind Group)

'***Home-Start have been a lifesaver*'.**
(Home-Visiting Support)

"The group of ladies were all very open and honest, no-one judged and that was something that really helped because each week I would look forward to talking about my difficulties without feeling like I should feel guilty or ashamed".
(Mums in Mind Group)

My volunteer gave me confidence when I was very anxious being a new mum for the first time. I had my baby during lockdown and my volunteer helped me normalise my worries.
(Home-Visiting Support)

My volunteer helped me look back on how far I had come and asked me if I could do it on my own. I realised, I could and her support helped me so much to get where I am now, in a much better place and coping.
(Home-Visiting Support)

Chair's Report

April 2020 - March 2021

A Year of Challenge and Change

We started April 2020 in the full throes of the Covid Pandemic and corresponding lockdown. In line with government advice our staff were working from home and volunteers supported families by telephone. We were fortunate to be awarded

£2000 by Quartet for the purchase of laptops to enable the staff to function efficiently from their individual bases supported by a new ‘Home- working Policy. One member of staff needed to be put on furlough for a short period due to child-care responsibilities.

In common with many other services we conducted all our communications virtually with meetings and contacts with families and volunteers taking place via telephone or video link. Staff successfully implemented the use of Microsoft Teams which improved communications and efficiency. The shift to a paperless regime was accelerated along with the development of a new on-line database – The Family Tracker which enabled us to monitor progress of each family and generate reports for the Board and future funders.

Like many other Home-Starts and local services we experienced a down-turn in referrals during the course of the year as health visitors who are our main referrers were deployed to other Covid-related tasks instead of visiting families.

We welcomed two new trustees onto the Board. Becky Cresswell and Jade Terry who between them brought an excellent range of skills and expertise in marketing and publicity. They helped us develop a forward-looking marketing and fundraising strategy against the backdrop of postponed and cancelled events. Despite this we received funding from a number of town councils (Clevedon, Weston-Super-Mare and Portishead) The strategy also made the case for a marketing and fundraising officer which was approved by the Board towards the end of the year.

Staff ended up needing to work from home for much longer than first anticipated so the Board made the decision to move to a smaller and less expensive office in the same building with the expectation there would be a gradual return to face-to-face meetings.

Home-Start North Somerset will be the Charity of the Year for Fagus Portishead Waitrose. We should also benefit from Home-Start UK selection as Charity of the Year for John Lewis/Waitrose Partnership.

While working on a substantial bid to the Big Lottery we were informed they were focusing on smaller bids to support charities continue their services during the Covid lockdown. We were successful in receiving £38,571 as part of that package.

We ran 2 volunteer preparation courses online for 11 participants in December 2020 and March 2021. Our volunteer representative organised a virtual meeting for home-visiting volunteers who appreciated the opportunity to catch up with each other and share ideas for supporting families in different ways.

In spite of all the challenges and changes to service provision required Home-Start North Somerset Staff and volunteers have continued to provide valued support through our volunteers and Mums in Mind group to a total of 61 families with 90

children under 5 including 14 mothers who attended the Mums in Mind project across North Somerset throughout the year. Group family numbers were down compared to previous years as lockdown began between groups. The group coordinator changed tack to work on improving the Home-Start website including adding a lockdown resources webpage and redesigned processes and content to run the group online for the second half of the year.

Our families continue to benefit from strong working partnerships with organisations in North Somerset including Children's Centres, Voluntary Action North Somerset and other community groups.

We are also very grateful once again to Clair Morris and her team for their kind and generous donations of Christmas presents for all the children and families we support.

This has been a difficult year for our families, volunteers, trustees and especially the staff who have had to cope with both personal and professional demands on their time and energy. They have all risen to the task splendidly and quickly adapted to new ways of working and communicating which will serve to strengthen our service offer in the future.

A heartfelt thanks to you all.

Dali Sidebottom

Chair

Treasurers Report

April 2020 to March 2021

Despite the pandemic, I am very pleased to say the finances remain in a healthy state, despite all the uncertainties during the year.

It is pleasing that the work done by Home-Start North Somerset is valued by our funders who have shown their faith by extending our existing funding.

We continue to benefit from continued support from North Somerset Council, our local NHS Commissioning Group (CCG) the Henry Smith charity, Children in Need, Garfield Weston Foundation, Quartet Community Foundation and a number of local donors, who recognise the valuable contribution we make to the local offer to families.

We enjoyed a fruitful partnership with the Co-operative Store in Weston and Worle who shared their charitable donations with us and had great support from John Lewis and Waitrose .

Of particular note is the support we received from the National Lottery, who went to considerable lengths to understand the situation of the charity and provided significant additional funding.

Due to the pandemic, we have been largely unable to do most of our traditional local fundraising, which was a shame. However, it is hoped to resume activities in 2021/2022.

On a practical note, the remote banking, cloud based computing and record keeping worked extremely well during the lockdowns, which was very pleasing.

I look forward to another successful year where our finances enable us to to help even more families

Chris Bird Hon. Treasurer

Home – Start North Somerset

Registered Number: 05555050

Micro – Entity Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2021

	2021	**2020**
Fixed Assets	-	-
Current Assets	48,037	57,780
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(1,460)	(1,686)
Net (Liabilities)/Assets	**46,577**	**56,094**
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	0	0
Provisions for Liabilities	0	0
Accruals and deferred income	0	0
Total Net Assets	**46,577**	**56,094**
Reserves	**46,577**	**56,094**
Average number of Employees	4	4

- For the financial year ending 31st March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
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- 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 micro-entity provisions and have been prepared in accordance with the provisions acceptable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by Board on 25th Aug 2021

Christopher Bird, Directo

Thank You!

…to all the volunteers, families, referrers, funders and friends of the scheme who supported us this year.
We look forward to working together in the coming year.

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Quartet Community Foundation

NHS
Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire
Clinical Commissioning Groups

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Home- Start North Somerset

Filleted Accounts for the Year

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Christopher Bird, Director

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Home-Start North Somerset

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Basis of independent examiners statement

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Signed: M J Bowles

Date: 25th July 2021