



**Southern
Oxfordshire**



Annual Report 2022/23

Supporting families in Oxfordshire since 1989

www.homestart-southernoxfordshire.org.uk

About us

We work with families who are going through challenging times, and who have a child/children under the age of five.

We recruit and train volunteers to spend time with families, aiming to increase their confidence and independence by:



- Offering friendship, support, and practical assistance, with a flexible approach to take account of different needs
- Developing a trusting relationship with the family, to establish an understanding of their circumstances
- Reassuring parents that difficulties in bringing up children are not unusual, and encouraging enjoyment in family life
- Encouraging parents' strengths, emotional wellbeing and parenting skills, for the ultimate benefit of their children
- Encouraging families to widen their network of relationships and to effectively use the support and services within the local community.

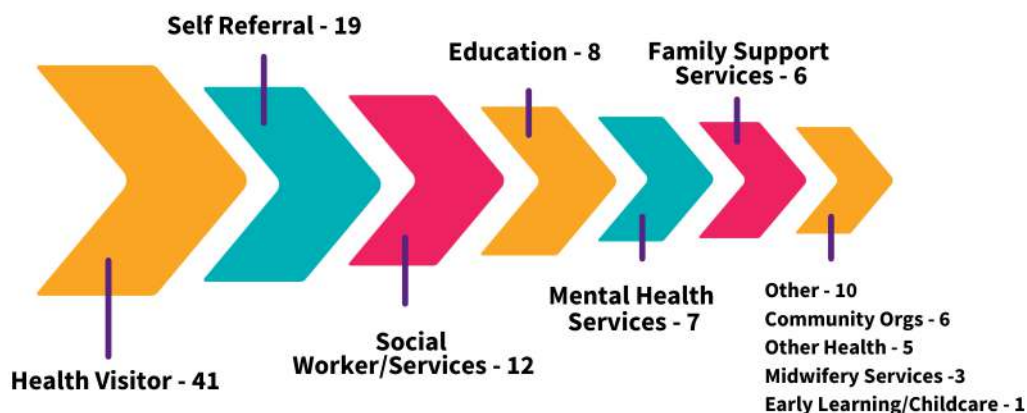
We also support families through a paid worker, and two groups, described later in this report. We are linked with Home-Start UK, a national organisation which sets standards for the way we work, but we are an independent registered charity and responsible for our own fundraising.



Our year at a glance



Where our 118 referrals came from



The Area We Cover



Referrals received by district council ward



Families supported by district council ward



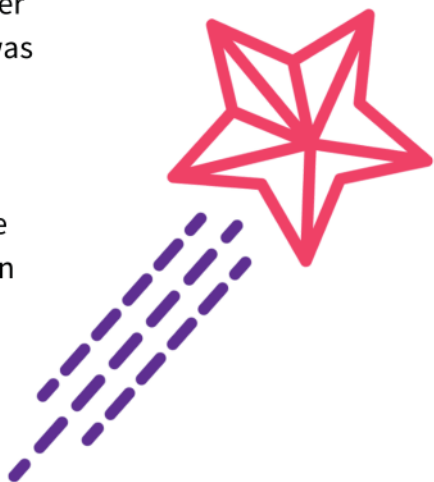
Chair's Report

I would like to begin my report by thanking Cllr Pam Siggers, Mayor of Didcot 2022-2023, and a Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire Home-Visiting Volunteer for many years. Pam kindly chose us as one of her charities to support during her year of office.

In December, we signed the New Home-Start UK Agreement after a lengthy consultation process. My sincere thanks to trustees Gill Bodey and Rosemary Knagg for going through the document and accompanying new Home-Start Handbook in such detail, and to HSUK for recognising Gill and Rosemary's constructive feedback.

Thank you to Rob Hufton, our trustee who retired last year. Rob was a very supportive trustee and helped with implementing our IT systems. We wish Rob and his wife Jan a happy retirement. I am delighted to say that we welcomed two new trustees to our Trustee Board: Caroline Couldrick and Abigail Reynolds. Caroline has recently retired from a lengthy career in social work with children and families, and Abi is a Primary School Teacher.

Caroline was able to attend our Volunteer Preparation Course in September and was extremely impressed with the quality of the volunteers and the training they receive. Both Caroline and Abi bring excellent skills and life experience to the role of trustee and have already made an incredibly positive contribution to the work of HSSO.



Chair's Report

I am pleased to say that the Oxfordshire County Council Library Service renewed our lease in March for two years, so it is due to expire in 2025.

As you will see from our Scheme Manager Linda's report, the need for the work of Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire continues to grow, with the staff team and volunteers more often being asked to support quite complex families. I am proud to say that they do this with commitment, caring and compassion. My sincere thanks to Linda, the staff team and volunteers, they really can and do make a difference to the lives of the families they support!

My thanks to my colleagues on the Trustee Board who bring a wealth of expertise and professionalism to the role of trustee. Additional thanks to Gill, Rosemary and Colin for their time and commitment to the work of Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire.



Doreen McNulty
Chair of Trustees

Treasurer's Report

The scheme had an overall deficit of £29,702.78 in the year to 31st March 2023.

A deficit had been budgeted, funded from reserves, in order to maintain staffing levels and the service we are able to provide to our families.

We are pleased to report the fantastic support from:

- The Henry Smith Charity of £46,300, as a contribution to supporting families in the Vale of White Horse District.
- the Armed Forces Covenant Trust Fund of £24,408, allowing us to support military families.
- The Four Acre Trust of £12,021.
- BBC Children In Need of £10,395.83, for our Parenting Group.
- South Oxfordshire District Council of £10,077, as a contribution to supporting families in the South Oxfordshire District.
- The Eileen Kirkland Will Trust of £10,000.



We have received funding from many town and parish councils, as well as grant giving trusts, organisations and individuals. We thank them all. Expenditure was well within budget, as a result of tight controls, even though we spent a large sum in updating our computer equipment. Year-on-year staff salaries increased, primarily as a result of a pay award that was well above the 2% budgeted level but necessary to help offset the high inflation levels.

Reserves Policy

Our reserves policy is to hold sufficient reserves to cover potential liabilities if the scheme was to close, plus anticipated funding requirements for the forthcoming year, plus a general reserve of no more than 12 months of annual income. We had reserves at the financial year end totalling £109,659.80.

Treasurer's Report

This is represented by three reserves:

- a designated reserve of £41,000 - to cover a Pension Trust liability of about £28,000 and potential liabilities from redundancy payments and closing down costs.
- a free reserve of £61,843.23 - to meet a budgeted deficit in 2023/24. This represents unfunded budgeted expenditure. The Directors/Trustees have agreed this to ensure the level of our services can be maintained in the coming year and are confident that sources of funding can be identified during the coming year to keep our reserves at a minimum level.
- a general, free reserve of £6,816.57.



The total of our free reserves represents 4 months of the budgeted expenditure for 2023/24.

Once again, we offer our sincere thanks to all the organisations, individuals and trusts that have supported us throughout the year, together with all our dedicated staff and volunteers.

We are fortunate to have reserves to cover budgeted shortfalls but ongoing funding will be an increasing challenge, as we try to maintain the demands on our services while supporting our families.

Colin Campbell
Treasurer

“Having support from Home-Start has been key to my recovery. Thank you very much indeed”

- Parent who received volunteer support

Manager's Report

We started this financial year with a bonanza Easter. We were fortunate to be selected, once again, by Tesco Didcot to be one of their chosen charities for their Easter egg collection. We had trays of delicious chocolate delights, with which, together with some art and craft and other goodies left over from donated Christmas gifts, we were able to make up Easter goodie bags for each child in every family we were working with.

This coincided with an offer from Home-Start UK, who had been contacted by Russell & Bromley with an offer of new shoes. Russell & Bromley stopped selling children's shoes and offered their remaining stock to Home-Start UK. We applied to be considered for an allocation of shoes and were amazed and somewhat overwhelmed to have 173 pairs of shoes in boxes delivered to the office.

With the help of Doreen & Gill (Chair and Vice Chair) who sorted the shoes and made an inventory, we were able to offer and deliver shoes to families in need. Once we had delivered all that were needed by the families we work with, shoes were distributed to various good causes. The few men's shoes which were included in the delivery were given to a homeless centre in Oxford and the remaining pairs were given to a Rotary club for distribution to refugees they were supporting.



Manager's Report

In May, Cllr Pam Siggers became Mayor of Didcot. Pam was also a Home-Visiting Volunteer with us and we were very fortunate that she chose us as one of her charities for her mayoral year in office. Pam raised £1,000 for Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire in her year, for which we are extremely grateful.

During the school summer holidays we were fortunate enough to be included in the wonderful Didcot Grub Hub, in association with Didcot Powerhouse, to attend two play days at Didcot Railway Centre. Families who were experiencing a difficult time were invited along to the free attraction and were also provided with lunch. Both days were a huge success, with many children benefiting from the experience.

We were also grateful to launch the Kickstart Fund this year. A donation was received to enable children who are starting school to have a new pair of shoes. The fund also expands to provide sports shoes for children who would be unable to participate in sports clubs if they did not have the correct footwear. Our volunteers identify the need within the family they are working with and apply to the fund, and they are then able to take the family shoe shopping.



At Christmas time we were able to return to holding a Christmas party for the families we work with. This was held in Didcot Civic Hall and was great fun. We were lucky to have Bertie Slippers providing the entertainment and the children were delighted when Father Christmas arrived on a fire engine! Again, this year, due to the generosity of Play2Give, Tesco, BT and White Stuff, we were able to supply gifts to all the families we support.



Manager's Report

Since the pandemic, our referrals have steadily increased and during this year we have received 172 referrals and worked with 116 families, while supporting another 78 families through our First Babies Group. We have noted that the referrals we are receiving are becoming more and more complex, with greater additional needs in children and increase in mental health difficulties for parents.

This means it is more important than ever to attract new volunteers and ensure they are well trained and feel comfortable and equipped to support the families they are matched with. We held 2 successful Preparation Courses and trained a total of 13 new volunteers.



We had the opportunity to offer additional training to our volunteers, including an Introduction to Autism hosted by Autism Family Support Oxfordshire, Understanding Hoarding which was a shared opportunity with Home-Start Oxford, and an Introduction to Children's Mental Health offered in person at our office by CAMHS. Also, First Stop Safety Training (Tiny Lives) hosted in association with Home-Start Banbury, Bicester & Chipping Norton. We also hosted a coffee morning in July for our volunteers and included an invite to our prospective ones, so they were able to come along and meet some of our more established volunteers and hear their experiences of supporting families.

We had a few changes in personnel over this year. Our Development Manager, Faye, had started her maternity leave in February 2022 and in April we welcomed Stacey Davies to the team to cover this role in Faye's absence.



Then in May we said a temporary goodbye to Lucia who also went on maternity leave. In August we welcomed Anita Davidson to the team as an Organiser to cover Lucia's post.

Manager's Report

We also said a final goodbye to Janet McIlvennie, who had been with the scheme for more than 30 years and had officially retired last year, but had kindly carried on working as our Bookkeeper. She finally said goodbye to the scheme, but remains a very good friend of Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire.

In February 2023 Faye returned to work and faced the immediate challenge presented to us, as we learned the funding we received from the Army Covenant Fund Trust was ending and we had not been successful in applying for a continuation.



Our two groups, First Babies and our Parenting Support Group (known as Wednesday Group), ran successfully throughout the year and updates for these are shown separately within this Annual Report.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank: the team for their continued support and compassion for the families we work with. our wonderful volunteers who give up so much of their time and without whom we would not be able to do the work we do, our Board of Trustees who have supported and steered us onwards through another year of supporting families in the southern area of Oxfordshire.

**"Home-Start support has been amazing.
I can't thank you enough. Just knowing
someone was there who understood and
knew what we were experiencing was a
massive relief"**

**- A family of multiple birth, who had a
Home-Visiting Volunteer**



**Linda Cheong
Manager**

Volunteer Support Highlights

J - Lovely match as a mother/grandmotherly figure to support Dad & youngest child. Dad struggles with his mental health and was very isolated. Dad's goals were to take youngest to playgroup regularly, have some 'me' time to get back into running and generally become less overwhelmed with household chores and the needs of the family. Dad, with support from J was able to work towards achieving his goal and was left feeling more empowered. J befriended in such a way that she still continues to stay in touch with the family as a friend.



V - Supported a young, first-time mum with ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) and her 5-month-old baby. They were new to the area with no friends or family nearby. Partner was at work during the day. V took Mum and daughter out into the community on walks to help her become familiar with the area and accompanied her to baby groups. Confidence gradually built and Mum was soon able to go on her own to the group and made a couple of friends there. Unfortunately, the baby developed some health issues and V was able to support with attending hospital visits. The illness has significantly impacted on baby's development as weaning was delayed and she is yet to meet some expected milestones. V, has provided ongoing emotional and practical support to the family.



L - Supported a grandfather who is the main carer for three young grandchildren. He was finding it difficult to go out with all of the children. Our volunteer, L, visited weekly and supported in taking the children to the local play park and out on walks, enabling Grandad to feel less stressed and for the children to experience being outdoors and playing. L also went along with the family to an activity day we were able to signpost to run by The Grub Hub in Didcot.

Volunteer Support Highlights

J - Supported a large family where the children were under a Social Care Child Protection Plan. The parents had historic issues and were experiencing difficulties with coping with the children, which resulted in many professionals visiting the house and working with the children and parents. Our role in the Child Protection Plan was to visit weekly and engage with the second youngest child, who was turning two. Unfortunately, even though the child was entitled to an early years childcare placement, in the area the family live there were no available spaces. Volunteer J took resources and engaged and played with the child each week. The child slowly learnt numbers, shapes and colours and how to sing, hop and jump. She learnt how to solve simple puzzles, share, stack and thread, plus many other new skills. J was able to model how you interact and play with your child. The child will start nursery in September and is more 'school ready' due to J's involvement with the family.



A - Supported a Mum who had recently separated from her husband due to domestic abuse. Mum had 4-month-old twins. Unfortunately, one of the twins had been diagnosed with a medical condition for which they needed regular visits to hospital. The family do not drive and had relocated to an area which they were not familiar and therefore had no network of friends or family. Mum felt rather isolated, especially as her first language is not English. Our volunteer, A, was able to take Mum and the children to their hospital appointments. Mum also struggled to get the children out to parks or for walks, so A also helped them get out so they could familiarise themselves with the area and enjoy being outside. She also took them to do large supermarket shops, which helped with budgeting.

Home-Start Groups

We've worked with 94 families at our two parent and child support groups, First babies Group and Home-Start Parenting Group, this year.

First Babies Group

Our Tuesday mornings at Ladygrove Community Centre continue to be a hive of activity. We usually have a regular group of at least 13 parents and 13 babies on any one day. We provide a nurturing, welcoming, social space where families may access support and advice from our experienced staff and other parents, reducing social isolation and supporting mental health.

At the end of 2022 our lovely group volunteer, Sandy, retired. She has supported many families during her time with us and we thank her for all her help over the years. Our other group volunteer, Helen, continues to be an asset supporting the group with her experience and advice and we welcome Gill, one of our Home-Visiting Volunteers, who now kindly supports the group too.

Home-Start Parenting Group



Our Home-Start Parenting Group, formerly called Wednesday Group, continues to be held in a private room at Didcot Library.

This year we have supported eight regular parents and their children. This small group is for referred families who would find attending a larger group difficult. We provide support and advice on all aspects of child development and our aim is to reduce social isolation, improve family relationships and to improve self-esteem of both children and parents.

Subjects covered at group include infant mental health, the importance of play, reducing debts, reducing food waste and dental health. Our group Volunteer, Dina, has been supporting this rewarding and lively group.



Family Support and Community Liaison



Unbelievably, I have now been in the role of Family Support/Community Liaison Worker for more than 6 years! Time has sped by! I have continued to offer rapid response support to military personnel, and their families, under the heading of 'Removing Barriers to Family Life'. This has been very successful with support offered on a one-to-one basis in the family home. Support is varied and includes mental health, parenting skills, isolation and building confidence and self-esteem. I deliver the Family Links Nurturing Programme and Cognitive Behavioural Therapy. Although these are usually delivered to the adults of the families, support has a positive effect on everyone!

Support is flexible to help accommodate every situation. For instance, I have been working with a Dad who is unable to receive support in the daytime, so I have delivered the Family Links Nurturing Programme in the evening via Teams online. Two Mums returning to work have had telephone support in the evenings. Referrals are received from various agencies, as well as self-referrals. Support extends to families living on or off the bases of Dalton Barracks (Abingdon), Vauxhall Barracks (Didcot), RAF Benson and the Defence Academy in Shrivenham.

I continue to attend events such as Family Days, Meet and Greet Days, Wellbeing Days and Coffee Mornings. As this financial year comes to a close, the future of our highly successful and unique service we offer to Armed Forces families hangs in the balance due to lack of funding. We are hoping to work more closely with the Armed Forces bases we cover for them to support us in finding funding for our work to continue.



Gill Jones

Family Support/Community Liaison Worker

Our Impact

“You will never know what an impact you had on our lives! You saved our lives!!”

Family who had a multiple birth (both had additional needs) and received Family Support Worker support.

“It's so lovely that we had the option to go to the park once a week. We had the best time! I am so grateful for the help. Fridays were a blessing”

Family who received volunteer support on a Friday.



“Thank you so much for working with the family. Your service goes beyond bounds and is without a doubt an amazing facility we are lucky to have in Oxfordshire”

A professional who referred a family.

“Thank you for everything Home-Start has done for this family. She was very appreciative and is feeling more confident and less anxious now”

A Health Visitor who referred a family.



“My youngest child asks me almost every day if it is Tuesday today (the day our volunteer visits) as she so enjoys her visits. Even if the volunteer has been the day before (on Tuesday), she will ask in the morning!”

Single Mum of two children who had volunteer support.

“Thank you so much for all that you have done for my family. You have been a great support. I'm going to miss you”

Family with a disabled child who had volunteer support.



Fundraising Highlights



We were delighted to have been awarded a grant from The Didcot Powerhouse Fund to fund our First Babies Group. The Didcot Powerhouse Fund was founded by local people to tackle inequality in the Didcot Garden Town Area of Influence, which encompasses the wider area of Didcot and the surrounding villages. The 2022 fund theme was 'Supporting children, young people and families as we emerge from the pandemic'.

We received an incredible £2,883.28 from Co-op's Local Community Fund! We are especially grateful to all the Co-op members who chose Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire as their chosen charity!



Thank you once again to Play2Give's Sleigh2Give toy donation at Christmas! We also received gift donations from Tesco Superstore in Didcot and BT Openreach which enabled us to provide gifts to all the children in the families we support. This year we were also able to give parents, as well as our volunteers, a gift from the wonderful gift donations we received from White Stuff.



A huge thank you to all the local businesses and organisations, such as TK Maxx Foundation, Waitrose, Infineum Smile and Oxfordshire 500 who offered support and donations, as well as to all our supporters who made one-off and direct debit donations to us throughout the year!

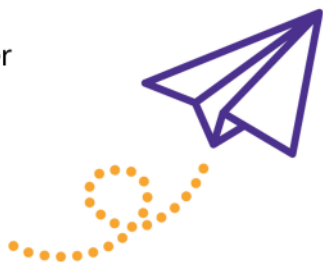
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Trustees and Staff April 2022-March 2023

Trustees:

Doreen McNulty	Chair
Gill Bodey	Vice Chair
Colin Campbell	Hon. Treasurer
Rosemary Knagg	
Barbara Guast	
Helen Conway	
Rob Hufton (until September 2022)	
Tanya Skelton	
Caroline Couldrick (co-opted June 2022)	
Abi Reynolds (co-opted March 2023)	



Staff:

Linda Cheong	Manager
Lydia Davison	Organiser
Lucia Prentice	Organiser
Anita Davidson	Organiser (from August 2022)
Gill Jones	Family Support/Community Liaison Worker
Jacquie Boshell	Group Worker
Faye Golding-King	Development Manager
Stacey Davies	Development Manager (Maternity Cover)
Kelly Summers	Office Administrator

Independent Examiner:

Sue Scane, CIPFA

Home-Start Safeguarding

Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults, and expects all trustees, staff, volunteers and members to share this commitment. Our policies on safeguarding children and adults are available on request.

Funders

Parish Councils

Crowmarsh, Little Milton, Stoke Row, Steventon, Wootton, East Hagbourne, Harwell.

South Oxfordshire District Council

Revenue Grant.

Town Councils

Didcot, Wantage.



Charitable Trusts

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust, BBC Children in Need, The Henry Smith Charity, Four Acre Trust, Stanton Ballard Charitable Trust, Eileen Kirkland Will Trust, Didcot Powerhouse Fund, Faringdon United Charities, Postcode Society Trust/Localgiving Magic Little Grants.

Home-Start UK

HSUK Army Central Fund

Business Donors

Waitrose Wantage, Co-op Local Community Fund, Infineum SMILE, TK Maxx and Homesense Foundation, M&Co Didcot.

Groups and Individuals

Wallingford and District Rotary Club, Aston Tirrold United Reformed Church, Kickstart Fund, Players of the White Horse Community Lottery, Players of the SODC Charitable Lottery.

Thank you to all families and volunteers, past and present, who donate their expenses, make donations in lieu of birthday gifts, and/or make regular donations to the scheme, often boosted by Gift Aid.



Quality Assurance

We are proud to be quality assured through the Home-Start Quality Assurance System – a programme of self-assessment against nationwide quality standards. The process looks at the continuous improvement of all our practice areas relating to governance, management and service delivery. At our last Quality Assurance Review in February 2018 we were categorised as 'Demonstrating High Quality', having met 100% of the legal, safeguarding/child protection and other mandatory performance indicators.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have a duty to report on the scheme's public benefit. They have taken into account the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in planning the year's activities. This report demonstrates how Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire fulfils its charitable objectives which are:

'To safeguard, protect and preserve the good health, both mental and physical, of children and parents; to prevent cruelty to or maltreatment of children; to relieve sickness, poverty and need amongst children and parents; to promote the education of the public in better standards of childcare in southern Oxfordshire'.

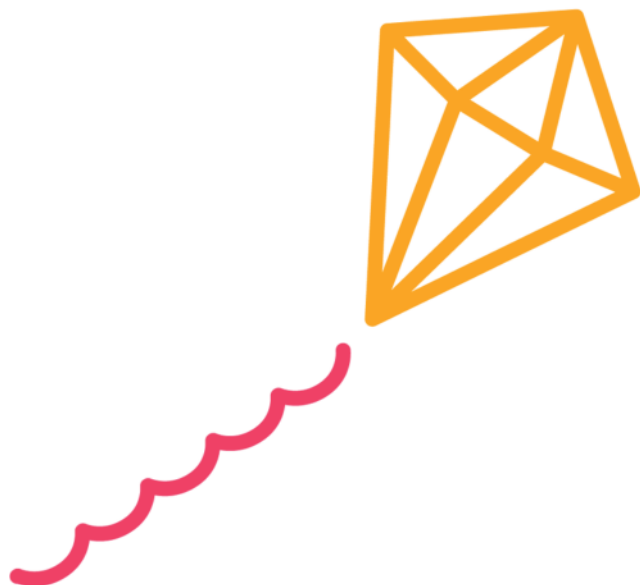
Membership

Membership of Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire is open to any person interested in furthering the objectives quoted above, and approved by the trustees. Members are entitled to vote at the AGM and other general meetings. Application forms are available on request from the scheme.

Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the scheme is exposed, in particular those relating to finances and operations, and believe that arrangements are in place to mitigate those risks.





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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 12 MONTHS TO 31st March 2023

INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR 12 MONTHS TO 31st March 2023 (£.p)

	<u>2022/2023</u>		<u>2021/2022</u>
<u>Income</u>	Unrestricted Core	Restricted	TOTAL
Henry Smith	46,300.00		46,300.00
Big Lottery Fund			26,399.33
MOD Covenant		24,408.00	24,408.00
Four Acre Trust	12,021.00		12,021.00
BBC Children In Need		10,395.83	9,702.42
South Oxfordshire District Council	10,077.00		10,159.00
Eileen Kirkland Will Trust	10,000.00		10,000.00
OCF Berin Project			6,750.00
Other Council Grants	5,050.00		2,379.00
Donations & Fundraising	19,344.40		41,567.26
Total Income	102,792.40	34,803.83	121,365.01
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Staff Salaries	95,170.14	33,835.51	113,088.06
Stationery / Post / Telephone	3,224.16	543.78	3,721.05
Rent / Service Charge	6,458.25	1,691.75	5,134.80
Staff Training / Travel / Expenses	2,907.06	1,167.31	3,837.29
Volunteers Training / Travel / Expenses	2,853.25	181.26	1,216.95
Home-Start Consultancy	1,666.70	626.47	2,020.18
AGM	440.53		302.00
Other Expenditure	14,501.50	2,031.34	9,473.02
Total Expenditure	127,221.61	40,077.40	138,793.35
Excess of Income over Expenditure	-24,429.21	-5,273.57	-17,428.34

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st March 2023 (£.p)

Accumulated Fund

<u>Accumulated Fund</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>		<u>2021/2022</u>
	Unrestricted Core	Restricted	TOTAL
Brought Forward from previous year		5,273.57	5,273.57
Surplus / Deficit for the year	-24,429.21	-5,273.57	-29,702.78
	<u>-24,429.21</u>		<u>-24,429.21</u>
Transfer to/from Reserves	24,429.21		24,429.21
	<u>24,429.21</u>		<u>24,429.21</u>
Balance Carried Forward			5,273.57

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st March 2023

Current Assets		
Debtors and Prepayments	390.00	360.58
Cash at Bank and In Hand	134,332.88	154,279.00
		154,639.58
Less Current Liabilities		
Creditors, Accruals & Payments in Advance	25,063.08	15,277.00
Net Assets		139,362.58
Represented by:		
Restricted Accumulated Fund Carried Forward		5,273.57
Pension Deficit / Redundancy / Closing Down Reserves	41,000.00	41,000.00
Reserve to meet budgeted deficit in forthcoming year	61,843.23	51,586.82
Free Reserves	6,816.57	41,502.19
Total		139,362.58

SUMMARY OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out above.
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
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act); and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.

Susan Scane

Susan Scane 21/8/23

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOME-START SOUTHERN OXFORDSHIRE

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out on pages 1 and 2.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

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Staff Salaries	95,170.14	33,835.51	113,088.06
Stationery / Post / Telephone	3,224.16	543.78	3,721.05
Rent / Service Charge	6,458.25	1,691.75	5,134.80
Staff Training / Travel / Expenses	2,907.06	1,167.31	3,837.29
Volunteers Training / Travel / Expenses	2,853.25	181.26	1,216.95
Home-Start Consultancy	1,666.70	626.47	2,020.18
AGM	440.53		302.00
Other Expenditure	14,501.50	2,031.34	9,473.02
Total Expenditure	127,221.61	40,077.40	138,793.35
Excess of Income over Expenditure	-24,429.21	-5,273.57	-17,428.34

Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire

Registered Charity No: 1113941
Company Registration No: 05443274

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st March 2023 (£.p)

Accumulated Fund

<u>Accumulated Fund</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>		<u>2021/2022</u>
	Unrestricted Core	Restricted	TOTAL
Brought Forward from previous year		5,273.57	5,273.57
Surplus / Deficit for the year	-24,429.21	-5,273.57	-29,702.78
	<u>-24,429.21</u>		<u>-24,429.21</u>
Transfer to/from Reserves	24,429.21		24,429.21
	<u>24,429.21</u>		<u>24,429.21</u>
Balance Carried Forward			5,273.57

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st March 2023

Current Assets	
Debtors and Prepayments	390.00
Cash at Bank and In Hand	134,332.88
Less Current Liabilities	
Creditors, Accruals & Payments in Advance	25,063.08
Net Assets	109,659.80
Represented by:	
Restricted Accumulated Fund Carried Forward	5,273.57
Pension Deficit / Redundancy / Closing Down Reserves	41,000.00
Reserve to meet budgeted deficit in forthcoming year	61,843.23
Free Reserves	6,816.57
Total	109,659.80

SUMMARY OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out above.
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
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act); and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.

Susan Scane

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOME-START SOUTHERN OXFORDSHIRE

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2023, which are set out on pages 1 and 2.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

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

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