



Our challenge: childhood can't wait

Home-Start West Somerset is a local community network of trained volunteers and expert support helping families with young children through challenging times.

That means we're there for parents when they need us most, because childhood can't wait.



Offering Support, friendship and practical help to families with young children in their own home....

Family Activity Groups:

A variety of family led-activities, from family cooking, getting outside with babies and young children to Story- Start, supporting parents to read with their babies and young children.

247
families



Our solution: making early years count



Today, families face more pressures than ever. And the services that could help them are stretched or non-existent. Without stable homes, young children won't build the foundations they need to thrive as adults. We work alongside parents to help them regain their confidence.

How we do it: Helping parents be the best they can be. There's no judgement, just compassionate, confidential help and expert support. Starting in the home, our approach is as individual as the families we work with.



We are parents supporting parents



“I am a thriving single mum who has embarked on a great healing journey has faith in the community that surrounds her and a new sense of purpose knowing that I can, and I will accomplish what I set my heart on. I am forever grateful for the help and support I have received and will continue to refer to Home-start as the basis for my success.”



Our future: more help for families

Our work makes a vital difference to hundreds of families across West Somerset. The work of Home-Start West Somerset has never been more essential and important.

Parenting Skills improved from	77% to 90%
Parents wellbeing improved from	63% to 88%
Childs well-being improved by	87% to 97%
Family management of the home improved from	67% to 88%

Bumpstart

Support through pregnancy, birth and beyond

Through our Bump-Start programme, we offer expectant parents knowledge, empowerment and skills to support their new family. This is offered through a variety of antenatal workshops, 1:1 encouragement and postnatal baby groups.



111 families



Baby Massage

Discover the amazing benefits of baby massage led by certified instructors and make lasting friendships.

50 families



“Due to reflux my daughter struggles with being laid flat, Caroline was always calm and reassuring if she got upset.”

“The massage was a great way to bond with my baby and she really enjoys what I have learnt and we really enjoy our moments together.”

“It was good to have someone independent I could easily call on, where the focus was on me as an individual coping as a Dad, and who would not judge.”

“Dad Matters was the only one around I felt was on my side and I could talk to.”

DAD MATTERS

to mum, to baby, to everyone...

Supporting dads to have the best possible relationships with their families

45 families



SHINE

A support group for parents of children with Special Education Needs and disabilities

“Meeting other parents and children on a similar journey to ourselves. Being able to develop knowledge and skills to help my family.”

“Feeling really seen, heard and taken seriously. I valued the speakers and their friendly expertise.”

“Connecting with other SEND parents”

30 families



Baby-Start

A Montessori Inspired Programme for Families with Babies 0-12 months

57 families



“This group has been the highlight of my week! We absolutely love it. It has given us so many ideas of things to do at home and my baby really enjoys the activities. I love that the group is small and have some similar activities each week, such as songs and stories. I wish it could continue forever, thank you Hayley.”

“Me and my baby have loved the sessions with Hayley. My baby loved the interactions with songs and play. This has given me so much confidence with playing, and I have been surprised by the great handouts from each session. We will continue to use everything we have learned forever. Thank you, I wish it was continuing and not sure what to do after.”

Tuning in to Kids

A parenting programme designed to help parents connect with their child and express their emotions in an acceptable way.

11 families



“Every week I noticed the changes in myself and then the change in my parenting. Each session left me feeling uplifted and inspired!”

“It has given me a new perspective on how to manage our emotions as a family in a more positive way.”

“I have used emotion coaching for the children, and it really works!! It helps me to parent well and feel proud to help my boys.”

Increased confidence in their parenting improved from

40% to 80%

Improved well-being of the parents improved from

33% to 73%

The positive impact on Homelife improved from

47% to 87%

The progress and development of their child improved from

47% to 73%



Home-Start West Somerset

***A Company limited by Guarantee
Registered number 5646970***

Registered Charity Number 1113944

***Financial Statements
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Financial Review

Reserves policy

The Trustees consider that a certain level of reserves are required to ensure that commitments may be met should funding be delayed or cease. Reserves of £60,000 are therefore maintained to cover the cost of the following quarter's salaries and premises costs should funding be delayed or the cost of redundancy and rent should the charity cease its activities. All other funds available are to be used in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

The charity currently holds two types of fund:

- *General Unrestricted Charitable Funds which are used to meet the objects of the charity as required, and*
- *Restricted Funds which are used according to the specific requirements of the funder or donor.*

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*The Dorothy Whitney Elmhirst Trust
National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund
Somerset Community Foundation (various)
Montessori
Tesco
Somerset County
Somerset Public Health
SASP
Sainsburys
Albert Trust
Brushford PCC
Inner Rooms, Minehead*

Friends of Home-Start West Somerset continue to provide financial support.

The trustees are grateful to all of the financial supporters and donors.

Small Company Provisions

The Trustees Report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies, Companies Act 2006.

*Approved by the trustees on
and signed on their behalf*

*James Waller
Chairman*

Home-Start West Somerset

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Home-Start West Somerset

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- *examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;*
- *to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and*
- *to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.*

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 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 examiner's 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 2011 Act; and*
- *to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Nick Shattock
Overstream Tax and Accounting
The Lighthouse, Doverhay
Porlock
TA24 8LJ

9 July 2024

Home-Start West Somerset
Statement of financial activities and Income and Expenditure Accounts
Year to 31 March 2024

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>year ended</u> <u>31 March 2024</u>	<u>year ended</u> <u>31 March 2023</u>
<u>Incoming resources</u>					
Grants		13,000	89,270	102,270	172,059
Donations		10,315	3,945	14,260	15,163
Fundraising		6,390	4,609	10,999	7,752
Bank interest		<u>1,860</u>	<u>759</u>	<u>2,619</u>	<u>454</u>
<u>Total incoming resources</u>		<u>31,565</u>	<u>98,583</u>	<u>130,148</u>	<u>195,428</u>
<u>Resources expended</u>					
	3				
Staff costs		64,261	96,079	160,340	141,101
Volunteer costs		1,125	3,604	4,729	3,843
Service delivery costs		903	13,725	14,628	9,998
Administration		4,112	11,235	15,347	19,003
Premises costs		1,688	7,191	8,879	6,143
Governance costs		<u>100</u>	200	300	300
<u>Total resources expended</u>		<u>72,189</u>	<u>132,034</u>	<u>204,223</u>	<u>180,388</u>
<u>Net incoming resources for the year</u>		-40,624	-33,451	-74,075	15,040
<u>Movement in funds</u>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>42,639</u>	<u>117,143</u>	<u>159,782</u>	<u>144,742</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>2,015</u>	<u>83,692</u>	<u>85,707</u>	<u>159,782</u>

Home-Start West Somerset
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Fixed assets</u>			
Tangible Assets	4	2,933	2,137
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash in hand and at bank		95,858	207,427
Prepayments		<u>400</u>	
		96,258	
<u>Creditors</u>			
Amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and Accruals	5	<u>13,484</u>	<u>49,782</u>
<u>Net Current Assets</u>		<u>82,774</u>	<u>157,645</u>
<u>Total Assets less current Liabilities</u>		<u>85,707</u>	<u>159,782</u>
<u>Funds of the Charity</u>			
	6		
Restricted funds		83,692	117,143
General Fund		<u>2,015</u>	<u>42,639</u>
		<u>85,707</u>	<u>159,782</u>

For the year in question the company was entitled to exemption from an audit under Section 477(1) of the Companies Act 2006. No notice has been deposited under Section 476 of the Act in relation to the accounts for the financial year. The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- Ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the year, and of its surplus or deficit for the year in accordance with the requirements of Section 393 of the Companies Act 2006, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to accounts so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

James Waller Chairman

P J Allen Treasurer

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these Accounts

1 Companies Act 2006

The Company is a registered charity (registered number 05646970) incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 being a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £1.00. Upon winding up or dissolution of the company, no member has any right to receive any distribution or share of the reserves.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards the Statement of Recommended Practice, 'Accounting and Reporting of Charities (SORP 2015)' issued in July 2014 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) and the Companies Act 2006.

2 Accounting policies

a. Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

b. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity to the extent that they have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds are set aside within the restricted funds of the charity in order to account for separate funding arrangements and areas of charitable activity.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors for particular purposes. Any costs of administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the accounts.

c. Incoming resources

Grants are accounted for in the financial year in which they are received, except where a donor has imposed restrictions for use (e.g. the receipt in advance of a grant for expenditure in a future accounting period).

Donations and bequests are included as income when received. Donated facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

d. Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Any irrecoverable VAT is included as part of the cost to which it relates.

e. Tangible fixed assets

In accordance with the requirement of the Companies Act 1985 depreciation is provided at the following rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life

f. Liabilities

All liabilities are recognised as they arise or on notification and are all due for settlement within one year unless stated otherwise.

g. Taxation

The charity's activities fall within its primary charitable objectives and are therefore exempt from taxation under Sections 466 to 493 Corporation Tax Act 2010.

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

3. Resource expended by fund

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>year ended</u> <u>31 March 2024</u>	<u>year ended</u> <u>31 March 2023</u>
<u>Staff costs</u>				
Salaries and pension costs	63,080	89,636	152,716	133,224
Organiser expenses	872	4,811	5,683	5,164
Organiser training	194	1,221	1,415	2,302
Recruitment	<u>115</u>	<u>411</u>	<u>526</u>	<u>411</u>
	<u>64,261</u>	<u>96,079</u>	<u>160,340</u>	<u>141,101</u>
<u>Volunteer costs</u>				
Volunteer expenses	858	1,596	2,454	1,904
Volunteer training	85	170	255	
Welfare costs	70	142	212	657
Family resources	<u>112</u>	<u>1,696</u>	<u>1,808</u>	<u>1,404</u>
	<u>1,125</u>	<u>3,604</u>	<u>4,729</u>	<u>3,965</u>
<u>Service delivery costs</u>				
Service delivery costs	<u>903</u>	<u>13,725</u>	<u>14,628</u>	<u>9,876</u>
<u>Administration</u>				
Insurance	78	1,194	1,272	997
Printing, postage and stationery	1,354	1,508	2,862	3,861
Advertising	258	1,004	1,262	4,363
Bank charges	7	53	60	100
Home start fee	557	2,961	3,518	2,652
Telephone	1,156	1,838	2,994	3,012
IT costs	286	1,362	1,648	1,263
Subscriptions	374	1,033	1,407	1,322
Depreciation		100	100	425
Repairs and maintenance	39	172	211	995
Sundry	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>
	<u>4,112</u>	<u>11,235</u>	<u>15,347</u>	<u>19,003</u>
<u>Premises</u>				
Rent and rates	837	5,916	6,753	4,566
Cleaning	<u>851</u>	<u>1,275</u>	<u>2,126</u>	<u>1,577</u>
	<u>1,688</u>	<u>7,191</u>	<u>8,879</u>	<u>6,143</u>
<u>Governance costs</u>				
Accountant's report	<u>100</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
Total	<u>72,189</u>	<u>132,034</u>	<u>204,223</u>	<u>180,388</u>

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4. Tangible assets

	<u>Office equipment</u>		
<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
As at 31 March 2023	7,543	3,702	11,245
Additions		896	896
As at 31 March 2024	<u>7,543</u>	<u>4,598</u>	<u>12,141</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>			
As at 31 March 2023	6,714	2,394	9,108
Charge for period		<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
As at 31 March 2024	<u>6,714</u>	<u>2,494</u>	<u>9,208</u>
<u>Net book value</u>			
As at 31 March 2024	<u>829</u>	<u>2,104</u>	<u>2,933</u>
As at 31 March 2023	<u>829</u>	<u>1,308</u>	<u>2,137</u>
<u>5. Creditors</u>			
		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Income in advance		10,800	49,482
HMRC - PAYE		2,684	
Accountant's report			<u>300</u>
		<u>13,484</u>	<u>49,782</u>

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6. Funds

	<u>At 01/04/23</u>	<u>Incoming resources</u>	<u>Outgoing resources</u>	<u>At 31/03/24</u>
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7. Staff costs

2024

2023

No employees received emoluments and pension contributions above £60,000.

Average number of employees

8

10

Average number of full-time equivalent employees

5

6

8. Trustees' emoluments

Trustees undertake to serve the charity on a voluntary basis and are not remunerated.

9. Accountancy

2024

2023

Fees in respect of Accountant's Report

300

300

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Financial Review

Reserves policy

The Trustees consider that a certain level of reserves are required to ensure that commitments may be met should funding be delayed or cease. Reserves of £60,000 are therefore maintained to cover the cost of the following quarter's salaries and premises costs should funding be delayed or the cost of redundancy and rent should the charity cease its activities. All other funds available are to be used in furtherance of the charity's objectives.

The charity currently holds two types of fund:

- *General Unrestricted Charitable Funds which are used to meet the objects of the charity as required, and*
- *Restricted Funds which are used according to the specific requirements of the funder or donor.*

HOME-START WEST SOMERSET
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES WITH THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

*(This report includes matters required to be given in a
Report of Directors under the Companies Acts)*

Financial Review (cont'd)

Substantial assistance was received from the following:-

*The Dorothy Whitney Elmhirst Trust
National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund
Somerset Community Foundation (various)
Montessori
Tesco
Somerset County
Somerset Public Health
SASP
Sainsburys
Albert Trust
Brushford PCC
Inner Rooms, Minehead*

Friends of Home-Start West Somerset continue to provide financial support.

The trustees are grateful to all of the financial supporters and donors.

Small Company Provisions

The Trustees Report is prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies, Companies Act 2006.

*Approved by the trustees on
and signed on their behalf*

*James Waller
Chairman*

Home-Start West Somerset

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Home-Start West Somerset

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 12.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- *examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;*
- *to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and*
- *to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.*

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 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 examiner's 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 2011 Act; and*
- *to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Nick Shattock
Overstream Tax and Accounting
The Lighthouse, Doverhay
Porlock
TA24 8LJ

9 July 2024

Home-Start West Somerset
Statement of financial activities and Income and Expenditure Accounts
Year to 31 March 2024

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>year ended</u> <u>31 March 2024</u>	<u>year ended</u> <u>31 March 2023</u>
<u>Incoming resources</u>					
Grants		13,000	89,270	102,270	172,059
Donations		10,315	3,945	14,260	15,163
Fundraising		6,390	4,609	10,999	7,752
Bank interest		<u>1,860</u>	<u>759</u>	<u>2,619</u>	<u>454</u>
<u>Total incoming resources</u>		<u>31,565</u>	<u>98,583</u>	<u>130,148</u>	<u>195,428</u>
<u>Resources expended</u>					
	3				
Staff costs		64,261	96,079	160,340	141,101
Volunteer costs		1,125	3,604	4,729	3,843
Service delivery costs		903	13,725	14,628	9,998
Administration		4,112	11,235	15,347	19,003
Premises costs		1,688	7,191	8,879	6,143
Governance costs		<u>100</u>	200	300	300
<u>Total resources expended</u>		<u>72,189</u>	<u>132,034</u>	<u>204,223</u>	<u>180,388</u>
<u>Net incoming resources for the year</u>		-40,624	-33,451	-74,075	15,040
<u>Movement in funds</u>					
Total funds brought forward		<u>42,639</u>	<u>117,143</u>	<u>159,782</u>	<u>144,742</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>2,015</u>	<u>83,692</u>	<u>85,707</u>	<u>159,782</u>

Home-Start West Somerset
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Fixed assets</u>			
Tangible Assets	4	2,933	2,137
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash in hand and at bank		95,858	207,427
Prepayments		<u>400</u>	
		96,258	
<u>Creditors</u>			
Amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and Accruals	5	<u>13,484</u>	<u>49,782</u>
<u>Net Current Assets</u>		<u>82,774</u>	<u>157,645</u>
<u>Total Assets less current Liabilities</u>		<u>85,707</u>	<u>159,782</u>
<u>Funds of the Charity</u>			
	6		
Restricted funds		83,692	117,143
General Fund		<u>2,015</u>	<u>42,639</u>
		<u>85,707</u>	<u>159,782</u>

For the year in question the company was entitled to exemption from an audit under Section 477(1) of the Companies Act 2006. No notice has been deposited under Section 476 of the Act in relation to the accounts for the financial year. The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- Ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the year, and of its surplus or deficit for the year in accordance with the requirements of Section 393 of the Companies Act 2006, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to accounts so far as applicable to the company.

The accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

James Waller Chairman

P J Allen Treasurer

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these Accounts

1 Companies Act 2006

The Company is a registered charity (registered number 05646970) incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 being a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £1.00. Upon winding up or dissolution of the company, no member has any right to receive any distribution or share of the reserves.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards the Statement of Recommended Practice, 'Accounting and Reporting of Charities (SORP 2015)' issued in July 2014 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) and the Companies Act 2006.

2 Accounting policies

a. Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

b. Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity to the extent that they have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds are set aside within the restricted funds of the charity in order to account for separate funding arrangements and areas of charitable activity.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors for particular purposes. Any costs of administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the accounts.

c. Incoming resources

Grants are accounted for in the financial year in which they are received, except where a donor has imposed restrictions for use (e.g. the receipt in advance of a grant for expenditure in a future accounting period).

Donations and bequests are included as income when received. Donated facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

d. Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Any irrecoverable VAT is included as part of the cost to which it relates.

e. Tangible fixed assets

In accordance with the requirement of the Companies Act 1985 depreciation is provided at the following rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life

f. Liabilities

All liabilities are recognised as they arise or on notification and are all due for settlement within one year unless stated otherwise.

g. Taxation

The charity's activities fall within its primary charitable objectives and are therefore exempt from taxation under Sections 466 to 493 Corporation Tax Act 2010.

Home-Start West Somerset
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

3. Resource expended by fund

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>year ended</u> <u>31 March 2024</u>	<u>year ended</u> <u>31 March 2023</u>
<u>Staff costs</u>				
Salaries and pension costs	63,080	89,636	152,716	133,224
Organiser expenses	872	4,811	5,683	5,164
Organiser training	194	1,221	1,415	2,302
Recruitment	<u>115</u>	<u>411</u>	<u>526</u>	<u>411</u>
	<u>64,261</u>	<u>96,079</u>	<u>160,340</u>	<u>141,101</u>
<u>Volunteer costs</u>				
Volunteer expenses	858	1,596	2,454	1,904
Volunteer training	85	170	255	
Welfare costs	70	142	212	657
Family resources	<u>112</u>	<u>1,696</u>	<u>1,808</u>	<u>1,404</u>
	<u>1,125</u>	<u>3,604</u>	<u>4,729</u>	<u>3,965</u>
<u>Service delivery costs</u>				
Service delivery costs	<u>903</u>	<u>13,725</u>	<u>14,628</u>	<u>9,876</u>
<u>Administration</u>				
Insurance	78	1,194	1,272	997
Printing, postage and stationery	1,354	1,508	2,862	3,861
Advertising	258	1,004	1,262	4,363
Bank charges	7	53	60	100
Home start fee	557	2,961	3,518	2,652
Telephone	1,156	1,838	2,994	3,012
IT costs	286	1,362	1,648	1,263
Subscriptions	374	1,033	1,407	1,322
Depreciation		100	100	425
Repairs and maintenance	39	172	211	995
Sundry	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>
	<u>4,112</u>	<u>11,235</u>	<u>15,347</u>	<u>19,003</u>
<u>Premises</u>				
Rent and rates	837	5,916	6,753	4,566
Cleaning	<u>851</u>	<u>1,275</u>	<u>2,126</u>	<u>1,577</u>
	<u>1,688</u>	<u>7,191</u>	<u>8,879</u>	<u>6,143</u>
<u>Governance costs</u>				
Accountant's report	<u>100</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
Total	<u>72,189</u>	<u>132,034</u>	<u>204,223</u>	<u>180,388</u>

Home-Start West Somerset
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

4. Tangible assets

	<u>Office equipment</u>		
<u>Cost</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
As at 31 March 2023	7,543	3,702	11,245
Additions		896	896
As at 31 March 2024	<u>7,543</u>	<u>4,598</u>	<u>12,141</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>			
As at 31 March 2023	6,714	2,394	9,108
Charge for period		<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
As at 31 March 2024	<u>6,714</u>	<u>2,494</u>	<u>9,208</u>
<u>Net book value</u>			
As at 31 March 2024	<u>829</u>	<u>2,104</u>	<u>2,933</u>
As at 31 March 2023	<u>829</u>	<u>1,308</u>	<u>2,137</u>
<u>5. Creditors</u>			
		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Income in advance		10,800	49,482
HMRC - PAYE		2,684	
Accountant's report			<u>300</u>
		<u>13,484</u>	<u>49,782</u>

Home-Start West Somerset

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

6. Funds

	<u>At 01/04/23</u>	<u>Incoming resources</u>	<u>Outgoing resources</u>	<u>At 31/03/24</u>
Restricted funds	117,143	98,583	132,034	83,692
General fund	<u>42,639</u>	<u>31,565</u>	<u>72,189</u>	<u>2,015</u>
 Total funds	 <u>159,782</u>	 <u>130,148</u>	 <u>204,223</u>	 <u>85,707</u>

7. Staff costs

2024

2023

No employees received emoluments and pension contributions above £60,000.

Average number of employees	8	10
Average number of full-time equivalent employees	5	6

8. Trustees' emoluments

Trustees undertake to serve the charity on a voluntary basis and are not remunerated.

9. Accountancy

2024

2023

Fees in respect of Accountant's Report	<u>300</u>	<u>300</u>
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