

HOME START

Kettering Area

Annual Report and Accounts
2023/2024



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Home-Start Kettering Area Company Details

Home-Start Kettering Area was established in 1994 to provide families with children under five support and friendship.

We work with local volunteers, trustees and funders to provide vital services for families in the area including Kettering, Desborough, Rothwell and surrounding villages.



Registered Charity Name

Home-Start Kettering Area

Charity Registration Number

1114030

Registered Office and Operational Address

William Knibb Centre
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Company Registration Number

5709942

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Lady Gayle Robinson

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This report covers Home-Start Kettering Area activities and financial statements.

Home-Start Kettering Area is committed to the safeguarding of children and families. A full list of our policies are available to view at our office, including Safeguarding, Code of Conduct, Health and Safety, Information Governance, Confidentiality and Data Protection.



Reach the family - Reach the child



What we do

Home-Start helps families with young children deal with whatever life throws at them. We support parents as they learn to cope, improve their confidence and build better lives for their children. The benefits of our support include improved health and well-being and better family relationships.

We provide one-to-one support for parents

Our volunteers visit the family's home for 2-3 hours every week. The support is tailored to the needs of the parents and children and usually lasts for up to 6 months. Parents and volunteers often develop a deeply trusting relationship which can lead to powerful change within the family.

Why it matters

What goes on inside a family determines the opportunities and life chances children have. Children who are raised in a stable, loving, family environment are more likely to have a positive and healthy future. But being a parent isn't easy and sometimes life can get in the way. Circumstances throw you off course and everything else can take a back seat. A young child caught up in this can miss out on the love, routine and stimulation that are so vital for their future.



Our Values

- We offer families choice
- We work in partnership – with each other, with families and with other agencies
- We work in a spirit of openness, encouragement and enjoyment
- We are flexible and responsive to the needs of families

Home-Start works because most of our volunteers are parents and everyone completes 6 weeks comprehensive preparation. They understand how hard it can be. They work alongside parents, in their own homes, to help them cope with the stresses and strains of life and make sure they have the skills, time and strength they need to nurture their children.

Our vision:

Home-Start wants to see a society in which every parent has the support they need to give their children the best possible start in life.

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Chair's Report – Keith Wright



2023/2024 represented my first full year as Chair of Home-Start Kettering Area, and what a year it proved to be. One of my personal highlights was being recognised by The High Sherriff with his Special Initiative Award – an award that we share with our team, volunteers, donors, community and families.

I am also particularly pleased that, after a period of change, our Board of Trustees was not only consistent but was bolstered further by the addition of Bernadette Leather. Bernadette, a current active volunteer, joined the board as our lead for fundraising, a vital component of our strategy.

Speaking of strategy, we couldn't support our families without the support of our volunteers, so I am particularly delighted to report that we ended the year with a very healthy position in this area, testament to the work of our Manager, Nikki, and our wider team.

Despite the economic headwinds, we finished the year in a very strong financial position too, bolstered by the work of our Friends committee – thanks to Chair David Gwinn, several strategic grant applications, The Big Give Christmas Challenge, and many generous donors both large and small! You have all made such a difference to the Home-Start family – thank you.

I'd like to give a special mention to the following organisations for your outstanding support during this past year: The High Sheriff Initiative Fund, the Maud Elkington Charitable Trust, Kettering Town Council, Northamptonshire Community Foundation, the Michael Guest Charitable Foundation, the John Armitage Foundation, Mulberry Homes, North Northamptonshire Council, the Stockburn Memorial Trust and Bowers, Turner & Co.

We've had another successful year as part of the NBN business network, continuing to develop strong partnerships with businesses in our local community. Thank you to Simon Cox and Marie Baker for the opportunity to work with your network, and to Poppy Design Studio for the support for both our annual report and our website.

Finally, a huge thank you to all those who have supported us here at Home-Start Kettering Area. No matter how big or small your help has been, it all makes such a difference to the lives of the families we support.

Home-Start UK – for your continued guidance and support from a national perspective.

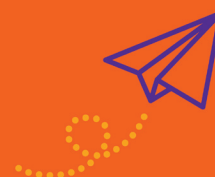
Volunteers – without your time, support and energy we wouldn't be able to do what we do. Thank you for your care, your understanding, and for being extraordinary.

Nikki Farrar-Hayton and Donna Rockett – our contracted team who represent all that is good about Home-Start Kettering Area. You go above and beyond each and every day to support this great charity.

Trustees – to all of the team I have had the pleasure of working with as a fellow Trustee and Chair. Thank you for your friendship, your support, your challenge, your guidance, your patience and above all else, your commitment.

Funders – as I outlined above, we have a broad base of funding but that doesn't mean every one of you hasn't made an important impact. Without you we would not exist. Thank you.

To our families – the reason we do what we do. For being so welcoming, trusting and open to the Home-Start family. I hope we have made a positive and lasting impact on the lives of you all.



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Manager's Report – Nikki Farrar-Hayton

Over the past year, Home-Start Kettering has continued to be a vital source of support for our community, especially in light of the ongoing cost of living crisis and the challenges surrounding affordable housing. Our efforts have focused on providing both immediate relief and long-term support to local families in need.



We have provided regular home visits to 58 families, offering consistent and personalised support. Additionally, we have assisted 111 families with one-off support initiatives such as food parcels, school uniforms, bedding, and guidance on various issues. We have also helped with PIP/DLA applications and written letters of support for housing and school applications, which are critical in these tough economic times.

Our dedicated team of 33 volunteers has been at the forefront of these efforts. Their commitment has had a significant impact, with 97% of families reporting an improvement in their ability to cope by the end of our support. We are continually humbled by the dedication of Home-Start volunteers who support referred families each year. Their commitment stems not from obligation, but from a genuine desire to make a positive difference in the lives of children

Meetings and Assessments:

- Attended 108 Early Help Assessment (EHA) meetings.
- Conducted 61 initial assessment visits.
- Completed 62 reviews with families to map their journey of change.

Volunteer Training and Support:

- Trained 18 new volunteers.
- Facilitated two days of Solihull Approach training for 12 volunteers.
- Ensured all volunteers participated in Refresher Safeguarding training over the past 12 months.

Funding:

- This year has been exceptional in terms of funding, with an income totalling over £111,600.

None of the wonderful work our volunteers do could happen without the generosity of our donors (A full list of donors can be found on page 17). We extend our heartfelt thanks to our volunteers, trustees, and to the families for giving us their trust and allowing us into their lives.

A special thanks goes to Donna for her excellent management of the office operations, ensuring everything runs smoothly. We are also immensely grateful to our funders for their belief in our mission and their continuous support. Thank you all for your unwavering support and dedication

Looking ahead, we are excited about the upcoming year. Thanks to the generous funding from The John Armitage Foundation, we have secured three years of funding for a Family Support Coordinator. This new role will enable us to expand our reach and support even more families in our community.

Together, we continue to make a positive impact on the lives of families in Kettering, helping them navigate the cost of living and housing crisis to ensure their children receive the best possible start in life. Because childhood can't wait!





Family Stories

Jodie

My name is Jodie and I'm a mum of two beautiful boys Harry 8 and Charlie 6. Both my children have additional needs and need extra support in many areas. Nikki and my volunteer has shown me how to help them and supported them.

I have had a tough few years with being unemployed and due to covid I had to give up my dream job as a dog groomer. After a big family fall out I felt it was just me and my boys with no support. My confidence and self esteem disappeared and I became too scared of the world around me. I met a new man who has help me in other areas like eating and making sure I'm OK. He has helped me with the children, doing what partners do, and this has helped but I still had issues with the world outside and anxiety.

Me and my boys would just go about our days playing in the garden, go for dogs walks if I could handle it, but while they were at school I'd just sit at home clean and wish things were different. School referred me to Home-Start and things are looking up for me. I now feel I can go out on my own. My support lady helped me clear my garden, took me and my boys on days out in holidays she is amazing and I feel I can just let everything out and talk to her or Nikki in confidence with no judgment. They have supported me with social and pointing me in the right direction.

It's reassuring to have these amazing people and my support lady to talk to as I had lost all faith in talking about concerns with other professionals. I feel I can talk to them with confidence and without judgement. If it wasn't for them I'd prob still be stuck in the hole I've been in for years.



Winsome

I had a great experience receiving support from Home-Start. The support came at a time when I was feeling desperate in need of a little help trying to cope with new twins and two older children without any family around.

I appreciate the time taken on the initial interview getting to know us and the support we needed as a family. This worked well as we were matched with the most amazing person. From the moment he walks in the door until he leaves my twins were happy.

I was able to destress and relax each week. When I get overwhelmed, I used to just countdown the hours to my next schedule support. It was a recharge time for me which has helped me be a better mom to all four kids. Thank you!

Cheryl

Before my volunteer came into our lives my life was a nightmare. My son's behaviour was awful, if anyone came over my son would lash out at me and then so they stopped coming over and I felt very isolated because of that. I had no confidence to take my son out because of his behaviour, anywhere and everywhere my son would play up. My son had eating problems too so if he didn't want his food, he would just bin it. It honestly felt like we were battling on a daily basis.

Since our volunteer has been in our lives it's been so much brighter. My son's behaviour has definitely improved with the help and support that he needed. It has taken time like we knew it would it wasn't just going to happen overnight.

The volunteer always said to pick your battles, if it's over food do a smaller portion for him. With his behaviour my volunteer has said ignore the little bits like spitting as my son is doing it for the attention and show him the finished sign.

The volunteer will take my son out for a few hours and they will spend time together doing something my son absolutely loves whilst I have a bit of a rest. But I now have the confidence to take my son out because I know he will be good. When we go around to family my son now behaves. You have to pick your battles, if it isn't worth fighting than leave it be and move on, that's what my volunteer taught me. I honestly cannot thank my volunteer enough for everything that he has done not only for myself but for my son too.



When I was referred to Home-Start I wasn't quite sure what they did or how they helped. However, Nikki took her time to understand what the needs of the family were and broke down the ways they can help and what she thought my family needed. Turns out I've been isolated for so long (thanks Covid and baby during Covid) that I'd forgotten how to 'human'.

Being autistic, consistency is everything for me and my kids so having a familiar face coming in each week has benefited us all, especially me. Having adult conversation has made me realise how little grown-up interaction I've had since having my daughter. Having interactions with another grown up means I can talk about grown up feelings, appointments, the news!

It sounds like it's so very little, but it's made the world of difference to my ability to parent as my brain isn't so full. Thank you to my volunteer (who my kids adore) and thank you Home-Start for recognising my needs.

I have been with Home-Start a few times now. I'm really enjoying my volunteer, Ruth. She's funny, she's lovely and I really look forward to seeing her each week.

When I first heard I was being referred to Home-Start I was very anxious and didn't think it was going to help me (even though I really needed the support and help) but the support I have received has been amazing. Everyone's so patient and understanding.

I have come such a long way since starting with Home-Start's help I mean I've still got a long way to go but couldn't have got so far without the help and support. It's lovely to know even when you're finished with Home-Start they can still help you. Their support is never ending. I'm so glad I got referred as I wouldn't be who I am now. So, thank you for all your support.

I haven't been with you too long but I feel very welcome, my volunteer is amazing, she went to a nursery meeting with me and we finally sorted out my son's nursery hours, what support he gets and overall she's just great, going above and beyond to help us

I feel very welcomed by my volunteer, you also picked someone who gives me comfort and reminds me of my late mother. I have done a few more things that I have struggled to do for years. I have a long, long road to recovery due to so much going on but I look forward to our meetings and it gives me hope that someone cares and to keep fighting my long battle that's still ahead.

I haven't been with you too long but I just want to say I was really comfortable with my volunteer straight away, she so kind and caring and knowing that she is coming every week give me a boost I need and very much look forward to the company. Thank you so much.

My volunteer is absolutely lovely and so helpful, my child took to him extremely well and very quickly too. We always look forward to him coming over.

Nikki is great at spending time getting to know and understand the family in order to get the best volunteer. My volunteer is great with my children and is so kind and understanding of my circumstances. Home-Start are really good at reminding you that the help and support it offers is always available.



Referrer Report - Dawn

My name is Dawn Coles and as a Health Visitor I have the privilege of working with many families in their homes and the community. I have worked with Home-Start for around 20 years and have made many referrals for many different reasons and the aim of the referrals are always to improve outcomes for children, young people, and their families.

The reasons for the referrals I have made recently include: -

- To help parents and children access local groups due to isolation.
- Support families where children have additional needs and may have many appointments to attend, which can be overwhelming for parents. • protect children from serious disease, through screening and immunisation
- To help families navigate alternative avenues of support when they have no recourse to public funding.
- To support parents accessing medical appointments for the children such as immunisations appointments. • support resilience and positive maternal and family mental health
- Aiming to improve self-esteem and mental health for parents.

The volunteers help to build parents confidence, resilience and provide friendship when life can at times be challenging. Families are always sad to see their period of support end but know they can always call Home-Start if further help is needed.

The communication from Home-Start is always excellent. I attend many meetings with Nikki and she is able to give a clear view of the voice of the child and help parents to express their views as well.

Nikki, Donna, and the volunteers always go that extra mile, and nothing is ever too much trouble. Even if families are not open to Home-Start support but need toys, nappies or food I know I can call, and I will be given whatever Home-Start has available at the time.

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Referrer Report - Callum

The support that Home-Start Kettering provides for our families continues to be extremely valuable and parents report that they feel comfortable and safe in working with the volunteers. The volunteers and staff not only provide families with helpful techniques/strategies and work alongside families in partnership to bring about positive and sustained changes, but also provide events within the local community which families are able to access. Without the support of Home-Start, often the families would not be able to access such events and these therefore provide children with fond memories and positive experiences.

Having the support for Home-Start at TAF meetings is very much appreciated and the expertise and knowledge of Nikki and her team help to ensure that the support is child-centred and appropriate for the family. The team are also extremely pro-active in sharing any concerns from their visits to family homes and take steps accordingly to address and share these concerns.

Having a perspective from an agency working within a family home enables the team of professionals supporting the family to have a true understanding of the whole context, thus strengthening decisions made and support implemented. We really do appreciate the work that Home-Start Kettering complete and are always grateful for what they do, both for families and for school.

Callum Reilly, Safeguarding Officer, The Compass Primary Academy & Little Explorers Pre-School



Referrer Report - Mary-Lee

As a Health Visitor I find Home-Start is one of the most valuable services because it can provide the most vulnerable families with crucial support at some really difficult and challenging times. Often families just need someone friendly to talk to and offload their worries and help to problem solve, and this helps because the volunteers have all experienced being a parent and so have crucial understanding of how stressful parenting can be. It is understood that the early years are one of the most influential times for a young child and can determine their future outcomes and this has been proven by research and advancing neuroscience. Therefore, Home-Start can be a vital cog in the wheel for a young child's life because parents are helped and supported at this crucial time.

Home-Start has helped families I have worked with where there have been mental health concerns for the parent and these can be often quite complex and deep rooted. It is sadly common for these parents that struggle for them to have had adverse childhood experiences which can impact on their ability to parent. Home-Start offers an opportunity to break this cycle and parents usually speak so positively of the volunteer who just accepts them and does not judge and give them that additional helping hand they need whether it is with routines in the home, children's behaviour, getting out to appointments or to social opportunities.

Home-Start links in with local organisations and professionals and have so much knowledge of the local resources. I often tap into this! They will attend meetings where we all have a common goal to support the family. This multi-agency working is beneficial for families as we are all working together and the voice of the child is the essence of the meetings so we can really try to help families.

Thank you Home-Start for all you do.

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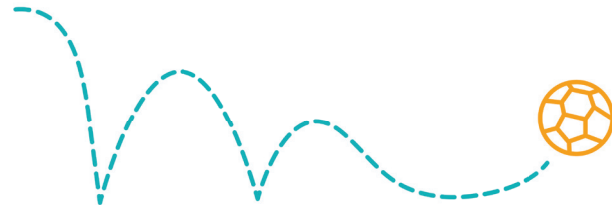
Volunteer Report - Bernadette

My first introduction to Home-Start was while sitting in the Doctor's surgery gazing at the notice board. There was a poster for Home-Start and, as a new Mum myself with a busy husband and no family network around me, I thought it sounded like the best thing ever! I vowed that when I could, I would put myself forward to volunteer one day when my children were older.

10 years or so passed and I was reminded of this experience when a fellow Mum at school shared some Home-Start leaflets at an event. I remembered my promise and although doubting my abilities to be any use at all, I made enquiries about the Volunteer Preparation Course. I attended this course in the autumn of 2022 and started with my first family at the start of 2023

The Preparation Course was a great introduction to life as a volunteer and I was confident that I had a good base to build on along with extensive support and advice from the office. But like a lot of things in life, the lived experience is always a bit different! Every family is different but I am often humbled by the trust that they put in us. Each family has widened my knowledge and deepened my belief in my role. There's always support on hand from Nikki and the other volunteers and you never feel alone. The beaming smile from a child or watching a good interaction between a parent and child is so rewarding.

At the end of last year, I joined the team of Trustees with the aim of providing a link with the friends of Home-Start who do a fantastic job of fundraising for us. It's been a busy year so far with our aim to raise 30K for 30 years! We have some brilliant events planned to cater for everyone so please come along and support us if you can! I really enjoy my time volunteering for Home-Start. It's a lovely feeling to help someone who needs it and it's given me so much more confidence. It's not about the big successes but, like most things in life, the series of little wins that makes a difference.



Safeguarding Trustee Report - Chris Arthurs

I joined Home-Start Kettering in 2012, completed my Volunteer's Preparation and became a Trustee later that year. Having worked in Children's Services for many years I took on the role of Safeguarding Trustee. There are three main parts to my role:

- I am on hand to advise and support Nikki, and any Volunteer, when questions arise about the care of a child, or the safety of a vulnerable adult. Volunteers can sometimes see or hear things going on in a family that less regular, or more official visitors may not. It is not our place to decide whether behaviour is abusive, but it is our responsibility to let the authorities know if we are concerned. Home-Start has a well established process for responding to concerns while maintaining a good working relationship with the family.
- Along with other Trustees I look over the Scheme's files to make sure that they meet Home-Start's national standards, that they are up to date, and record any risks and our response to them. And help to review our policies, many of which form part of our agreement to be able to use the Home-Start name.
- I also help with the Safeguarding day of the Preparation Course and make sure I'm up to date with developments in the way that the statutory services work.

When a volunteer tells Nikki they are worried by something they've seen or heard while visiting, I'm pleased to say that we are always able to deal with the issue sensitively and in a way that continues to support the family. Nikki works with colleagues in schools, nurseries etc, and with the Child Protection Services, to do our best to ensure children are kept safe. We are also very much aware of the risks to adults who may be vulnerable, in violent relationships, or being exploited.

If a volunteer is particularly worried about a member of the family they visit, they will contact Nikki, myself or Ruth urgently. Other concerns may go on the diary sheet and/or wait until their next supervision session. Experienced volunteers wisely say that if something's still on your mind as you settle down for the evening, then it's time to share – and whatever the time volunteers will always be able to get hold of one of us.

Although I don't visit families on a regular basis, I have a bit of an 'odd job' role. I can help with fixing stairgates and other DIY jobs, and be available to offer budgeting and benefits advice and support. As a result, I have a pretty good idea of the difficulties that our families face – and also of the big differences that Home-Start volunteers help to bring about.

My message to all Volunteers is – always carry your Emergency Contact Card and if in doubt about anything you've seen or heard, don't wait – talk to Nikki, me, Ruth, or another Trustee. We have a good scheme to make sure someone is always available to listen and take decisions: but if by chance you can't get hold of one of us, then call Children's Services or the Emergency Services.

Risky or dangerous situations are not common – but better safe than sorry.



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Volunteer Rep - Ruth

We are heading into our 30th year at Home-Start Kettering - yes 30!!!! 30 years of supporting local families. That's a lot of families and a lot of volunteers! I think that is worth celebrating. I'd like to say what a wonderful year it's been. Our fantastic volunteers have supported our local families in many ways, food parcels, home visits, Christmas packages, Christmas party, Easter eggs, a great day at Wicksteed Park... there is too much to list!

They are always willing to help, they really are an amazing team. Being a trustee and a volunteer for Home-Start has shown me just how kind people are.

Things have been tough, with energy prices and bills climbing in general. People understandably having to look for work and put volunteering on hold, leaving us with a shortage of volunteers at times but we have pulled together and continued to help our families, showing them they are not alone. It really does make massive difference. We've all needed that smiley face to knock on the door at times and I feel Home-Start has some of the best smiles. We are always looking for more friendly faces to join us, please get in touch or spread the word.

Thank you to all our volunteers old and new and thank you to all that support us in our work.

Here's to our 30th year Kettering Home-Start! Lots more smiles to come :)



Source of Referrals Received

36%

Health Visitors

22%

Schools/Nurseries

16%

Family Support Services

4%

Housing

3%

Other Health

14%

Mental Health Navigators

3%

Self Referrals

2%

Social Services

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Friends of Home-Start Report – David Gwinn

With the tough financial situation in the country it is always a big ask of people to dig deep into their pockets to support charities but I am happy to report, due to the generosity of the loyal followers of Home-Start Kettering and the sterling efforts of the amazing team of Friends of Home-Start, we had a very successful year.



A great fun evening of Call My Bluff Wine Tasting, our Annual Quiz Night and the popular Bingo Night raised £15,000. The Golf Day very generously run by Mulberry Homes raised £8,000, a very big thank you to them.

Home-Start Kettering is 30 years old this year and to celebrate we are having a Gala Ball at Kettering Park Hotel on Friday 6th September, which will be a fantastic night, get your tickets early and join the celebrations.

Lots of other events will take place during the year, speak to the office to find out the dates and more information.

We would welcome new Friends of Home-Start with bright ideas who are prepared to roll up their sleeves and run events with the help of our devoted team.

A very big thank you to all who are Friends of Home-Start, without you we would not be successful in raising the funds that help support all the families that we support.



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The Year in Numbers

volunteers
supported
403
children in
75 families



families supported were
fleeing domestic abuse

5

families supported
had no recourse to
public funds

supported
111



families with one off support
such as food parcels or essential
care packages

supported
20

main carers and
35 children with
disabilities

52%

of families referred had
financial insecurity



Helped

40

families
with energy
vouchers



Christmas presents
provided for children

109

children and
69 adults

visited Wicksteed Park
with wristbands
and picnics

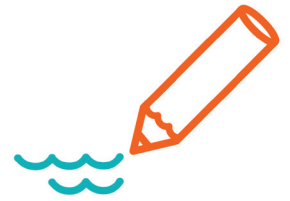
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Financial Statement

Incoming Resources	23/24	22/23
Grants	58,345	34,880
Donations and Fundraising	50,302	28,248
Gift Aid	2752	0
Bank Interest	944	194
Total Income	112,343	63,322
Charitable Expenditure		
Service Delivery	73,724	70,312
Administrative Overheads	6,168	5028
Depreciation	378	471
	80,270	75,811





Treasurer's Report - Beccy Hurrell

I want to start this report off by saying a huge thank you to the Friends of Home-Start Kettering, donors and grant providers – everyone who has been involved in raising funds to ensure that we are in a really strong financial position at the end of 2023-24. This is no easy feat, and we have surpassed our expectations for the year, and have not had to draw on any reserves.

We know that the cost of living continues to remain high. We are so thankful to everyone who is able to support us both with time and with finances. We wouldn't be here without either of these things. Please do look at the 'Thank You' page to see how many people believe in what we do. This year has seen us have an impact on more families than ever before.

This year we were fortunate to receive funding from the John Armitage Fund, which has enabled us to create a new position to enhance our ongoing work. This new role is vital in strengthening the support we provide to the families in our community.

With this being our 30th year, we are focussed on raising £30,000. Every donation, no matter how small, contributes to our goal and helps us maintain the high level of service we provide.

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing efforts of the Friends of Home-Start Kettering, who tirelessly organise events and activities to boost our fundraising. A big thank you to Nikki and Donna, for their exceptional work in sourcing grants and managing our finances daily. Their dedication is invaluable to our continued success.

Despite all the support we've received, and the strong year we have had financially, we are always looking for new donors, grants, and legacies, as well as people to join our fundraising team. If you know of anyone, or would like to offer your time and ideas, please do let us know.

Once again, our grateful thanks to everybody who has supported us in any way. The families and children are still there, needing our support. Our waiting list continues to grow. The need for new volunteers and new fundraising ideas still remains.

Here at Home-Start we embody the idea of 'us-ness'. The collective efforts of our volunteers and supports enables us to create a supportive community for many families. Let us continue to work together to sustain and grow this invaluable support network.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and commitment to our cause. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of many.



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1st Thursday Golf Society
All Saints Church
Ann Ireland
Asda Kettering
Baby Basics
Barratt Homes
Barton Seagrave Primary School
Bea Martin
Bewers Turner & Co
The Big Give Donors
Camilla Winch
Chris Arthurs
Chris Bailey
Cllr Keli Watts
Cllr Maggie Don
Crispin Holborrow
David Gwinn
David Moore
David Watkins
Dawn Coles
Duncan Shaw
Eagle Golf Society
Emma Atkins
Emma Drage & Family
Emmanuel Church
Faraway Children's Charity
Friends of Home-Start Kettering
Fuller Baptist Church
Geddington Church & School
Gill Parton
GMB Union Corby
Graham Arthurs
Hall Meadow School
Havelock Infant & Junior School
Hawthorn Primary School
Helen Statham & Family
Howdens Joinery, Distribution Site, Raunds
Hugh Raven
In Kind Direct
Jim Hakewill
John Armitage Foundation
John Lewis & Partners
Kafe Bloc
Kettering Community Unit
Kettering Golf Club

Kettering Green Party
Kettering Huxloe Rotary Club
Kettering Lions
Kettering Soup
Kettering Town Council
Liane Robinson
Linus Quilts
Loddington Church & School
LoknStore Kettering
Louise Wright Theatre School
Maud Elkington Charitable Trust
Mawsley Coffee Club
Mega Resources
Michael Guest Charitable Trust
Monday Charitable Trust
Morrisons Distribution Centre
Morrisons Kettering
Mulberry Homes
NNBN
North Northants Council
Northamptonshire Community Foundation
Northamptonshire High Sheriff Initiative
Northants Community Aid
Poppy Design Studio
Rayna & Mike Smith
Rushton Hall
Sarah Watkins
Sheila Ellis & Family
Solyution
Sorooptimists
Stephen McIlvenny
Stockburn Memorial Trust
Stuart & Lisa Bates
Sue Stokes
Terry Malsher
Tesco Kettering
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Risk Management and Key Policies

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Home-Start's work is primarily of a long term, fixed nature. The objects of the Charity are:

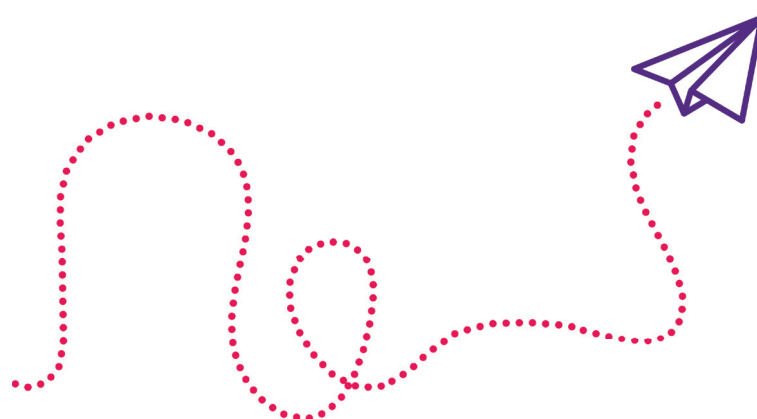
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This figure has been agreed as £55,000 for the upcoming financial year.

In addition to the above, as at 31st March 2024, the charity holds £59,319 in restricted and £4,792 in general unrestricted funds.





Without you, none of this could happen...

Abigail

Elaine

June

Lynda

Algernon

Gill

Keith

Ruth

Alison

Helen

Keli

Sandy

Amanda

Jane A

Krassy

Sara

Beccy

Jane P

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Sonal

Bernadette

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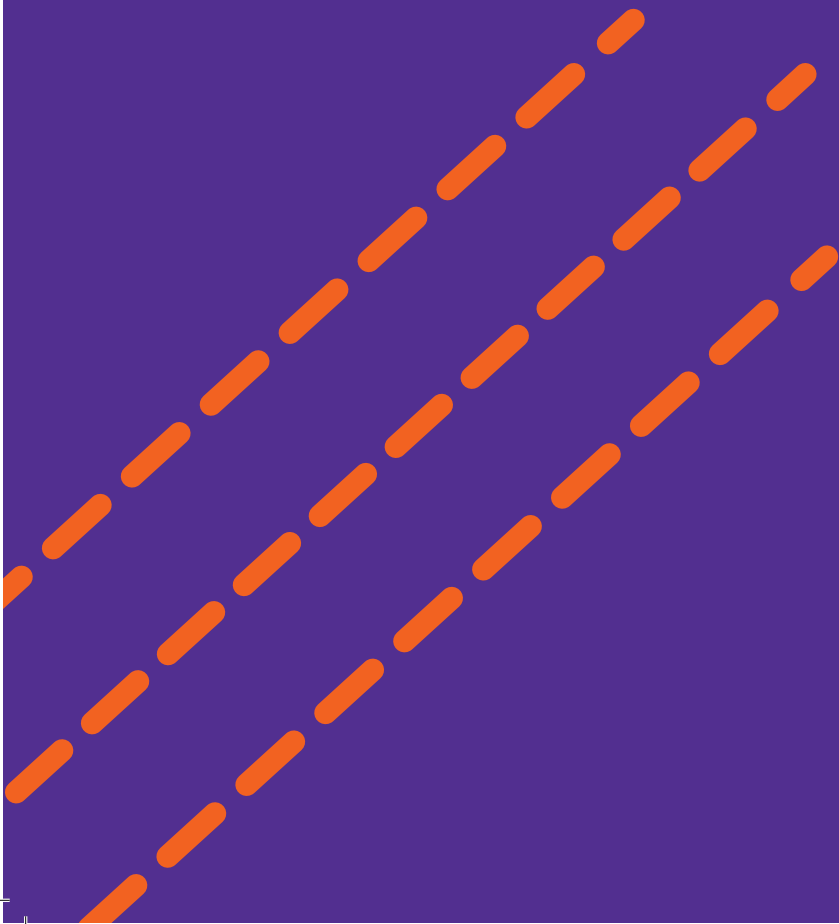


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NET ASSETS		<u>59,792</u>	<u>59,319</u>	<u>119,111</u>	<u>87,038</u>
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

HOME-START KETTERING AREA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fund raising activities	50,302	28,248
Gift aid	2,752	-
Grants	58,345	34,880
	<u>111,399</u>	<u>63,128</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Maud Elkington	2,500	2,500
Wilson Foundation	-	7,630
Tesco	-	1,000
Constance Travis	-	6,000
Faraway Childrens Charity	555	500
Asda Foundation	-	1,500
Councillors Fund	-	2,000
Friends 500	-	500
High Sheriff	-	5,000
Kettering Town Council	1,790	5,000
Northants Community Aid	2,000	1,250
Stockburn Memorial Trust	4,000	2,000
Household Support Fund Grant 2024	5,000	-
John Armitage Foundation	25,000	-
Michael Guest	10,000	-
North Northamptonshire Council	5,500	-
Poverty Hurts	2,000	-
	<u>58,345</u>	<u>34,880</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>944</u>	<u>194</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>378</u>	<u>471</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2024 nor for the year ended 31st March 2023.

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Support	1	2
Management	1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	28,248	34,880	63,128
Investment income	194	-	194
Total	<u>28,442</u>	<u>34,880</u>	<u>63,322</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Services provided	50,928	16,599	67,527
Family Purchases	101	3,993	4,094
Volunteer costs	1,759	2,431	4,190
Total	<u>52,788</u>	<u>23,023</u>	<u>75,811</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(24,346)	11,857	(12,489)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	95,577	3,950	99,527
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>71,231</u>	<u>15,807</u>	<u>87,038</u>

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024	<u>1,708</u>	<u>8,442</u>	<u>10,150</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st April 2023	<u>1,590</u>	<u>6,675</u>	<u>8,265</u>
Charge for year	<u>24</u>	<u>354</u>	<u>378</u>
At 31st March 2024	<u>1,614</u>	<u>7,029</u>	<u>8,643</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st March 2024	<u>94</u>	<u>1,413</u>	<u>1,507</u>
At 31st March 2023	<u>118</u>	<u>1,767</u>	<u>1,885</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Social security and other taxes	915	691
Other creditors	-	424
	<u>915</u>	<u>1,115</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	71,230	(11,438)	59,792
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	15,808	43,511	59,319
	<u>87,038</u>	<u>32,073</u>	<u>119,111</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>87,038</u>	<u>32,073</u>	<u>119,111</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	53,998	(65,436)	(11,438)
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	58,345	(14,834)	43,511
	<u>112,343</u>	<u>(80,270)</u>	<u>32,073</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>112,343</u>	<u>(80,270)</u>	<u>32,073</u>

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	95,577	(24,347)	71,230
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	3,950	11,858	15,808
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>99,527</u>	<u>(12,489)</u>	<u>87,038</u>

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

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Unrestricted funds			
General fund	28,442	(52,789)	(24,347)
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	34,880	(23,022)	11,858
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>63,322</u>	<u>(75,811)</u>	<u>(12,489)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	95,577	(35,785)	59,792
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	3,950	55,369	59,319
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>99,527</u>	<u>19,584</u>	<u>119,111</u>

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	82,440	(118,225)	(35,785)
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	93,225	(37,856)	55,369
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>175,665</u>	<u>(156,081)</u>	<u>19,584</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2024.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

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Total incoming resources	112,343	63,322
EXPENDITURE		
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	53,881	53,428
Pensions	3,258	3,063
Rates and water	413	115
Insurance	799	766
Telephone	978	1,240
Postage and stationery	1,365	647
Advertising	518	373
Sundries	658	432
Events & outings	3,795	2,623
Expenses - staff	2,911	2,676
Subscriptions & fees	1,437	1,455
Training	1,882	816
Expenses - volunteers	3,872	3,612
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	377	471
	<u>76,144</u>	<u>71,717</u>
Family purchases		
Exceptional family purchases	4,126	4,094
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

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Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

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

Income

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

Expenditure

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

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 20% on reducing balance

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

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

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

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fund raising activities	50,302	28,248
Gift aid	2,752	-
Grants	58,345	34,880
	<u>111,399</u>	<u>63,128</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Maud Elkington	2,500	2,500
Wilson Foundation	-	7,630
Tesco	-	1,000
Constance Travis	-	6,000
Faraway Childrens Charity	555	500
Asda Foundation	-	1,500
Councillors Fund	-	2,000
Friends 500	-	500
High Sheriff	-	5,000
Kettering Town Council	1,790	5,000
Northants Community Aid	2,000	1,250
Stockburn Memorial Trust	4,000	2,000
Household Support Fund Grant 2024	5,000	-
John Armitage Foundation	25,000	-
Michael Guest	10,000	-
North Northamptonshire Council	5,500	-
Poverty Hurts	2,000	-
	<u>58,345</u>	<u>34,880</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>944</u>	<u>194</u>

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4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>378</u>	<u>471</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

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

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st March 2024 nor for the year ended 31st March 2023.

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Support	1	2
Management	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	28,248	34,880	63,128
Investment income	<u>194</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>194</u>
Total	<u>28,442</u>	<u>34,880</u>	<u>63,322</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Services provided	50,928	16,599	67,527
Family Purchases	101	3,993	4,094
Volunteer costs	<u>1,759</u>	<u>2,431</u>	<u>4,190</u>
Total	<u>52,788</u>	<u>23,023</u>	<u>75,811</u>

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7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(24,346)	11,857	(12,489)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	95,577	3,950	99,527
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>71,231</u>	<u>15,807</u>	<u>87,038</u>

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024	<u>1,708</u>	<u>8,442</u>	<u>10,150</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st April 2023	<u>1,590</u>	<u>6,675</u>	<u>8,265</u>
Charge for year	<u>24</u>	<u>354</u>	<u>378</u>
At 31st March 2024	<u>1,614</u>	<u>7,029</u>	<u>8,643</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31st March 2024	<u>94</u>	<u>1,413</u>	<u>1,507</u>
At 31st March 2023	<u>118</u>	<u>1,767</u>	<u>1,885</u>

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9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Social security and other taxes	915	691
Other creditors	-	424
	<u>915</u>	<u>1,115</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	71,230	(11,438)	59,792
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	15,808	43,511	59,319
	<u>87,038</u>	<u>32,073</u>	<u>119,111</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>87,038</u>	<u>32,073</u>	<u>119,111</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	53,998	(65,436)	(11,438)
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	58,345	(14,834)	43,511
	<u>112,343</u>	<u>(80,270)</u>	<u>32,073</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>112,343</u>	<u>(80,270)</u>	<u>32,073</u>

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	95,577	(24,347)	71,230
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	3,950	11,858	15,808
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>99,527</u>	<u>(12,489)</u>	<u>87,038</u>

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	28,442	(52,789)	(24,347)
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	34,880	(23,022)	11,858
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>63,322</u>	<u>(75,811)</u>	<u>(12,489)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	95,577	(35,785)	59,792
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	3,950	55,369	59,319
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>99,527</u>	<u>19,584</u>	<u>119,111</u>

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	82,440	(118,225)	(35,785)
Restricted funds			
Restricted Funds	93,225	(37,856)	55,369
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>175,665</u>	<u>(156,081)</u>	<u>19,584</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st March 2024.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Fund raising activities	50,302	28,248
Gift aid	2,752	-
Grants	58,345	34,880
	<u>111,399</u>	<u>63,128</u>
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	944	194
	<u>944</u>	<u>194</u>
Total incoming resources	112,343	63,322
EXPENDITURE		
Support costs		
Management		
Wages	53,881	53,428
Pensions	3,258	3,063
Rates and water	413	115
Insurance	799	766
Telephone	978	1,240
Postage and stationery	1,365	647
Advertising	518	373
Sundries	658	432
Events & outings	3,795	2,623
Expenses - staff	2,911	2,676
Subscriptions & fees	1,437	1,455
Training	1,882	816
Expenses - volunteers	3,872	3,612
Depreciation of tangible and heritage assets	377	471
	<u>76,144</u>	<u>71,717</u>
Family purchases		
Exceptional family purchases	4,126	4,094
	<u>4,126</u>	<u>4,094</u>
Total resources expended	80,270	75,811
Net income/(expenditure)	32,073	(12,489)

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