HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

England & Wales · Charity number 1114076

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	05694775
Registered	2006-05-08
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

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

Activities: Home-Start Wellingborough & district is a voluntary organisation in which volunteers offer support, friendship & practical help to families who have at least one child under the age of five and who are experiencing difficulties.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BOROUGH OF WELLINBOROUGH AND ITS ENVIRONS.
- Northamptonshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£80,440	£99,695	-	-
2024-03-31	£122,871	£102,290	-	-
2023-03-31	£112,517	£108,547	-	-
2022-03-31	£59,378	£93,422	-	-
2021-03-31	£130,089	£96,365	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Annie Lennox		2018-10-04
Felix Barth		2020-02-24
Gita Carlisle		2025-06-17
JULIET SMITH		
Jean Berkshire		2018-10-04
Julian Payne		2017-10-04
Kate Geoghegan		2025-04-15
Rebecca Abbott		2020-08-23

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Accounts

Company registration number: 05694775
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(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Julian Payne - Chairperson Julian Payne - Treasurer Juliet Smith Jean Berkshire Annie Lennox Felix Barth Rebecca Abbott Jodie Goodwin (appointed 15 October 2024) Paula Stafford (appointed 15 October 2024) Kate Geoghegan (appointed 15 April 2025) Gita Carlisle (appointed 17 June 2025)
Secretary	Tracey Witham
Principal Office	Croyland Nursery School Croyland Road Wellingborough Northants NN8 2AX
Registered Office	Croyland Nursery School Croyland Road Wellingborough Northants NN8 2AX The charity is incorporated in England.
Company Registration Number	05694775
Charity Registration Number	1114076
Independent Examiner	David Turner, AIMS Accountancy 32 Caxton House Northampton Science Park Kings Park Road, Moulton Park Northampton NN3 6LG

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Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present their strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2025, in compliance with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

Home-Start Wellingborough & District provides a unique service to families in our area by maintaining a team of highly-skilled volunteers who visit families in their own homes.

Our aim is to improve the lives of children and their parents through a combination of home-visiting support, social activities and interagency working.

We operate in some of the country's most deprived areas. Childhood obesity is high here, as are the number of children living in poverty when compared with the UK average. Our youngsters are statistically more likely to experience poor health than national average.

Our primary future objective is to ensure the financial stability of the core service, through a combination of fundraising efforts and grant applications

Home-Start's unique offer of friendship to families is recognised nationally and internationally as an effective means of family support. To Home-Start every family is special and we respond to each family's needs through a combination of home-visiting support, and social activities. We do this by recruiting and training volunteers, who are usually parents or carers themselves, to visit families with at least one child under the age of five at the time of referral to offer informal, friendly and confidential support.

Home-Start schemes are rooted in the communities they serve – managed locally but supported by a UK wide organisation (Home-Start UK) which offers direction, training, information, and guidance to schemes to ensure consistent and quality support for parents or carers and children wherever they are. All Home-Start schemes sign an agreement saying that they will comply with quality standards.

In addition to its Core activity, Home-Start Wellingborough & District runs a weekly stay and play group for supported families, which aims to build the confidence of parents and children to go on to use other services within the community. It also organises a limited number of social activities for families including visits to local amenities, distribution of birthday and seasonal gifts donated by local people and businesses; and participation in community events whenever possible.

Through our network of volunteers, Home-Start aims to increase the confidence and independence of the family by:

- Offering support, friendship and practical assistance;
- Visiting families in their own homes in Wellingborough and the surrounding districts, where the dignity and identity of each adult and child can be respected and protected;
- Reassuring parents that difficulties in bringing up children are not unusual and encourage them to enjoy family life;
- Developing a relationship with the family: the approach is flexible to take account of different needs;
- Encouraging parents' strengths and emotional well-being for the ultimate benefit of their children;
- Encouraging families to widen their network of relationships by providing a weekly support/play group and to use effectively the support and services available within the Wellingborough community.
- Providing funding for specialist mental health support for parents and children.
- Promoting the education of the public in better standards of child care within the area of Wellingborough and its environs

In 2024/25 Home-Start Wellingborough & District will: -

- Support 45 families through home visiting, group support, co-ordinator support and one-off support
- Recruit, train and place 5 new volunteers to support families through home-visiting
- Retain at least 23 of its volunteers
- Strengthen the support we offer to families by trying to fund services that are not available to them by any other means.

Whilst recognising the uniqueness of the service that Home-Start provides, we are aware that it is necessary to consider any avenues for joint working in order to ensure that the families we serve have access to a holistic approach, that there is no duplication of services and that, administrative costs are minimised.

The scheme will continue to work closely with a range of local organisations and agencies – statutory, voluntary and community.

The scheme will continue to use all appropriate means to reach families who would benefit from the use of our service. The methods employed to facilitate this include:

- Through direct contact with referrers, for example health visitors, social workers, Family Hubs, Greatwell Homes, Schools and other local agency staff.
- Through publicity placed in community centres and other venues, the library, the local press and community magazines.
- Through information stands in local venues as appropriate and other similar venues.
- Through attendance at and / or providing information for events organised by other agencies.
- Through word of mouth.
- Through information produced in a variety of local community languages.

Current and continuing elements of our marketing strategy include:

- On-line and printed publications.
- A regularly updated website and Facebook/Instagram pages.

To fund this work, we plan to follow a strategy that is based on raising core funding from a mix of grants from Major Trusts and income from individual regular donors. Direct project delivery costs will be met through grants from Trusts such as BBC Children In Need. This will be supplemented by local fund-raising and support from local trusts (e.g., Northamptonshire Community Foundation) to provide families with outings, essential items and counselling.

The strategic report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 02/09/25 and signed on its behalf by:

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Julian Payne - Chairperson
Trustee

.....
Annie Lennox
Trustee

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The charity's aims are to increase the confidence and independance of the family by:

- offering support, friendship and practical assistance;
- visiting families in their own homes, where the dignity and identity of each adult and child can be respected and protected;
- reassuring parents that difficulties in bringing up children are not unusual and encouraging them to enjoy family life;
- developing a relationship with the family in which time can be shared and understanding can be developed: the approach is flexible to take account of different needs;
- encouraging parents' strengths and emotional well-being for the ultimate benefit of their children;
- encouraging families to widen their network of relationships and to use effectively the support and services available within the community.

Public benefit

In setting the charity's objectives and planning activities, the trustees and management have given consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and believe that the charity meets the public benefit requirement.

Research indicates that many difficulties experienced by adults and older children can be avoided or minimalised if children receive appropriate parenting which meets the needs of the child in their early years. The children are more likely to reach their full potential and be more able to contribute to society, they are less likely to have mental health problems, be involved in disruptive or criminal behaviour and will make better parents themselves. In line with this research the trustees are aware of the government initiative "Every Child Matters" (2003) and it is used as one of our guiding principles.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Home-Start Wellingborough & District is based at Croyland Nursery School, Croyland Road, Wellingborough, which is the company's registered office and principal address of the charity. Home-Start Wellingborough & District is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital. Its registered number is 05694775, having been incorporated on 1 February 2006. Home-Start Wellingborough & District has always maintained charitable status with a new charity number of 1114076 being issued on 8 May 2006, following incorporation.

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Trustees' Report

Appointment of Trustees

The trustees named on the previous page have served on the Board. Appointment and re-appointment is decided on an annual basis via election at the Annual General Meeting.

Organisation Structure and How Decisions are Made.

The Board when complete, consists of at least five and not more than twelve trustees. The Board meets at least five times a year with additional sub-committee meetings as required. The trustees review the management, income and expenditure and financial status of the charity and decide upon the allocation of funds.

Relationship Between Charity and Related Parties

Home-Start Wellingborough & District is a local, independently funded charity, with its own constitution and management committee. It is affiliated to Home-Start UK through signing up to The Home-Start Agreement to which it adheres in all areas of service provision. Compliance with the Agreement is formally reviewed on a tri-yearly basis.

Risk Management

The trustees agree policies to ensure effective governance and management of the scheme and to ensure the provision of quality support to local families. These include policies relating to areas such as financial management, reserve funds, Heath & Safety and Equality and Diversity and Safeguarding. The trustees are aware of potential risk and steps are taken to mitigate these risks.

Achievements and Performance

The trustees and staff have continued to review our governance and working practices so that they remain in line with any updated legislation, advice from the Charity Commission and demands from the Home-Start UK in order that we maintain our affiliation. Focus has also been on fundraising in order to replace the grants from our largest supporters, with the appointment of the Fundraiser this has proved invaluable in the difficult economic climate.

We have also taken the opportunity to consider the use of technology. Reviewing the way that we worked during COVID allowed us to understand when families were helped to resolve some or all of their difficulties with virtual support without weekly visits. This is sometimes more convenient for the families and avoids the staff and volunteers being over stretched, while increasing the number of families the charity can help. However, our core work continues to be home visiting, which is most helpful for families with complex needs, and all work is based on the initial assessment by one of the professional staff. We also had to be mindful of the health and safety of staff and volunteers since COVID is still in the community.

Mental health support has continued to be offered through Mind and Service Six.

That has been a training course for new volunteers and all volunteers have been offered training throughout the year, including a Safeguarding update.

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We have continued to run our own food bank and food vouchers have been available for families who were struggling.

In conjunction with CADENT - who provided slow cookers, an online cookery course has been offered to all families.

The weekly WISH group has continued.

At the summer sceme, all families were offered a free visit to The Hub, with transport provided.

Reserves Policy Statement and Designated Fund

The trustees consider that, given the nature of the charity's work, free reserves should be a minimum of 3 months revenue expenditure, but with the intention of maintaining a level of approximately 6 months. The rationale for this is to cover the overheads of the scheme, owing to the uncertainty in the timing and of grants from various funding agencies.

On 31st March free reserves stood at the equivalent of just over four months revenue expenditure, based on projected 2025-26 expenditure.

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Trustees' Report

Financial Review

The overall fundraising strategy means that the scheme has sufficient funding for the immediate future and to meet the reserves policy. This has been achieved through securing a mixture of funds from Charitable Trusts and Foundations, support from local organisations and individuals and through both one-off and regular donations.

During the year several grant applications have been unsuccessful due to changes with funders' criteria and the downturn in the economic situation. It was, therefore, decided that we would focus on securing smaller amounts of funding from more sources, and this has been successful. This also means that we have more flexibility in allocating the funds because they are not tied to a donor's terms.

Analysis of Funds

During COVID, there was an increased access to local authority grants. However, this source of revenue has been very much reduced and the charity has had to rely almost exclusively on other sources of funding.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 02/09/25 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Julian Payne - Chairperson
Trustee

.....
Annie Lennox
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 02/09/25 and signed on its behalf by:

Julian Payne - Chairperson
Trustee

Annie Lennox
Trustee

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 11 to 19 .

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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.
Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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.

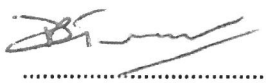
Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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.



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Date: 02/09/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	12,919	67,521	80,440
Total Income		12,919	67,521	80,440
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	(13,190)	(86,505)	(99,695)
Total Expenditure		(13,190)	(86,505)	(99,695)
Net expenditure		(271)	(18,984)	(19,255)
Transfers between funds		54	(54)	-
Net movement in funds		(217)	(19,038)	(19,255)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		10,528	85,110	95,638
Total funds carried forward	9	10,311	66,072	76,383

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	20,356	102,515	122,871
Total Income		20,356	102,515	122,871
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	(29,623)	(72,667)	(102,290)
Total Expenditure		(29,623)	(72,667)	(102,290)
Net (expenditure)/income		(9,267)	29,848	20,581
Transfers between funds		1,283	(1,283)	-
Net movement in funds		(7,984)	28,565	20,581
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		18,512	56,545	75,057
Total funds carried forward	9	10,528	85,110	95,638

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 9.

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

(Registration number: 05694775)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		79,877	99,131
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(3,494)	(3,493)
Net assets		76,383	95,638
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		66,072	85,110
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		10,311	10,528
Total funds	9	76,383	95,638

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

Trustees' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

The financial statements on pages 11 to 19 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on ..02/09/25.. and signed on their behalf by:

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Julian Payne - Chairperson
Trustee

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Annie Lennox
Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash (expenditure)/income		(19,255)	20,581
Working capital adjustments			
Increase in creditors	8	1	20
Net cash flows from operating activities		(19,254)	20,601
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(19,254)	20,601
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		99,131	78,530
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		79,877	99,131

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 Charity status

The charity is a charity limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation
HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Income and endowments
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Gift aid

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Investment income

The investment income is entirely interest received on bank deposits.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	Designated £	General £	£	£	£
Donations and legacies;					
Donations from individuals	3,890	106	4	4,000	10,563
Grants, including capital grants;					
Grants from other charities	4,500	3,500	67,517	75,517	111,861
Other income from donations and legacies	10	913	-	923	447
	8,400	4,519	67,521	80,440	122,871

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds: Designated £	Unrestricted funds: General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Staff costs	6	2,290	7,971	63,557	73,818	67,527
Allocated support costs		2,376	553	22,948	25,877	34,763
		4,666	8,524	86,505	99,695	102,290

5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

6 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	70,303	66,128
Pension costs	2,296	1,340
Other staff costs	1,219	59
	73,818	67,527

7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	3,494	3,493

9 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	(16,090)	(4,519)	8,524	(11)	(12,096)
Designated	5,562	(8,400)	4,666	(43)	1,785
Total unrestricted funds	(10,528)	(12,919)	13,190	(54)	(10,311)
Restricted funds	(85,110)	(67,521)	86,505	54	(66,072)
Total funds	(95,638)	(80,440)	99,695	-	(76,383)

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	(18,502)	(15,479)	19,184	(1,293)	(16,090)
Designated	(10)	(4,877)	10,439	10	5,562
Total unrestricted funds	(18,512)	(20,356)	29,623	(1,283)	(10,528)
Restricted funds	(56,545)	(102,515)	72,667	1,283	(85,110)
Total funds	(75,057)	(122,871)	102,290	-	(95,638)

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Current assets	79,877	79,877
Current liabilities	(3,494)	(3,494)
Total net assets	76,383	76,383

11 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Cash flow £	At 31 March 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	99,131	(19,254)	79,877
Net debt	99,131	(19,254)	79,877

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

England & Wales - Charity number 1114076

Accounts

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Charity registration number: 1114076

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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Reference and Administrative Details

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Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present their strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2024, in compliance with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

Home-Start Wellingborough & District provides a unique service to families in our area by maintaining a team of highly-skilled volunteers who visit families in their own homes.

Our aim is to improve the lives of children and their parents through a combination of home-visiting support, social activities and interagency working.

We operate in some of the country's most deprived areas, with an increasing migrant population settling from Eastern Europe alongside other ethnic minorities. Childhood obesity is high here, as are the number of children living in poverty when compared with the UK average. Our youngsters are statistically more likely to experience poor health than national average. Statistics show that teenage pregnancy is also higher here, as is the likelihood of mothers smoking during pregnancy.

Our primary future objective is to ensure the financial stability of the core service, through a combination of fundraising efforts and grant applications

Home-Start's unique offer of friendship to families is recognised nationally and internationally as an effective means of family support. To Home-Start every family is special and we respond to each family's needs through a combination of home-visiting support, and social activities. We do this by recruiting and training volunteers, who are usually parents or carers themselves, to visit families with at least one child under the age of five at the time of referral to offer informal, friendly and confidential support.

Home-Start schemes are rooted in the communities they serve – managed locally but supported by a UK wide organisation (Home-Start UK) which offers direction, training, information, and guidance to schemes to ensure consistent and quality support for parents or carers and children wherever they are. All Home-Start schemes sign an agreement saying that they will comply with quality standards.

In addition to its Core activity, Home-Start Wellingborough & District organises a limited number of social activities for families including visits to local amenities, distribution of birthday and seasonal gifts donated by local people and businesses; and participation in community events whenever possible.

Through our network of volunteers, Home-Start aims to increase the confidence and independence of the family by:

- Offering support, friendship and practical assistance;
- Visiting families in their own homes in Wellingborough and the surrounding districts, where the dignity and identity of each adult and child can be respected and protected;
- Reassuring parents that difficulties in bringing up children are not unusual and encourage them to enjoy family life;
- Developing a relationship with the family: the approach is flexible to take account of different needs;
- Encouraging parents' strengths and emotional well-being for the ultimate benefit of their children;
- Encouraging families to widen their network of relationships by providing a weekly support/play group and to use effectively the support and services available within the Wellingborough community.
- Providing funding for specialist mental health support for parents and children.
- Promoting the education of the public in better standards of child care within the area of Wellingborough and its environs

In 2023/24 Home-Start Wellingborough & District will: -

- Support 46 families through home visiting
- Recruit, train and place 4 new volunteers to support families through home-visiting
- Retain at least 23 of its volunteers
- Strengthen the support we offer to families by trying to fund services that are not available to them by any other means.

Whilst recognising the uniqueness of the service that Home-Start provides, we are aware that it is necessary to consider any avenues for joint working in order to ensure that the families we serve have access to a holistic approach, that there is no duplication of services and that, administrative costs are minimised.

The scheme will continue to work closely with a range of local organisations and agencies – statutory, voluntary and community.

The scheme will continue to use all appropriate means to reach families who would benefit from the use of our service. The methods employed to facilitate this include:

- Through direct contact with referrers, for example health visitors, social workers, children's centres, Greatwell Homes, Schools and other local agency staff.
- Through publicity placed in community centres and other venues, the library, the local press and community magazines.
- Through information stands in local venues as appropriate and other similar venues.
- Through attendance at and / or providing information for events organised by other agencies.
- Through word of mouth.
- Through information produced in a variety of local community languages.

Current and continuing elements of our marketing strategy include:

- On-line and printed publications.
- A regularly updated website and Facebook page.

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To fund this work, we plan to follow a strategy that is based on raising core funding from a mix of grants from Major Trusts and income from individual regular donors. Direct project delivery costs will be met through grants from Trusts such as BBC Children In Need. This will be supplemented by local fund-raising and support from local trusts (e.g., Northamptonshire Community Foundation) to provide families with outings, essential items and counselling.

The strategic report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 20/06/24 and signed on its behalf by:

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Juliet Smith - Chairperson
Trustee

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Julian Payne - Treasurer
Trustee

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The charity's aims are to increase the confidence and independance of the family by:

- offering support, friendship and practical assistance;
- visiting families in their own homes, where the dignity and identity of each adult and child can be respected and protected;
- reassuring parents that difficulties in bringing up children are not unusual and encouraging them to enjoy family life;
- developing a relationship with the family in which time can be shared and understanding can be developed: the approach is flexible to take account of different needs;
- encouraging parents' strengths and emotional well-being for the ultimate benefit of their children;
- encouraging families to widen their network of relationships and to use effectively the support and services available within the community.

Public benefit

The trustees are aware of the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 regarding the reporting of the public benefit of the charity. The trustees recognise that, for the accounting period ended 31 March 2024, their report is required to include such a report. In setting the charity's objectives and planning activities, the trustees and management have given consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and believe that the charity meets the public benefit requirement.

Research indicates that many difficulties experienced by adults and older children can be avoided or minimalised if children receive appropriate parenting which meets the needs of the child in their early years. The children are more likely to reach their full potential and be more able to contribute to society, they are less likely to have mental health problems, be involved in disruptive or criminal behaviour and will make better parents themselves. In line with this research the trustees are aware of the government initiative "Every Child Matters" (2003) and it is used as one of our guiding principles.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Home-Start Wellingborough & District is based at Croyland Nursery School, Croyland Road, Wellingborough, which is the company's registered office and principal address of the charity. Home-Start Wellingborough & District is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital. Its registered number is 05694775, having been incorporated on 1 February 2006. Home-Start Wellingborough & District has always maintained charitable status with a new charity number of 1114076 being issued on 8 May 2006, following incorporation.

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Trustees' Report

Appointment of Trustees

The trustees named on the previous page have served on the Board. Appointment and re-appointment is decided on an annual basis via election at the Annual General Meeting. One third of the trustees retire at each AGM, but can stand for re-election. The terms of office are three years. A trustee can stand for three consecutive terms, after which they must stand down for one year, before applying for re-election.

Organisation Structure and How Decisions are Made.

The Board when complete, consists of at least five and not more than twelve trustees. The Board meets at least five times a year with additional sub-committee meetings as required. The trustees review the management, income and expenditure and financial status of the charity and decide upon the allocation of funds.

Relationship Between Charity and Related Parties

Home-Start Wellingborough & District is a local, independently funded charity, with its own constitution and management committee. It is affiliated to Home-Start UK through signing up to The Home-Start Agreement to which it adheres in all areas of service provision. Compliance with the Agreement is formally reviewed on a tri-yearly basis.

Risk Management

The trustees agree policies to ensure effective governance and management of the scheme and to ensure the provision of quality support to local families. These include policies relating to areas such as financial management, reserve funds, Heath & Safety and Equality and Diversity and Safeguarding. The trustees are aware of potential risk and steps are taken to mitigate these risks.

Achievements and Performance

The trustees and staff have continued to review our governance and working practices so that they remain in line with any updated legislation, advice from the Charity Commission and demands from the Home-Start UK in order that we maintain our affiliation. Focus has also been on fundraising in order to replace the grants from our largest supporters, with the appointment of the Fundraiser this has proved invaluable in the difficult economic climate.

We have also taken the opportunity to consider the use of technology. Reviewing the way that we worked during COVID allowed us to understand when families were helped to resolve some or all of their difficulties with virtual support without weekly visits. This is sometimes more convenient for the families and avoids the staff and volunteers being over stretched, while increasing the number of families the charity can help. However, our core work continues to be home visiting, which is most helpful for families with complex needs, and all work is based on the initial assessment by one of the professional staff. We also had to be mindful of the health and safety of staff and volunteers since COVID is still in the community.

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The professional staff have continued to update their knowledge by attending the Conflict Resolution training provided by the Children's Trust and a course on Perinatal Mental Health.

This will be cascaded down to the volunteers, so that they can identify problems in this area, and any work on conflict resolution will be carried out by professional staff.

Mental health support has continued to be offered through Mind and Service Six.

That has been a training course for new volunteers and all volunteers have been offered training throughout the year, including a Safeguarding update.

During the winter, a warm space was offered to 39 families and 89 children we were involved with. We have continued to run our own food bank and food vouchers have been available for families who were struggling.

In conjunction with Morrisons, an online cookery course has been offered to all families.

The weekly WISH group has continued.

At the summer sceme, all families were offered a swimming session and free visit to The Hub, with transport provided.

Reserves Policy Statement and Designated Fund

The trustees consider that, given the nature of the charity's work, free reserves should be a minimum of 3 months revenue expenditure, but with the intention of maintaining a level of approximately 6 months. The rationale for this is to cover the overheads of the scheme, owing to the uncertainty in the timing and of grants from various funding agencies.

On 31st March free reserves stood at the equivalent of just over four months revenue expenditure, based on projected 2024-25 expenditure.

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Financial Review

The overall fundraising strategy means that the scheme has sufficient funding for the immediate future and to meet the reserves policy. This has been achieved through securing a mixture of funds from Charitable Trusts and Foundations, support from local organisations and individuals and through both one-off and regular donations.

During the year several grant applications have been unsuccessful due to changes with funders' criteria and the downturn in the economic situation. It was, therefore, decided that we would focus on securing smaller amounts of funding from more sources, and this has been successful. This also means that we have more flexibility in allocating the funds because they are not tied to a donor's terms. However, the trustees were well aware that the long term funding from our one major donor will cease in the year 2023-24. It was also evident that there were not enough staff resources to continue to complete all the applications required. It was, therefore, decided to increase the staff hours by appointing a part time fundraiser/administrator.

Analysis of Funds

During COVID, there was an increased access to local authority grants. However, this source of revenue has been very much reduced and the charity has had to rely almost exclusively on other sources of funding. This included two large grants which have been of three terms and one of which comes to an end in year 2023-24 and a number of smaller grants from funders, donations from individuals and local organisations.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 20/05/24 and signed on its behalf by:

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Juliet Smith - Chairperson
Trustee

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Julian Payne - Treasurer
Trustee

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 22/05/24. and signed on its behalf by:

Juliet Smith - Chairperson
Trustee

Julian Payne - Treasurer
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 11 to 19 .

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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.
Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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.

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David Turner, AIMS Accountancy

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Date: 20/08/2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	20,356	102,515	122,871
Total Income		20,356	102,515	122,871
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	(29,623)	(72,667)	(102,290)
Total Expenditure		(29,623)	(72,667)	(102,290)
Net (expenditure)/income		(9,267)	29,848	20,581
Transfers between funds		1,283	(1,283)	-
Net movement in funds		(7,984)	28,565	20,581
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		18,512	56,545	75,057
Total funds carried forward	9	10,528	85,110	95,638

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	56,578	55,678	112,256
Investment income		261	-	261
Total Income		56,839	55,678	112,517
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	(56,339)	(52,208)	(108,547)
Total Expenditure		(56,339)	(52,208)	(108,547)
Net income		500	3,470	3,970
Transfers between funds		802	(802)	-
Net movement in funds		1,302	2,668	3,970
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		17,210	53,877	71,087
Total funds carried forward	9	18,512	56,545	75,057

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 9.

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(Registration number: 05694775)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		99,131	78,530
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(3,493)	(3,473)
Net assets		95,638	75,057
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		85,110	56,545
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		10,528	18,512
Total funds	9	95,638	75,057

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

Trustees' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

The financial statements on pages 11 to 19 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on ..22/08/24.. and signed on their behalf by:

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Juliet Smith - Chairperson
Trustee

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Julian Payne - Treasurer
Trustee

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Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash income		20,581	3,970
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Investment income		-	(261)
		20,581	3,709
Working capital adjustments			
Increase in creditors	8	20	-
Net cash flows from operating activities		20,601	3,709
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income		-	261
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		20,601	3,970
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		78,530	74,560
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		99,131	78,530

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1 Charity status

The charity is a charity limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation
HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Income and endowments
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

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Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Gift aid

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Investment income

The investment income is entirely interest received on bank deposits.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

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Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds				
	Designated £	General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;					
Donations from individuals	4,430	2,729	3,404	10,563	25,984
Grants, including capital grants;					
Grants from other charities	-	12,750	99,111	111,861	86,272
Other income from donations and legacies	447	-	-	447	-
	4,877	15,479	102,515	122,871	112,256

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4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		Designated £	General £	£	£	£
Staff costs	6	1,434	18,844	47,249	67,527	66,656
Allocated support costs		9,005	340	25,418	34,763	41,891
		10,439	19,184	72,667	102,290	108,547

5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

6 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	66,128	65,222
Pension costs	1,340	1,240
Other staff costs	59	194
	67,527	66,656

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7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	3,493	3,473

9 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	(18,502)	(15,479)	19,184	(1,293)	(16,090)
Designated	(10)	(4,877)	10,439	10	5,562
Total unrestricted funds	(18,512)	(20,356)	29,623	(1,283)	(10,528)
Restricted funds	(56,545)	(102,515)	72,667	1,283	(85,110)
Total funds	(75,057)	(122,871)	102,290	-	(95,638)

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	(17,199)	(40,220)	38,940	(802)	(19,281)
Designated	(11)	(16,619)	17,399	-	769
Total unrestricted funds	(17,210)	(56,839)	56,339	(802)	(18,512)
Restricted funds	(53,877)	(55,678)	52,208	802	(56,545)
Total funds	(71,087)	(112,517)	108,547	-	(75,057)

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10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Current assets	99,131	99,131
Current liabilities	(3,493)	(3,493)
Total net assets	95,638	95,638

11 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Cash flow £	At 31 March 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	78,530	20,601	99,131
Net debt	78,530	20,601	99,131

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England & Wales - Charity number 1114076

Accounts

Company registration number: 05694775
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Independent Examiner	David Turner, AIMS Accountancy 32 Caxton House Northampton Science Park Kings Park Road, Moulton Park Northampton NN3 6LG

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present their strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2023, in compliance with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

Home-Start Wellingborough & District provides a unique service to families in our area by maintaining a team of highly-skilled volunteers who visit families in their own homes.

Our aim is to improve the lives of children and their parents through a combination of home-visiting support, social activities and interagency working.

We operate in some of the country's most deprived areas, with an increasing migrant population settling from Eastern Europe alongside other ethnic minorities. Childhood obesity is high here, as are the number of children living in poverty when compared with the UK average. Our youngsters are statistically more likely to experience poor health than national average. Statistics show that teenage pregnancy is also higher here, as is the likelihood of mothers smoking during pregnancy.

Our primary future objective is to ensure the financial stability of the core service, through a combination of fundraising efforts and grant applications

Home-Start's unique offer of friendship to families is recognised nationally and internationally as an effective means of family support. To Home-Start every family is special and we respond to each family's needs through a combination of home-visiting support, and social activities. We do this by recruiting and training volunteers, who are usually parents or carers themselves, to visit families with at least one child under the age of five at the time of referral to offer informal, friendly and confidential support.

Home-Start schemes are rooted in the communities they serve – managed locally but supported by a UK wide organisation (Home-Start UK) which offers direction, training, information, and guidance to schemes to ensure consistent and quality support for parents or carers and children wherever they are. All Home-Start schemes sign an agreement saying that they will comply with quality standards.

In addition to its Core activity, Home-Start Wellingborough & District organises a limited number of social activities for families including visits to local amenities, distribution of birthday and seasonal gifts donated by local people and businesses; and participation in community events whenever possible.

Through our network of volunteers, Home-Start aims to increase the confidence and independence of the family by:

- Offering support, friendship and practical assistance;
- Visiting families in their own homes in Wellingborough and the surrounding districts, where the dignity and identity of each adult and child can be respected and protected;
- Reassuring parents that difficulties in bringing up children are not unusual and encourage them to enjoy family life;
- Developing a relationship with the family: the approach is flexible to take account of different needs;
- Encouraging parents' strengths and emotional well-being for the ultimate benefit of their children;
- Encouraging families to widen their network of relationships by providing a weekly support/play group and to use effectively the support and services available within the Wellingborough community.
- Providing funding for specialist mental health support for parents and children.
- Promoting the education of the public in better standards of child care within the area of Wellingborough and its environs

In 2023/24 Home-Start Wellingborough & District will: -

- Support 40 families through home visiting
- Recruit, train and place 6 new volunteers to support families through home-visiting
- Retain at least 23 of its volunteers
- Strengthen the support we offer to families by trying to fund services that are not available to them by any other means.

Whilst recognising the uniqueness of the service that Home-Start provides, we are aware that it is necessary to consider any avenues for joint working in order to ensure that the families we serve have access to a holistic approach, that there is no duplication of services and that, administrative costs are minimised.

The scheme will continue to work closely with a range of local organisations and agencies – statutory, voluntary and community.

The scheme will continue to use all appropriate means to reach families who would benefit from the use of our service. The methods employed to facilitate this include:

- Through direct contact with referrers, for example health visitors, social workers, children's centres, Greatwell Homes, Schools and other local agency staff.
- Through publicity placed in community centres and other venues, the library, the local press and community magazines.
- Through information stands in local venues as appropriate and other similar venues.
- Through attendance at and / or providing information for events organised by other agencies.
- Through word of mouth.
- Through information produced in a variety of local community languages.

Current and continuing elements of our marketing strategy include:

- On-line and printed publications.
- A regularly updated website and Facebook page.

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To fund this work, we plan to follow a strategy that is based on raising core funding from a mix of grants from Major Trusts and income from individual regular donors. Direct project delivery costs will be met through grants from Trusts such as BBC Children In Need. This will be supplemented by local fund-raising and support from local trusts (e.g., Northamptonshire Community Foundation) to provide families with outings, essential items and counselling.

The strategic report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 12/09/23 and signed on its behalf by:

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Juliet Smith - Chairperson
Trustee

.....
Julian Payne - Treasurer
Trustee

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The charity's aims are to increase the confidence and independance of the family by:

- offering support, friendship and practical assistance;
- visiting families in their own homes, where the dignity and identity of each adult and child can be respected and protected;
- reassuring parents that difficulties in bringing up children are not unusual and encouraging them to enjoy family life;
- developing a relationship with the family in which time can be shared and understanding can be developed: the approach is flexible to take account of different needs;
- encouraging parents' strengths and emotional well-being for the ultimate benefit of their children;
- encouraging families to widen their network of relationships and to use effectively the support and services available within the community.

Public benefit

The trustees are aware of the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 regarding the reporting of the public benefit of the charity. The trustees recognise that, for the accounting period ended 31 March 2023, their report is required to include such a report. In setting the charity's objectives and planning activities, the trustees and management have given consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and believe that the charity meets the public benefit requirement.

Research indicates that many difficulties experienced by adults and older children can be avoided or minimalised if children receive appropriate parenting which meets the needs of the child in their early years. The children are more likely to reach their full potential and be more able to contribute to society, they are less likely to have mental health problems, be involved in disruptive or criminal behaviour and will make better parents themselves. In line with this research the trustees are aware of the government initiative "Every Child Matters" (2003) and it is used as one of our guiding principles.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Home-Start Wellingborough & District is based at Croyland Nursery School, Croyland Road, Wellingborough, which is the company's registered office and principal address of the charity. Home-Start Wellingborough & District is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital. Its registered number is 05694775, having been incorporated on 1 February 2006. Home-Start Wellingborough & District has always maintained charitable status with a new charity number of 1114076 being issued on 8 May 2006, following incorporation.

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Trustees' Report

Appointment of Trustees

The trustees named on the previous page have served on the Board. Appointment and re-appointment is decided on an annual basis via election at the Annual General Meeting. One third of the trustees retire at each AGM, but can stand for re-election. The terms of office are three years. A trustee can stand for three consecutive terms, after which they must stand down for one year, before applying for re-election.

Organisation Structure and How Decisions are Made.

The Board when complete, consists of at least five and not more than twelve trustees. The Board meets at least five times a year with additional sub-committee meetings as required. The trustees review the management, income and expenditure and financial status of the charity and decide upon the allocation of funds.

Relationship Between Charity and Related Parties

Home-Start Wellingborough & District is a local, independently funded charity, with its own constitution and management committee. It is affiliated to Home-Start UK through signing up to The Home-Start Agreement to which it adheres in all areas of service provision. Compliance with the Agreement is formally reviewed on a tri-yearly basis.

Risk Management

The trustees agree policies to ensure effective governance and management of the scheme and to ensure the provision of quality support to local families. These include policies relating to areas such as financial management, reserve funds, Heath & Safety and Equality and Diversity and Safeguarding. The trustees are aware of potential risk and steps are taken to mitigate these risks.

Achievements and Performance

The trustees and staff have continued to review our governance and working practices so that they remain in line with any updated legislation, advice from the Charity Commission and demands from the Home-Start UK in order that we maintain our affiliation. Focus has also been on fundraising in order to replace the grants from our largest supporters, with the appointment of the Fundraiser this has proved invaluable in the difficult economic climate.

We have also taken the opportunity to consider the use of technology. Reviewing the way that we worked during COVID allowed us to understand when families were helped to resolve some or all of their difficulties with virtual support without weekly visits. This is sometimes more convenient for the families and avoids the staff and volunteers being over stretched, while increasing the number of families the charity can help. However, our core work continues to be home visiting, which is most helpful for families with complex needs, and all work is based on the initial assessment by one of the professional staff. We also had to be mindful of the health and safety of staff and volunteers since COVID is still in the community.

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The professional staff have continued to update their knowledge by attending the Conflict Resolution training provided by the Children's Trust and a course on Perinatal Mental Health.

This will be cascaded down to the volunteers, so that they can identify problems in this area, and any work on conflict resolution will be carried out by professional staff.

Mental health support has continued to be offered through Mind and Service Six.

That has been a training course for new volunteers and all volunteers have been offered training throughout the year, including a Safeguarding update.

During the winter, a warm space was offered to 39 families and 89 children we were involved with. We have continued to run our own food bank and food vouchers have been available for families who were struggling.

In conjunction with Morrisons, an online cookery course has been offered to all families.

The weekly WISH group has continued.

At the summer sceme, all families were offered a swimming session and free visit to The Hub, with transport provided.

For several years, the staff and trustees have been aware that our present office accomodation was no longer fit for purpose. New premises have now been found. This is both beneficial financially and offers easier access for families and disabled persons. There will be opportunities for increasing the number of families we are involved with and the kind of projects we will be able to offer. The move will take place early in 2023-24.

Reserves Policy Statement and Designated Fund

The trustees consider that, given the nature of the charity's work, free reserves should be a minimum of 3 months revenue expenditure, but with the intention of maintaining a level of approximately 6 months. The rationale for this is to cover the overheads of the scheme, owing to the uncertainty in the timing and of grants from various funding agencies.

On 31st March free reserves stood at the equivalent of just over six months revenue expenditure, based on projected 2023-24 expenditure.

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Trustees' Report

Financial Review

The overall fundraising strategy means that the scheme has sufficient funding for the immediate future and to meet the reserves policy. This has been achieved through securing a mixture of funds from Charitable Trusts and Foundations, support from local organisations and individuals and through both one-off and regular donations.

During the year several grant applications have been unsuccessful due to changes with funders' criteria and the downturn in the economic situation. It was, therefore, decided that we would focus on securing smaller amounts of funding from more sources, and this has been successful. This also means that we have more flexibility in allocating the funds because they are not tied to a donor's terms. However, the trustees were well aware that the long term funding from our one major donor will cease in the year 2023-24. It was also evident that there were not enough staff resources to continue to complete all the applications required. It was, therefore, decided to increase the staff hours by appointing a part time fundraiser/administrator.

Analysis of Funds

During COVID, there was an increased access to local authority grants. However, this source of revenue has been very much reduced and the charity has had to rely almost exclusively on other sources of funding. This included two large grants which have been of three terms and one of which comes to an end in year 2023-24 and a number of smaller grants from funders, donations from individuals and local organisations.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 12/09/23 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Juliet Smith - Chairperson
Trustee

.....
Julian Payne - Treasurer
Trustee

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Approved by the trustees of the charity on ....12/09/23.... and signed on its behalf by:

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Juliet Smith - Chairperson
Trustee

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~~Julian Payne - Treasurer~~
Trustee

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 11 to 19 .

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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.
Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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.

.....
David Turner, AIMS Accountancy

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Date: 12/09/2023

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	56,578	55,678	112,256
Investment income		261	-	261
Total Income		56,839	55,678	112,517
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	(56,339)	(52,208)	(108,547)
Total Expenditure		(56,339)	(52,208)	(108,547)
Net income		500	3,470	3,970
Transfers between funds		802	(802)	-
Net movement in funds		1,302	2,668	3,970
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		17,210	53,877	71,087
Total funds carried forward	9	18,512	56,545	75,057

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	5,241	52,914	58,155
Investment income		1,223	-	1,223
Total Income		6,464	52,914	59,378
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	(42,799)	(50,623)	(93,422)
Total Expenditure		(42,799)	(50,623)	(93,422)
Net (expenditure)/income		(36,335)	2,291	(34,044)
Transfers between funds		(3,767)	3,767	-
Net movement in funds		(40,102)	6,058	(34,044)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		57,312	47,819	105,131
Total funds carried forward	9	17,210	53,877	71,087

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 9.

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

(Registration number: 05694775)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		78,530	74,560
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(3,473)	(3,473)
Net assets		75,057	71,087
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		56,545	53,877
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		18,512	17,210
Total funds	9	75,057	71,087

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

Trustees' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

The financial statements on pages 11 to 19 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 12/09/23 and signed on their behalf by:

Juliet Smith - Chairperson
Trustee

Julian Payne - Treasurer
Trustee

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash income/(expenditure)		3,970	(34,044)
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Investment income		(261)	(1,223)
		3,709	(35,267)
Working capital adjustments			
Increase in creditors	8	-	75
Net cash flows from operating activities		3,709	(35,192)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income		261	1,223
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		3,970	(33,969)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		74,560	108,529
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		78,530	74,560

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1 Charity status

The charity is a charity limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Income and endowments

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

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Gift aid

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Investment income

The investment income is entirely interest received on bank deposits.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	Designated £	General £	£	£	£
Donations and legacies;					
Donations from individuals	3,375	21,759	850	25,984	3,500
Grants, including capital grants;					
Grants from other charities	13,244	18,200	54,828	86,272	54,401
Other income from donations and legacies	-	-	-	-	254
	16,619	39,959	55,678	112,256	58,155

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		Designated £	General £	£	£	£
Staff costs	6	10,815	37,641	18,200	66,656	54,404
Allocated support costs		6,584	1,299	34,008	41,891	39,018
		17,399	38,940	52,208	108,547	93,422

5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

6 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	65,222	53,481
Pension costs	1,240	923
Other staff costs	194	-
	66,656	54,404

7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	3,473	3,473

9 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	(17,199)	(40,220)	38,940	(684)	(19,163)
Designated	(11)	(16,619)	17,399	(118)	651
Total unrestricted funds	(17,210)	(56,839)	56,339	(802)	(18,512)
Restricted funds	(53,877)	(55,678)	52,208	802	(56,545)
Total funds	(71,087)	(112,517)	108,547	-	(75,057)

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	(54,412)	(3,425)	32,085	8,553	(17,199)
Designated	(2,900)	(3,039)	10,714	(4,786)	(11)
Total unrestricted funds	(57,312)	(6,464)	42,799	3,767	(17,210)
Restricted funds	(47,819)	(52,914)	50,623	(3,767)	(53,877)
Total funds	(105,131)	(59,378)	93,422	-	(71,087)

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Current assets	78,530	78,530
Current liabilities	(3,473)	(3,473)
Total net assets	75,057	75,057

11 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 April 2022 £	Cash flow £	At 31 March 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	74,560	3,970	78,530
Net debt	74,560	3,970	78,530

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

England & Wales - Charity number 1114076

Accounts

Company registration number: 05694775
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HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

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HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Juliet Smith - Chairperson Julian Payne - Treasurer Jean Berkshire Annie Lennox Maureen Thompson (deceased 22 April 2021) Felix Barth Rebecca Abbott Julie Barton (resigned 18 February 2022) Simone Whiting
Secretary	Tracey Witham
Principal Office	Offices 1-3 Dexters Chambers 4a Park Road Wellingborough Northants NN8 4GX
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HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

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Our primary future objective is to ensure the financial stability of the core service, through a combination of fundraising efforts and grant applications

Home-Start's unique offer of friendship to families is recognised nationally and internationally as an effective means of family support. To Home-Start every family is special and we respond to each family's needs through a combination of home-visiting support, and social activities. We do this by recruiting and training volunteers, who are usually parents or carers themselves, to visit families with at least one child under the age of five at the time of referral to offer informal, friendly and confidential support.

Home-Start schemes are rooted in the communities they serve – managed locally but supported by a UK wide organisation (Home-Start UK) which offers direction, training, information, and guidance to schemes to ensure consistent and quality support for parents or carers and children wherever they are. All Home-Start schemes sign an agreement saying that they will comply with quality standards.

In addition to its Core activity, Home-Start Wellingborough & District organises a limited number of social activities for families including visits to local amenities, distribution of birthday and seasonal gifts donated by local people and businesses; and participation in community events whenever possible.

Through our network of volunteers, Home-Start aims to increase the confidence and independence of the family by:

- Offering support, friendship and practical assistance;
- Visiting families in their own homes in Wellingborough and the surrounding districts, where the dignity and identity of each adult and child can be respected and protected;
- Reassuring parents that difficulties in bringing up children are not unusual and encourage them to enjoy family life;
- Developing a relationship with the family: the approach is flexible to take account of different needs;
- Encouraging parents' strengths and emotional well-being for the ultimate benefit of their children;
- Encouraging families to widen their network of relationships by providing a weekly support/play group and to use effectively the support and services available within the Wellingborough community.
- Providing funding for specialist mental health support for parents and children.
- Promoting the education of the public in better standards of child care within the area of Wellingborough and its environs

In 2022/23 Home-Start Wellingborough & District will: -

- Support 40 families through home visiting
- Recruit, train and place 6 new volunteers to support families through home-visiting
- Retain at least 23 of its volunteers
- Strengthen the support we offer to families by trying to fund services that are not available to them by any other means.

Whilst recognising the uniqueness of the service that Home-Start provides, we are aware that it is necessary to consider any avenues for joint working in order to ensure that the families we serve have access to a holistic approach, that there is no duplication of services and that, administrative costs are minimised.

The scheme will continue to work closely with a range of local organisations and agencies – statutory, voluntary and community.

The scheme will continue to use all appropriate means to reach families who would benefit from the use of our service. The methods employed to facilitate this include:

- Through direct contact with referrers, for example health visitors, social workers, children's centres, Greatwell Homes, Schools and other local agency staff.
- Through publicity placed in community centres and other venues, the library, the local press and community magazines.
- Through information stands in local venues as appropriate and other similar venues.
- Through attendance at and / or providing information for events organised by other agencies.
- Through word of mouth.
- Through information produced in a variety of local community languages.

Current and continuing elements of our marketing strategy include:

- On-line and printed publications.
- A regularly updated website and Facebook page.

Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

To fund this work, we plan to follow a strategy that is based on raising core funding from a mix of grants from Major Trusts and income from individual regular donors. Direct project delivery costs will be met through grants from Trusts such as BBC Children In Need. This will be supplemented by local fund-raising and support from local trusts (e.g., Northamptonshire Community Foundation) to provide families with outings, essential items and counselling.

The strategic report was approved by the trustees of the charity on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

Juliet Smith - Chairperson
Trustee

Julian Payne - Treasurer
Trustee

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

The charity's aims are to increase the confidence and independance of the family by:

- offering support, friendship and practical assistance;
- visiting families in their own homes, where the dignity and identity of each adult and child can be respected and protected;
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- developing a relationship with the family in which time can be shared and understanding can be developed: the approach is flexible to take account of different needs;
- encouraging parents' strengths and emotional well-being for the ultimate benefit of their children;
- encouraging families to widen their network of relationships and to use effectively the support and services available within the community.

Public benefit

The trustees are aware of the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 regarding the reporting of the public benefit of the charity. The trustees recognise that, for the accounting period ended 31 March 2022, their report is required to include such a report. In setting the charity's objectives and planning activities, the trustees and management have given consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and believe that the charity meets the public benefit requirement.

Research indicates that many difficulties experienced by adults and older children can be avoided or minimalised if children receive appropriate parenting which meets the needs of the child in their early years. The children are more likely to reach their full potential and be more able to contribute to society, they are less likely to have mental health problems, be involved in disruptive or criminal behaviour and will make better parents themselves. In line with this research the trustees are aware of the government initiative "Every Child Matters" (2003) and it is used as one of our guiding principles.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Home-Start Wellingborough & District is based at Dexters Chambers Wellingborough, which is the company's registered office and principal address of the charity. Home-Start Wellingborough & District is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital. Its registered number is 05694775, having been incorporated on 1 February 2006. Home-Start Wellingborough & District has always maintained charitable status with a new charity number of 1114076 being issued on 8 May 2006, following incorporation.

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

Trustees' Report

Appointment of Trustees

The trustees named on the previous page have served on the Board. Appointment and re-appointment is decided on an annual basis via election at the Annual General Meeting. One third of the trustees retire at each AGM, but can stand for re-election. The terms of office are three years. A trustee can stand for three consecutive terms, after which they must stand down for one year, before applying for re-election.

The trustees want to express particular gratitude for Maureen Thompson's service both as a volunteer and trustee for many years. We also thank her family for the generous support following her death.

Organisation Structure and How Decisions are Made.

The Board when complete, consists of at least five and not more than twelve trustees. The Board meets at least five times a year with additional sub-committee meetings as required. The trustees review the management, income and expenditure and financial status of the charity and decide upon the allocation of funds.

Relationship Between Charity and Related Parties

Home-Start Wellingborough & District is a local, independently funded charity, with its own constitution and management committee. It is affiliated to Home-Start UK through signing up to The Home-Start Agreement to which it adheres in all areas of service provision. Compliance with the Agreement is formally reviewed on a tri-yearly basis.

Risk Management

The trustees agree policies to ensure effective governance and management of the scheme and to ensure the provision of quality support to local families. These include policies relating to areas such as financial management, reserve funds, Heath & Safety and Equality and Diversity. The trustees are aware of potential risk and steps are taken to mitigate these risks.

Achievements and Performance

For the previous two years the way we have been able to work has been governed by the Covid restrictions. This year we have gradually returned to the charities core work of home visiting. This has taken some time in order to take the health and safety needs of the volunteers in to account and to ensure that they felt comfortable to work in the home. Where families could not be visited, they have been supported in other ways.

We have continued to work with families from some of the most deprived areas of Wellingborough and district. Many of our families face extremely challenging circumstances in their daily living. These include mental illness, addiction and family conflict as well as debt and housing problems.

We have supported 48 families over the year which have included 122 children. In the past our families have consisted mainly those on full benefits. However, over the last few years this has changed and now 65% of the families we are involved with are low wage earners.

The Stay and Play group was restarted. This gave the parents an opportunity to develop social networking and to learn to engage and play with their children more appropriately. However, after consideration and taking the health and safety needs of the group in to account it has been decided that the focus of this group should change. It has now reformed with the focus of “Nursery Readiness”. This still gives the parents the same opportunities but meets the needs of a slightly older group of children.

For the trustees and staff this has been a very busy year. Although we are a charity in our own right, we are affiliated with the national body. Home-Start UK decided that it was time to review and update their agreement with us. This has led to us reviewing all our working practises and governance so that we could meet the requirements of the new agreement.

All working practises have been reviewed by the staff and in line with the guidance from the umbrella organisation. A few things needed updating and are now completed.

For the trustees it has given us an opportunity to review our own practise and all our governance documents so that they are fit for the 21st century. This has been a big piece of work. Several of the documents were out of date and required upgrading before we would be eligible to sign the new agreement with Home-Start UK. We have also reworked our strategy for the next three years. Any updated documents have either been signed off or will be in the next few weeks. We will be signing the updated agreement with Home-start UK as well as the branding agreement very shortly.

Reserves Policy Statement and Designated Fund

The trustees consider that, given the nature of the charity’s work, free reserves should be a minimum of 3 months revenue expenditure, but with the intention of maintaining a level of approximately 6 months. The rationale for this is to cover the overheads of the scheme, owing to the uncertainty in the timing and of grants from various funding agencies.

On 31st March free reserves stood at the equivalent of just over 8 months revenue expenditure, based on projected 2022-23 expenditure.

Financial Review

The overall fundraising strategy means that the scheme has sufficient funding for the immediate future and to meet its reserves policy. This has been achieved through securing a mixture of grants from charitable trusts and foundations, supports from local organisations and individuals and through both one-off and regular donations.

During the year a number of grant applications have been unsuccessful due to changes with funder's criteria. The downturn in the economy and Covid have also affected the funding options open to us. It was, therefore, decided that we would focus on securing smaller amounts of funding from more sources, and this has proved successful. This also means that we have more flexibility in allocating the funds because they are not tied to a donor's term.

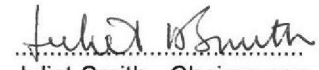
Analysis of Funds

Due to the Covid restrictions on funding, the Charity was funded to do work in a different way. The funding came from various organisations including The Northamptonshire Community Foundation, The Borough Council of Wellingborough and The National Lottery.

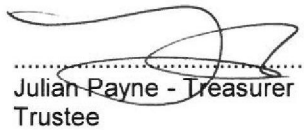
HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

Trustees' Report

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on ..... and signed on its behalf by:



Juliet Smith - Chairperson
Trustee



Julian Payne - Treasurer
Trustee

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Approved by the trustees of the charity on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

Juliet Smith - Chairperson
Trustee

Julian Payne - Treasurer
Trustee

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022 which are set out on pages 11 to 19 .

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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.
Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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.

.....
David Turner, AIMS Accountancy

32 Caxton House
Northampton Science Park
Kings Park Road, Moulton Park
Northampton
NN3 6LG

Date:.....

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	5,241	52,914	58,155
Investment income		1,223	-	1,223
Total Income		6,464	52,914	59,378
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	(42,799)	(50,623)	(93,422)
Total Expenditure		(42,799)	(50,623)	(93,422)
Net (expenditure)/income		(36,335)	2,291	(34,044)
Transfers between funds		(3,767)	3,767	-
Net movement in funds		(40,102)	6,058	(34,044)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		57,312	47,819	105,131
Total funds carried forward	9	17,210	53,877	71,087

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	55,258	73,991	129,249
Investment income		840	-	840
Total Income		56,098	73,991	130,089
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	(34,345)	(62,020)	(96,365)
Total Expenditure		(34,345)	(62,020)	(96,365)
Net income		21,753	11,971	33,724
Transfers between funds		(15,591)	15,591	-
Net movement in funds		6,162	27,562	33,724
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		51,150	20,257	71,407
Total funds carried forward	9	57,312	47,819	105,131

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2021 is shown in note 9.

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

(Registration number: 05694775)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		74,560	108,529
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(3,473)	(3,398)
Net assets		71,087	105,131
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		53,877	47,819
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		17,210	57,312
Total funds	9	71,087	105,131

For the financial year ending 31 March 2022 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

The financial statements on pages 11 to 19 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on ..... and signed on their behalf by:

Juliet Smith - Chairperson
Trustee

Julian Payne - Treasurer
Trustee

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash (expenditure)/income		(34,044)	33,724
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Investment income		(1,223)	(840)
		(35,267)	32,884
Working capital adjustments			
Increase in creditors	8	75	-
Net cash flows from operating activities		(35,192)	32,884
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income		1,223	840
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(33,969)	33,724
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		108,529	74,805
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		74,560	108,529

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

1 Charity status

The charity is a charity limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation
HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Income and endowments
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Gift aid

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Investment income

The investment income is entirely interest received on bank deposits.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds				
	Designated £	General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Donations and legacies;					
Donations from individuals	2,969	18	513	3,500	15,672
Grants, including capital grants;					
Government grants	-	-	-	-	10,000
Grants from other charities	-	2,000	52,401	54,401	103,577
Other income from donations and legacies	70	184	-	254	-
	3,039	2,202	52,914	58,155	129,249

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds: Designated £	Unrestricted funds: General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Staff costs	6	7,204	23,800	23,400	54,404	50,313
Allocated support costs		3,510	8,285	27,223	39,018	46,052
		10,714	32,085	50,623	93,422	96,365

5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

6 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	53,481	49,297
Pension costs	923	970
Other staff costs	-	46
	54,404	50,313

7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Accruals	3,473	3,398

9 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	(54,412)	(3,425)	32,085	8,553	(17,199)
Designated	(2,900)	(3,039)	10,714	(4,786)	(11)
Total unrestricted funds	(57,312)	(6,464)	42,799	3,767	(17,210)
Restricted funds	(47,819)	(52,914)	50,623	(3,767)	(53,877)
Total funds	(105,131)	(59,378)	93,422	-	(71,087)

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	(57,574)	(33,853)	23,627	13,388	(54,412)
Designated	6,424	(22,245)	10,718	2,203	(2,900)
Total unrestricted funds	(51,150)	(56,098)	34,345	15,591	(57,312)
Restricted funds	(20,257)	(73,991)	62,020	(15,591)	(47,819)
Total funds	(71,407)	(130,089)	96,365	-	(105,131)

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Current assets	74,560	74,560
Current liabilities	(3,473)	(3,473)
Total net assets	71,087	71,087

11 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 April 2021 £	Cash flow £	At 31 March 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	108,529	(33,969)	74,560
Net debt	108,529	(33,969)	74,560

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

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Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

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HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Juliet Smith - Chairperson Julian Payne - Treasurer Jean Berkshire Annie Lennox Maureen Thompson (resigned 22 April 2021) Felix Barth Rebecca Abbott (appointed 23 August 2020) Julie Barton (appointed 4 May 2020) Simone Whiting (appointed 16 March 2021)
Secretary	Tracey Witham
Principal Office	Offices 1-3 Dexters Chambers 4a Park Road Wellingborough Northants NN8 4GX
Registered Office	Offices 1-3 Dexters Chambers 4a Park Road Wellingborough Northants NN8 4GX The charity is incorporated in England.
Company Registration Number	05694775
Charity Registration Number	1114076
Independent Examiner	David Turner, AIMS Accountancy 32 Caxton House Northampton Science Park Kings Park Road, Moulton Park Northampton NN3 6LG

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present their strategic report for the year ended 31 March 2021, in compliance with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

The strategic report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 27 September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Juliet Smith - Chairperson
Trustee

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Julian Payne - Treasurer
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HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

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- encouraging families to widen their network of relationships and to use effectively the support and services available within the community.

Public benefit

The trustees are aware of the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 regarding the reporting of the public benefit of the charity. The trustees recognise that, for the accounting period ended 31 March 2021, their report is required to include such a report. In setting the charity's objectives and planning activities, the trustees and management have given consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and believe that the charity meets the public benefit requirement.

Research indicates that many difficulties experienced by adults and older children can be avoided or minimalised if children receive appropriate parenting which meets the needs of the child in their early years. The children are more likely to reach their full potential and be more able to contribute to society, they are less likely to have mental health problems, be involved in disruptive or criminal behaviour and will make better parents themselves. In line with this research the trustees are aware of the government initiative "Every Child Matters" (2003) and it is used as one of our guiding principles.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document

Home-Start Wellingborough & District is based at Dexters Chambers Wellingborough, which is the company's registered office and principal address of the charity. Home-Start Wellingborough & District is a company limited by guarantee not having a share capital. Its registered number is 05694775, having been incorporated on 1 February 2006. Home-Start Wellingborough & District has always maintained charitable status with a new charity number of 1114076 being issued on 8 May 2006, following incorporation.

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Trustees' Report

Appointment of Trustees

The trustees named on the previous page have served on the Board. Appointment and re-appointment is decided on an annual basis via election at the Annual General Meeting. One third of the trustees retire at each AGM, but can stand for re-election. The terms of office are three years. A trustee can stand for three consecutive terms, after which they must stand down for one year, before applying for re-election.

The trustees want to express particular gratitude for Maureen Thompson's service both as a volunteer and trustee for many years. We also thank her family for the generous support following her death.

Organisation Structure and How Decisions are Made.

The Board when complete, consists of at least five and not more than twelve trustees. The Board meets at least five times a year with additional sub-committee meetings as required. The trustees review the management, income and expenditure and financial status of the charity and decide upon the allocation of funds.

Relationship Between Charity and Related Parties

Home-Start Wellingborough & District is a local, independently funded charity, with its own constitution and management committee. It is affiliated to Home-Start UK through signing up to The Home-Start Agreement to which it adheres in all areas of service provision. Compliance with the Agreement is formally reviewed on a tri-yearly basis.

Risk Management

The trustees agree policies to ensure effective governance and management of the scheme and to ensure the provision of quality support to local families. These include policies relating to areas such as financial management, reserve funds, Heath & Safety and Equality and Diversity. The trustees are aware of potential risk and steps are taken to mitigate these risks.

Achievements and Performance

The trustees consider that the performance of the charity this year has been excellent, particularly in view that it has met the needs of the families in spite of the legal restrictions placed on the staff and volunteers due to Covid19. The work has been carried out mainly virtually, with doorstep visits and open-air activities. This has required much innovation, as well as extra services, so that families work towards remaining on an even keel during lockdown.

Reserves Policy Statement and Designated Fund

The trustees consider that, given the nature of the charity's work, free reserves should be a minimum of 3 months revenue expenditure, but with the intention of maintaining a level of approximately 6 months. The rationale for this is to cover the overheads of the scheme, owing to the uncertainty in the timing and of grants from various funding agencies.

On 31st March free reserves stood at the equivalent of just over 8 months revenue expenditure, based on projected 2021-22 expenditure.

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Trustees' Report

Financial Review

The overall fundraising strategy means that the scheme has sufficient funding for the immediate future and to meet its reserves policy. This has been achieved through securing a mixture of grants from charitable trusts and foundations, supports from local organisations and individuals and through both one-off and regular donations.

During the year a number of grant applications have been unsuccessful due to changes with funder's criteria. The downturn in the economy and Covid have also affected the funding options open to us. It was, therefore, decided that we would focus on securing smaller amounts of funding from more sources, and this has proved successful. This also means that we have more flexibility in allocating the funds because they are not tied to a donor's term.

Analysis of Funds

Due to the Covid restrictions on funding, the Charity was funded to do work in a different way. The funding came from various organisations including The Northamptonshire Community Foundation, The Borough Council of Wellingborough and The National Lottery.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 27 September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

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Juliet Smith - Chairperson
Trustee

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Julian Payne - Treasurer
Trustee

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

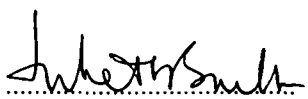
The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

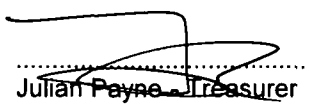
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 27 September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Juliet Smith - Chairperson
Trustee



Julian Payne - Treasurer
Trustee

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 8 to 16 .

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The 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.
Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, 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.

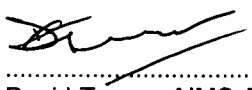
Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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.



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27 September 2021

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	56,098	73,991	130,089
Total Income		56,098	73,991	130,089
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	(34,345)	(62,020)	(96,365)
Total Expenditure		(34,345)	(62,020)	(96,365)
Net income		21,753	11,971	33,724
Transfers between funds		(15,591)	15,591	-
Net movement in funds		6,162	27,562	33,724
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		51,150	20,257	71,407
Total funds carried forward	9	57,312	47,819	105,131

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	2,840	40,568	43,408
Investment income		701	-	701
Total Income		3,541	40,568	44,109
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	4	(3,129)	(68,491)	(71,620)
Total Expenditure		(3,129)	(68,491)	(71,620)
Net income/(expenditure)		412	(27,923)	(27,511)
Transfers between funds		2,358	(2,358)	-
Net movement in funds		2,770	(30,281)	(27,511)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		48,380	50,538	98,918
Total funds carried forward	9	51,150	20,257	71,407

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2020 is shown in note 9.

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

(Registration number: 05694775)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		108,529	74,805
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(3,398)	(3,398)
Net assets		105,131	71,407
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted funds		47,819	20,257
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		57,312	51,150
Total funds	9	105,131	71,407

For the financial year ending 31 March 2021 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

The financial statements on pages 8 to 16 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 27 September 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Juliet Smith - Chairperson
Trustee

Julian Payne - Treasurer
Trustee

HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT

Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash income/(expenditure)		33,724	(27,511)
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Investment income		-	(701)
Net cash flows from operating activities		33,724	(28,212)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income		-	701
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		33,724	(27,511)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		74,805	102,316
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		108,529	74,805

All of the cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

1 Charity status

The charity is a charity limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates
The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation
HOME-START WELLINGBOROUGH & DISTRICT meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern
The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Income and endowments
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Gift aid

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the Statement of Financial Activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Investment income

The investment income is entirely interest received on bank deposits.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds				
	Designated £	General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Donations and legacies;					
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	-	-	-	-	41,133
Donations from individuals	5,672	10,000	-	15,672	2,275
Grants, including capital grants;					
Government grants	-	10,000	-	10,000	-
Grants from other charities	16,573	13,013	73,991	103,577	-
Other income from donations and legacies	-	840	-	840	-
	22,245	33,853	73,991	130,089	43,408

4 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds: Designated £	Unrestricted funds: General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Staff costs	6	5,746	8,417	36,150	50,313	44,771
Allocated support costs		4,972	15,210	25,870	46,052	26,849
		10,718	23,627	62,020	96,365	71,620

	Activity undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activity £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Employment costs	14,163	36,150	50,313	44,771
Establishment costs	4,511	7,919	12,430	11,833
Repairs and maintenance	4,111	2,063	6,174	953
Office expenses	920	2,567	3,487	2,364
Printing, postage and stationery	176	448	624	501
Subscriptions and donations	666	360	1,026	1,351
Sundry and other costs	87	67	154	234
Travel and subsistence	8,636	12,247	20,883	6,721
Advertising and promotion	-	-	-	1,213
Entertainment	49	7	56	455
Accountancy fees	1,026	192	1,218	1,224
	34,345	62,020	96,365	71,620

5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

6 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	49,297	42,278
Pension costs	970	2,313
Other staff costs	46	180
	50,313	44,771

7 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	3,398	3,398

9 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	(57,574)	(33,853)	23,627	13,388	(54,412)
Designated	6,424	(22,245)	10,718	2,203	(2,900)
Total unrestricted funds	(51,150)	(56,098)	34,345	15,591	(57,312)
Restricted funds	(20,257)	(73,991)	62,020	(15,591)	(47,819)
Total funds	(71,407)	(130,089)	96,365	-	(105,131)

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
Unrestricted funds					
General	(58,471)	(706)	1,603	-	(57,574)
Designated	10,091	(2,835)	1,526	(2,358)	6,424
Total unrestricted funds	(48,380)	(3,541)	3,129	(2,358)	(51,150)
Restricted funds	(50,538)	(40,568)	68,491	2,358	(20,257)
Total funds	(98,918)	(44,109)	71,620	-	(71,407)

10 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Current assets	108,529	108,529
Current liabilities	(3,398)	(3,398)
Total net assets	105,131	105,131

11 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 April 2020 £	Cash flow £	At 31 March 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	74,805	33,724	108,529
Net debt	74,805	33,724	108,529