

Home Start Warrington and Cheshire

England & Wales · Charity number 1116515

Details

Other names	HOME-START WARRINGTON
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	05563277
Registered	2006-10-26
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	The Old School Fairfield Street Warrington WA1 3AJ
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Website	www.homestart-warrington.org.uk

Activities

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

Activities: Home-Start Warrington supports families with at least one child under the age of five in the whole of the Warrington area. We recruit and train volunteers, who are parents themselves, to help the family in their own home.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WARRINGTON AND ITS ENVIRONS
- Warrington

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£448,340	£310,408	-	-
2024-03-31	£286,403	£310,408	-	-
2023-03-31	£239,043	£275,504	-	-
2022-03-31	£178,000	£190,000	-	-
2021-03-31	£161,840	£156,740	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Cleminson	Chair	2023-11-27
Anne Bramhall		2014-11-24
Anne Fox		2013-11-12
GWEN LIGHTFOOT		
James Billington		2021-11-22
Mark Bell		2020-10-12
Matthew Carey		2023-11-27

Accounts



Home-Start Warrington and Cheshire

Annual Report 2024–2025

(Trustees' Report and Financial Statements)

Prepared by: Ellie Harrison – Chief Executive Officer

Approved by: Anne Cleminson – Chair of Trustees

Date: December 2025

Registered Address: Dallam Court, Dallam Lane WA2 7LT

Home-Start Warrington and Cheshire

Trustees' report

Name	Position	Dates
Anne Cleminson	Chair	Elected 27 th November 2023
Gwen Lightfoot	Vice -Chair	Elected 27 th November 2023
Anne Fox	Trustee	Re-elected 27 th November 2022
Anne Bramhall	Trustee	Re-Elected 27 th November 2023
Mark Bell	Trustee	Re-Elected 27 th November 2023
Jim Billington	Trustee	Re-Elected 22 nd November 2024
Andy Clare	Trustee	Elected 28 th November 2022
Matthew Carey	Trustee/Treasurer	Elected 27 th November 2023
David McNicholl	Trustee	Elected 27 th November 2023

Company Secretary

Louise Moran

Principal Staff

Ellie Harrison – CEO

Louise Moran– Volunteer Coordinator and Company Secretary

Lucy Glover – Business Development Manager

Rachel Richards – Outreach Worker

Leanne Smith – Funding and Finance Administrator/ Babyzone Ops Officer – left April 2025

Eva Ross – Family Support Coordinator

Carragh Garrity – Senior Coordinator/ Head of Babyzone- Resigned December 2024

Amanda Wood- Family Activities Coordinator

Alexis Draper-Interim Senior Family Support Coordinator – new role since January 2025

Elizabeth Kemp – Family Support Coordinator/ Head of Babyzone

Tom Byrne – Dad Matters Co-ordinator started October 2024

Nathan Fernyhough – Dad Matters Co-Ordinator started October 2024

Method of appointment

Trustees are elected by the members at the AGM

Registered address

The Old School, Fairfield Street, Warrington, WA1 3AJ

Bankers

Co-operative Bank plc	Nationwide	Yorkshire Bank
1 Balloon Street	Kings Park Road	30 St Vincent Place
Manchester	Moulton Park	Glasgow
M60 4EP	Northampton	G1 2HL
NN3 6NW		

Independent examiner

The Trustees of Home Start Warrington, who are also the Directors of the organisation, present their report and audited financial statement for the year ending 31st March 2024

Chairs Statement

Relationship to Home Start UK

Local Home Start Schemes for belong to a federation of Home Starts overseen by Home Start UK.

A requirement of a federated Home Start is to agree to signing up to the following documents

Home-Start Agreement: the legal agreement to be signed by the Chairperson of each local Home-Start and Home-Start UK, establishing requirements and responsibilities for each party and confirming the membership of the individual Home-Start.

Home-Start Brand Licence: the legal requirements on the use and protection of our brand, assets and intellectual property.

Home-Start Handbook: a guide to responsibilities, standards and practice and the detail of mandatory requirements

Problem Solving and Dispute Resolution: the procedure for addressing and resolving problems and disputes.

Policies

We have a variety of policies covering many aspects of the organisations operations and functions. These are reviewed in accordance with Home-Start UK guidelines, by the relevant Committee or the Board of Trustees itself (see Terms of Reference).

As a condition of affiliation to Home Start UK, we must adopt the following mandatory documents and policies: Safeguarding Code of Conduct, Safeguarding Checklist, , Equity, Equality Diversity and Inclusion Policy, Safeguarding and Protecting Children policy, GDPR/ Data Protection and Confidentiality Policy, Looking after Children in the Absence of Parents Policy, Safeguarding and Protecting Adults Policy, Conflict of Interest Policy, Safer Recruitment and Selection of Staff and Volunteers Policy, Staff Supervision and Appraisal Policy, Volunteer Policy, Compliments, Concerns and Complaints Policy, Whistleblowing Policy, Digital/ Social Media Policy, Finance Checklist, Health and Safety Checklist. Home Start UK also recommend several "essential" polices and we have adopted several of these optional polices that meet the needs of the Scheme and help in the management of key risk areas e.g. Financial Management Policy, Ethical Fundraising Policy

Quality Assurance

The quality of the schemes practice is assured by the Home Start UK Quality Management System which involves a compulsory framework of self-assessment running throughout the year requiring the scheme to assess itself against a set of given standards. The outcomes of these audits are then considered firstly by the Board of Trustees, then by the Quality Assurance Team at Home Start UK who determine if there is sufficient assurance of compliance with the defined standard or if a full scheme review (undertaken by a Home Start UK QA assessor) is required.

In 2024/2025 we provided evidence of compliance with quality standards in the areas of Protecting Families, Governance and Leadership and Family Support and were awarded Quality Assurance Certificates by Home Start UK for each of these areas (this cycle of self-assessment will continue in accordance with the timetable defined by Home Start UK).

Chairs Statement

For me, two words capture the year of 2024-2025 for Home Start Warrington and Cheshire: growth and impact. Not only have we experienced an amazing year of growth financially, but more importantly we have translated this into increasing numbers of families being supported in increasingly diverse ways.

April 2024 saw the launch of Babyzone Warrington (the first outside of London). This partnership, organised and delivered by our experienced family support staff means that over 900 local families have had access to a weekly "one stop shop" of help, support, advice and friendship. Alongside health care, social care and support group providers our staff reach out to families who can benefit from Home Start support, allowing the development of longer term relationships that are unique to our offer of support.

In October 2024 we doubled the size of our Dad Matters team, expanding into Halton through Family Hub funding. As a result, over 800 families have received support from our Dad Matters Co-Ordinators be that through outreach, group sessions or one to one support. Now a fundamental part of the Home Start offer, I can see Dad Matters continuing to grow and thrive, just like the families they support.

In December 2024 we were awarded a grant from the Cheshire Community Foundation in partnership with Cheshire West Local Authority to lead a collaborative, innovative project – “Thriving Families” delivering therapeutic interventions to families. The award of this grant is not only an indication of the trust in our organisation to deliver high quality family support, but also recognition of the capability and value of charitable organisations delivering what would be traditionally ‘commissioned’ services – an amazing achievement and one which we will learn from and continue to develop.

Alongside these exciting new developments, we continued to deliver support to local families through home visiting and group work to the highest standard. Our amazing volunteers, supported by our talented staff have worked tirelessly over the year to ensure that “childhood doesn’t wait” for any Home Start family. I cannot thank you all enough for everything you do, in the way you do it – tirelessly, selflessly and with such care and dedication.

We celebrated the difference our volunteers and Trustees make at an awards evening in March 2025 recognising their secret superpower in changing lives and the outcomes for children in our communities.

“I don’t really do anything” was a sentence I often heard from volunteers at the event. Feedback from families tell us a very different story with statements such as: “Thank you so much for being the family I needed, in a really tough time of my life. I know for sure I wouldn’t be the mum or woman I am today without you. You gave me a voice that I didn’t have. And confidence to feel like I am enough” showing the incredible impact they make at every level.

Fundamentally, all of this can only be achieved through funding. In a world where this is becoming ever more competitive I think we are succeeding in achieving the necessary financial support because of meaningful partnerships with funders who recognise the demonstrable difference we make to families. Thank you for your continued support. We promise to keep up the hard work!

Finally, to all our families, thank you for engaging and giving your children the best start. Each step you take with us ensures they are happy, healthy and growing in independence in order to be school ready, life ready, world ready. Alongside us, I know you will keep up the hard work too.

Anne Cleminson

Chair

Home Start Warrington and Cheshire

Recruitment and appointment of the Trustees

The management of the charity is supervised by the Trustees who report to the charity at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees are proposed and elected by members of the charity on a three-yearly rolling programme at the Annual General Meeting.

On election trustees are required to sign the Trustee Declaration of Willingness to Act as a Trustee as well as the Home Start UK Code of Conduct, the Home Start Warrington and Cheshire Code of Conduct for Trustees and

mandatory policies including Safeguarding Children, Confidentiality, Data Protection, Equality & Fairness and Diversity policy.

The Trustees have skills in a variety of fields including governance, business, finance, safeguarding and education. All Trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity.

Trustee induction and training

Prospective trustees complete an expression of interest and then meet with trustees for an informal discussion. If after this process they want to proceed, following receipt of references and DBS they are then invited to observe a Board meeting. If they want to continue, they will then be invited to be elected at the AGM. After election, they will be given an induction covering

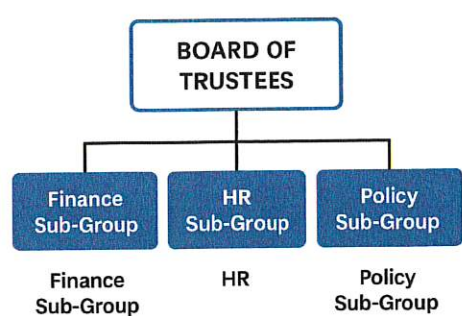
- Duties of committee members including presentation of the relevant Charity Commission guidance regarding the duties of trustees.
- Explanation and presentation of the governing instrument.
- Presentation of current and projected financial position.
- Explanation of all significant projects within the charity.
- Presentation of the activities of the charity and how it is organised, structured, and staffed.
- Details of Home Start UK Trustee Induction training
- Mandatory training
- Refresher training
- Ongoing Updating and Skills development training available

Organisational Structure

The Board of Trustees meet every eight weeks at the Charity Offices. The Board is responsible for setting strategic direction, financial governance and holding management to account. e Board of Trustees has identified lead Trustees roles for those areas which are a statutory requirement or which are considered a specific priority of the charity and include Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Data Protection and a Treasurer.

The CEO manages the day-to-day running of the charity and implements the strategy and policies of the charity. The work of the charity is delivered through a team of volunteers supported by staff members, or directly by staff with volunteers in support roles.

For the year 2023/24 the Board of Trustees established the following governance arrangements:



Committees and Groups of the Boards meet every 8 weeks, are chaired by Trustees and have Terms of Reference approved by the Board. Membership set in the terms of reference varies depending on the role of the Committee. The Board of Trustees delegates authority to the Committee to:

- a) Make recommendations to the Board of Trustees;
- b) Develop and Ratify policies in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation;
- c) Monitor and hold to account;
- d) Identify and escalate to the Board of Trustees key issues and risks including those related to delivery of the Business Plan.

The Board of Trustees also delegates decisions that are not of a significant nature. In practice, what is significant will depend upon the judgement of members, but the Committee must refer the following types of issues to the Board of Trustees: Any issues which –

- i) Change or conflict with the Charity's Vision/ Strategy/ Aims.
- ii) Contravene HSWC Policy, HSUK Policy, Government Policy.
- iii) Have significant revenue implications beyond the existing budget;
- iv) Are likely to arouse significant public or media interest.

Risk Assessment and Internal Controls

The Board and its Committees receive regular assurance reports related to the delivery of its services, its staff, the organisational strategy and business plan and financial performance. The Board and its Committees also monitor compliance with policies and procedures which are key mechanisms for internal control.

The Board develops an annual Business Plan based on an assessment of the major strategic business and operational risks that the charity faces for the year e.g. changes to funding streams, changes by local government, legislative changes, external and internal issues relating to child protection, health and safety etc. The Business Plan outlines the development of the necessary systems, processes and internal controls for the coming year that will contribute to the management of the identified risks. Progress with delivery of the plan is monitored at each Board meeting.

The organisation regularly conducts comprehensive risk assessments to identify and manage potential threats that could impact its operations, reputation, and ability to meet its objectives. Risks are reviewed by the board and senior leadership team, with a focus on financial sustainability, safeguarding, compliance with regulatory requirements, and external factors such as economic or policy changes. A risk register is maintained and updated regularly to ensure that emerging risks are addressed in a timely and proportionate manner, with mitigation strategies in place to reduce their likelihood or impact.

The charity has implemented a robust system of internal controls designed to safeguard assets, ensure financial accuracy, and promote accountability at all levels. Key controls include segregation of duties, regular financial reporting, budget monitoring, and independent audits. Policies and procedures are reviewed regularly to maintain compliance with best practices and regulatory standards. These internal controls are critical in supporting the integrity of the charity's operations and maintaining the confidence of our funders, our partners and all stakeholders.

The Treasurer supported by the Business Development Manager provides a Funding Profile to the Board of Trustees at each meeting, which highlights the sources, value, and time restrictions on current funding streams.

Internal audits are undertaken on various aspect of the organisation and its services to ensure compliance with Home Start UK's Quality Assurance and other legal requirements.

Achievements and Performance

Ellie Harrison – Chief Executive Officer

2024–25 was another year of growth and development for Home Start Warrington and Cheshire (HSWC). We continued to build on our foundation of relational support, delivered through our dedicated volunteers and staff. Many families still benefit from weekly visits by home-visiting volunteers or Outreach Workers, helping them build confidence and re-engage with their communities. Increasingly, families are also choosing to attend group sessions to connect with others and form new friendships.

Our services remained active in Warrington, Northwich, and Winsford, and in October we proudly expanded into Halton, where we launched the Dad Matters project with support from Family Hub funding. We are deeply grateful to all our funders for enabling us to continue making a meaningful difference in the lives of families.

"Honestly, my time with Home Start truly turned things around for me. It felt like a lifeline when I was really struggling to make sense of things myself. What stood out was how welcoming and understanding everyone was, creating a space where I felt completely accepted."

We celebrated our volunteers at the Volunteer Awards Night in Warrington in March. Their warmth, empathy, and dedication are the backbone of our work. As one family shared:

"The visits from my volunteer have been a lifeline. I've felt so lonely after moving to the area with two young children. It affected my mental health. The visits give me someone to talk to face-to-face. She helps out so I can take my children to the park and actually enjoy it without the usual anxiety."

In December, we were thrilled to secure two major grants that will support our work for the next 3–4 years:

- A Reaching Communities grant from the National Lottery to fund our work across all three Local Authorities, supporting families both at home and in the community.
- A grant from Cheshire Community Foundation for the Thriving Families project, part-funded by Cheshire West Local Authority. This pilot supports children and young people aged 0–19 (up to 25 with SEND). HSWC is the lead organisation, working in collaboration with Her Place and HealthBox to deliver therapeutic interventions. This innovative partnership offers families a more consistent and streamlined service from three trusted local providers.

We also continued to deliver Babyzone in partnership with Warrington Youth Zone every Thursday during term time. Since its launch in April 2024, over 900 families have attended, with 130–140 families participating weekly. Families benefit from HSWC support and regular drop-ins from Health Visitors, Family Nurse Partnership, Early Help, and other local services.

"Homestart/Babyzone is just a home away from home. The staff—Eva, Amanda, and the rest—are so loving and genuinely care about your well-being. I just love coming around. It relaxes my mind. My baby doesn't want to leave—it's just too exclusive and exciting."

Our Dad Matters support has grown significantly. We now have two full-time coordinators supporting dads across all three Local Authorities. In 2024–25, they engaged with over 800 parents through outreach at maternity clinics in Warrington, Halton, and Leighton, as well as through one-to-one visits, monthly stay-and-play sessions, and Walk and Talks.

"Having that person to listen and guide me to stay on the right path—definitely worth it. If Dad Matters was around years ago, I'd have 100% jumped on it."

Families Referred into the Service in the Year

Between April 2024 and March 2025:

- 208 direct referrals were received
- 330 families received one-to-one or group support, impacting 529 children
- An additional 1,028 families were supported through outreach at Living Well Hubs and maternity units in Warrington, Halton, and Leighton
- 900 families engaged through Babyzone sessions

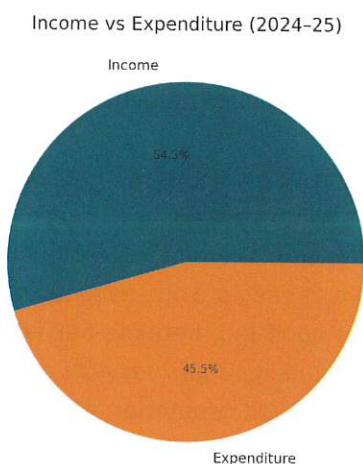
Contribution of the Volunteers

Our volunteers are the heart of HSWC. They receive high-quality training developed by Home-Start UK and tailored to local needs. Training is delivered twice a year over four weeks, combining online modules with face-to-face sessions.

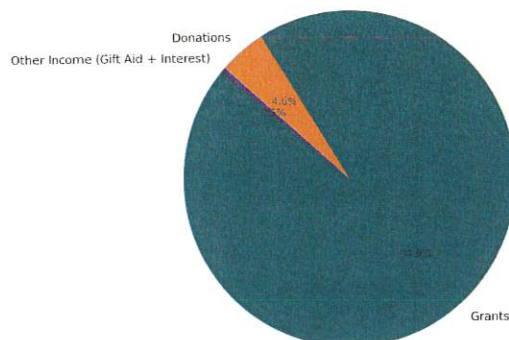
Volunteers support families through home visits, group settings, and additional roles such as minibus drivers or chaperones. In January, we launched our Volunteer Strategy, reaffirming our commitment to recruiting and training volunteers to the highest standards.

Once trained, volunteers are invited to quarterly reflective sessions to share experiences and receive peer support in a safe, confidential space. They also attend our annual Volunteer Awards Evening and are encouraged to provide feedback throughout the year to help shape our services.

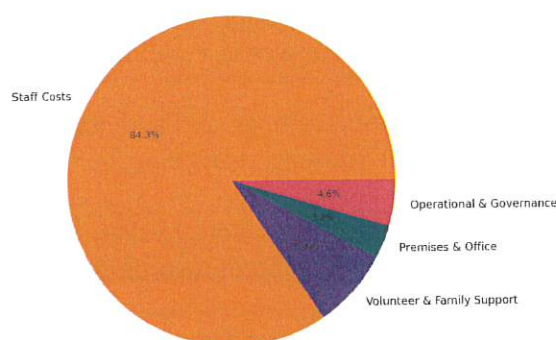
All volunteers complete annual safeguarding training and have access to additional modules on topics such as safer sleep, healthy eating, and perinatal and parent-infant mental health. This ongoing development has helped many volunteers transition into paid roles supporting children and families.



Income Breakdown 2024-25



Expenditure Breakdown (Grouped Categories, 2024-25)



2024 2025 targets

There is a revised business plan for 2024- 25

1. Values: HSWC have a strong set of positive values that strongly influence the way we work together and how we deliver our services.
2. Growth and Diversity: we recognise the value of the services we deliver and want to do more through the development of new services across a wider geographical area.
3. Maintaining our services: although we see the value of expanding our offer to families, we know we must maintain the quality of the services we already provide as they are essential to our existing families.
4. Quality Assurance: We know we do a good job, because our families tell us, and want to develop systems that enable us to routinely monitor the quality of our services as well as all other aspects of our organisation.
5. Increasing brand awareness: we have a good reputation for delivering quality services and aim to ensure that more potential partners know what we do and why we do it i.e. we need to also promote the needs of families as a driver for change.
6. Sustainability, Finance : we currently have a stable financial basis and recognise the need to diversify our fundraising efforts and work with a greater range of partners to ensure our longer-term sustainability.
7. Sustainability, Volunteers: we recognise the difficulty in recruiting and retaining Volunteers and the need to adapt our approach to make HSWC a first choice organisation for volunteers.
8. Staff: we understand the importance of meaningful policies that are consistently applied for all staff members.
9. Skills: we have an abundance of skills across our staff, volunteers and trustees. We need to maintain these skills whilst develop new skills to continue to be relevant in the ever changing context of our organisation.

10. Partnerships: we have a number of important partnerships that enable us to deliver our services in key areas of need, and know there are many more connections we could make that enable us to expand our services to even more areas of need.
11. Physical space: we understand the impact the physical environment in which we work has on our ability to function to the best of our abilities.
12. Governance: we know that effective governance is essential in ensuring the delivery of our strategy. We want our governance arrangements to drive quality through all aspects of our work.
13. Use of technology: we recognise that technology can provide us with more opportunities for growth and organisational efficiency and consider technology as a key principle in organisational development.
14. Communication: we know the difference that good communication makes to how we function as an organisation and the services we deliver to our families. We consider the importance of communication in everything we do.

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial accounts for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its income, and expenditure for that period. In preparing those financial accounts, the directors are required to:

Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue as a going concern; state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

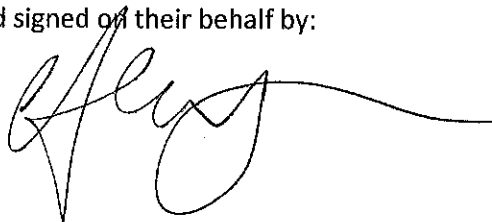
The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on

25/11/25

Anne Cleminson
Chair

and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Cleminson', written over a horizontal line.

Company registration number: 05563277

Charity registration number: 1116515

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Burton Beavan Limited
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Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

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Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Reference and Administrative Details

Chairperson

Anne Cleminson

Secretary

Louise Julia Moran

Vice Chairperson

Gwen Lightfoot

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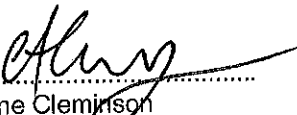
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Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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.

The strategic report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 02/12/25 and signed on its behalf by:


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Anne Cleminson
Chairman and trustee

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Trustees' Report

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

Objectives and activities

Public benefit

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

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:

James Billington

Anne Fox

Mark Bell

Matthew Carey

David Colm McNicholl

Andrew Clare

Anne Bramhall

Anne Cleminson

Chairperson:

Anne Cleminson

Secretary:

Louise Julia Moran

Vice Chairperson:

Gwen Lightfoot

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Trustees' Report

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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 the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 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.

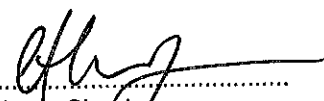
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 02/12/25 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Anne Clernin
Chairman and trustee

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the original financial statements were authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report and the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of trustees' responsibilities (set out on page 4), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Burton Beavan Limited
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10th November 2025

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

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	21,645	424,602	446,247
Investment income	4	2,093	-	2,093
Total income		23,738	424,602	448,340
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(106,315)	(267,850)	(374,165)
Total expenditure		(106,315)	(267,850)	(374,165)
Net (expenditure)/income		(82,577)	156,752	74,175
Transfers between funds		80,000	(80,000)	-
Net movement in funds		(2,577)	76,752	74,175
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		4,151	80,548	84,699
Total funds carried forward	8	1,574	157,300	158,874
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	11,473	273,576	285,049
Investment income	4	1,354	-	1,354
Total income		12,827	273,576	286,403
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(77,786)	(232,622)	(310,408)
Total expenditure		(77,786)	(232,622)	(310,408)
Net (expenditure)/income		(64,959)	40,954	(24,005)
Transfers between funds		20,000	(20,000)	-
Net movement in funds		(44,959)	20,954	(24,005)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		49,110	59,594	108,704
Total funds carried forward	8	4,151	80,548	84,699

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

(Registration number: 05563277)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		158,874	84,699
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	8	157,300	80,548
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		1,574	4,151
Total funds	8	158,874	84,699

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.

Directors' 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.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 17 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 09/12/25 and signed on their behalf by:


Anne Cleminson
Chairman and trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash income/(expenditure)		74,175	(24,005)
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Investment income	4	(2,093)	(1,354)
Net cash flows from operating activities		72,082	(25,359)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income	4	2,093	1,354
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		74,175	(24,005)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		84,699	108,704
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		158,874	84,699

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

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

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

1 Charity status

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

The address of its registered office is:

Dallam Court
120 Dallam Lane
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WA2 7LT

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 10 November 2025.

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)) (issued in October 2019) - (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

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd 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.

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

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

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.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

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.

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

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 discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

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.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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Fair value measurement

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	20,571	-	20,571
Gift aid reclaimed	119	-	119
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	955	424,602	425,557
Total for 2025	21,645	424,602	446,247
Total for 2024	11,473	273,576	285,049

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

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

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	2,093	2,093
Total for 2025	<u>2,093</u>	<u>2,093</u>
Total for 2024	<u>1,354</u>	<u>1,354</u>

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Allocated support costs	6	106,315	267,850	374,165
Total for 2024		<u>77,786</u>	<u>232,622</u>	<u>310,408</u>

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

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

6 Analysis of support costs

Analysis of support costs

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025
	Basis of allocation	General £	£	£
Salaries and NICs	Fund	88,892	217,920	306,810
Payroll costs	Fund	-	3,342	3,342
Staff expenses	Fund	1,175	6,061	7,236
Rent & Rates	Fund	1,418	5,438	6,856
Postage, printing & stationery	Fund	54	378	432
Office expenses	Fund	1,451	3,347	4,798
Insurance	Fund	1,182	243	1,425
Travel & Transport	Fund	390	685	1,075
Publicity	Fund	1,009	2,081	3,090
Professional Fees	Fund	805	1,005	1,810
Training	Fund	295	1,186	1,481
Volunteer's expenses	Fund	1,328	2,493	3,821
Family fund and activities	Fund	2,511	23,098	25,609
Fees & Subscriptions	Fund	5,324	-	5,324
Governance Costs	Fund	481	573	1,054
		<u>106,315</u>	<u>267,850</u>	<u>374,165</u>

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		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	Basis of allocation	General £	£	2024 £
Salaries and NICs	Fund	62,227	181,981	244,208
Payroll costs	Fund	-	798	798
Staff expenses	Fund	2,224	6,438	8,662
Rent & Rates	Fund	-	6,250	6,250
Postage, printing & stationery	Fund	227	191	418
Office expenses	Fund	1,720	2,897	4,617
Insurance	Fund	-	1,317	1,317
Travel & Transport	Fund	-	211	211
Publicity	Fund	638	3,001	3,639
Professional Fees	Fund	288	2,608	2,896
Training	Fund	-	1,454	1,454
Volunteer's expenses	Fund	978	3,000	3,978
Family fund and activities	Fund	5,603	22,191	27,794
Fees & Subscriptions	Fund	3,386	90	3,476
Governance Costs	Fund	495	195	690
		<u>77,786</u>	<u>232,622</u>	<u>310,408</u>

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

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

7 Taxation

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

8 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
Cash at bank and in hand	4,151	23,738	(106,314)	80,000	1,574
Restricted funds					
Cash at bank and in hand	80,548	424,602	(267,850)	(80,000)	157,300
Total funds	84,699	448,340	(374,165)	-	158,874

9 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2025 £
Current assets	68,832	90,042	158,874

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Unrestricted Funds

	Total Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Total Unrestricted Funds 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	21,645	11,473
Investment income	2,093	1,354
Total income	23,738	12,827
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	(106,315)	(77,786)
Total expenditure	(106,315)	(77,786)
Net expenditure	(82,577)	(64,959)
Transfers between funds	80,000	20,000
Net movement in funds	(2,577)	(44,959)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	4,151	49,110
Total funds carried forward	1,574	4,151

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Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Restricted Funds

	Total Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Restricted Funds 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	424,602	273,576
Total income	424,602	273,576
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	(267,850)	(232,622)
Total expenditure	(267,850)	(232,622)
Net income	156,752	40,954
Transfers between funds	(80,000)	(20,000)
Net movement in funds	76,752	20,954
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	80,548	59,594
Total funds carried forward	157,300	80,548

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	446,247	285,049
Investment income (analysed below)	2,093	1,354
Total income	448,340	286,403
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(374,165)	(310,408)
Total expenditure	(374,165)	(310,408)
Net income/(expenditure)	74,175	(24,005)
Net movement in funds	74,175	(24,005)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	84,699	108,704
Total funds carried forward	158,874	84,699

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<i>Donations and legacies</i>		
Income from donations Unrestricted	20,571	9,636
Gift Aid Unrestricted	119	560
Income from charitable activities restricted	424,602	273,576
Income from charitable activities unrestricted	955	1,277
	<u>446,247</u>	<u>285,049</u>
<i>Investment income</i>		
Interest on cash deposits Unrestricted	2,093	1,354
	<u>2,093</u>	<u>1,354</u>
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Wages and salaries Restricted	(217,920)	(181,981)
Wages and salaries Unrestricted	(88,892)	(62,227)
Staff training Restricted	(1,186)	(1,454)
Staff training Unrestricted	(295)	-
Volunteer expenses Restricted	(2,493)	(3,000)
Volunteer expenses Unrestricted	(1,328)	(978)
Rent Restricted	(5,438)	(6,250)
Rent Unrestricted	(1,418)	-
Office expenses Restricted	(3,347)	(2,897)
Office expenses Unrestricted	(1,451)	(1,721)
Printing, postage and stationery Restricted	(378)	(191)
Printing, postage and stationery Unrestricted	(54)	(227)
Fees and subscriptions Restricted	-	(90)
Fees and subscriptions Unrestricted	(5,324)	(3,386)
Family fund and activities Restricted	(23,098)	(22,191)
Family fund and activities Unrestricted	(2,511)	(5,603)
Staff expenses Restricted	(6,061)	(6,437)
Staff expenses Unrestricted	(1,175)	(2,223)
Travelling Restricted	(685)	(212)
Travel and subsistence	(390)	-
Publicity Restricted	(2,081)	(3,001)
Publicity Unrestricted	(1,009)	(638)
Payroll services Restricted	(3,342)	(798)
Governance costs Restricted	(573)	(195)

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Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Internal audit services Unrestricted	(481)	(495)
Insurance Restricted	(243)	(1,317)
Insurance Unrestricted	(1,182)	-
Professional fees Restricted	(1,005)	(2,608)
Professional fees Unrestricted	(805)	(288)
	<u>(374,165)</u>	<u>(310,408)</u>

Company registration number: 05563277

Charity registration number: 1116515

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Burton Beavan Limited
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Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

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Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Reference and Administrative Details

Chairperson

Anne Cleminson

Secretary

Louise Julia Moran

Vice Chairperson

Gwen Lightfoot

Charity Registration Number

1116515

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05563277

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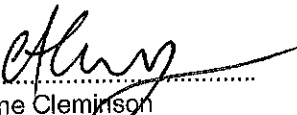
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Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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.

The strategic report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 02/12/25 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Anne Cleminson
Chairman and trustee

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Trustees' Report

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

Objectives and activities

Public benefit

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

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:

James Billington

Anne Fox

Mark Bell

Matthew Carey

David Colm McNicholl

Andrew Clare

Anne Bramhall

Anne Cleminson

Chairperson:

Anne Cleminson

Secretary:

Louise Julia Moran

Vice Chairperson:

Gwen Lightfoot

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Trustees' Report

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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 the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 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.

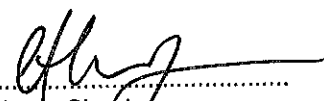
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 02/12/25 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Anne Clernin
Chairman and trustee

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the original financial statements were authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and Trustees' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report and the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Responsibilities of trustees

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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10th November 2025

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

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	21,645	424,602	446,247
Investment income	4	2,093	-	2,093
Total income		23,738	424,602	448,340
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(106,315)	(267,850)	(374,165)
Total expenditure		(106,315)	(267,850)	(374,165)
Net (expenditure)/income		(82,577)	156,752	74,175
Transfers between funds		80,000	(80,000)	-
Net movement in funds		(2,577)	76,752	74,175
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		4,151	80,548	84,699
Total funds carried forward	8	1,574	157,300	158,874
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	11,473	273,576	285,049
Investment income	4	1,354	-	1,354
Total income		12,827	273,576	286,403
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	(77,786)	(232,622)	(310,408)
Total expenditure		(77,786)	(232,622)	(310,408)
Net (expenditure)/income		(64,959)	40,954	(24,005)
Transfers between funds		20,000	(20,000)	-
Net movement in funds		(44,959)	20,954	(24,005)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		49,110	59,594	108,704
Total funds carried forward	8	4,151	80,548	84,699

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

(Registration number: 05563277)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		158,874	84,699
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	8	157,300	80,548
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		1,574	4,151
Total funds	8	158,874	84,699

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.

Directors' 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.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 17 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 09/12/25 and signed on their behalf by:


Anne Clemenson
Chairman and trustee

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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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 income/(expenditure)		74,175	(24,005)
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Investment income	4	(2,093)	(1,354)
Net cash flows from operating activities		72,082	(25,359)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income	4	2,093	1,354
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		74,175	(24,005)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		84,699	108,704
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		158,874	84,699

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

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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

1 Charity status

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

The address of its registered office is:

Dallam Court
120 Dallam Lane
Warrington
Cheshire
WA2 7LT

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 10 November 2025.

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)) (issued in October 2019) - (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

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd 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.

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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.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

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.

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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 discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

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.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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Fair value measurement

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	20,571	-	20,571
Gift aid reclaimed	119	-	119
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	955	424,602	425,557
Total for 2025	21,645	424,602	446,247
Total for 2024	11,473	273,576	285,049

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4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	2,093	2,093
Total for 2025	2,093	2,093
Total for 2024	1,354	1,354

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Allocated support costs	6	106,315	267,850	374,165
Total for 2024		77,786	232,622	310,408

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6 Analysis of support costs

Analysis of support costs

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025
	Basis of allocation	General £	£	£
Salaries and NICs	Fund	88,892	217,920	306,810
Payroll costs	Fund	-	3,342	3,342
Staff expenses	Fund	1,175	6,061	7,236
Rent & Rates	Fund	1,418	5,438	6,856
Postage, printing & stationery	Fund	54	378	432
Office expenses	Fund	1,451	3,347	4,798
Insurance	Fund	1,182	243	1,425
Travel & Transport	Fund	390	685	1,075
Publicity	Fund	1,009	2,081	3,090
Professional Fees	Fund	805	1,005	1,810
Training	Fund	295	1,186	1,481
Volunteer's expenses	Fund	1,328	2,493	3,821
Family fund and activities	Fund	2,511	23,098	25,609
Fees & Subscriptions	Fund	5,324	-	5,324
Governance Costs	Fund	481	573	1,054
		<u>106,315</u>	<u>267,850</u>	<u>374,165</u>

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		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	Basis of allocation	General £	£	2024 £
Salaries and NICs	Fund	62,227	181,981	244,208
Payroll costs	Fund	-	798	798
Staff expenses	Fund	2,224	6,438	8,662
Rent & Rates	Fund	-	6,250	6,250
Postage, printing & stationery	Fund	227	191	418
Office expenses	Fund	1,720	2,897	4,617
Insurance	Fund	-	1,317	1,317
Travel & Transport	Fund	-	211	211
Publicity	Fund	638	3,001	3,639
Professional Fees	Fund	288	2,608	2,896
Training	Fund	-	1,454	1,454
Volunteer's expenses	Fund	978	3,000	3,978
Family fund and activities	Fund	5,603	22,191	27,794
Fees & Subscriptions	Fund	3,386	90	3,476
Governance Costs	Fund	495	195	690
		<u>77,786</u>	<u>232,622</u>	<u>310,408</u>

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

7 Taxation

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

8 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
Cash at bank and in hand	4,151	23,738	(106,314)	80,000	1,574
Restricted funds					
Cash at bank and in hand	80,548	424,602	(267,850)	(80,000)	157,300
Total funds	84,699	448,340	(374,165)	-	158,874

9 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2025 £
Current assets	68,832	90,042	158,874

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Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Unrestricted Funds

	Total Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Total Unrestricted Funds 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	21,645	11,473
Investment income	2,093	1,354
Total income	23,738	12,827
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	(106,315)	(77,786)
Total expenditure	(106,315)	(77,786)
Net expenditure	(82,577)	(64,959)
Transfers between funds	80,000	20,000
Net movement in funds	(2,577)	(44,959)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	4,151	49,110
Total funds carried forward	1,574	4,151

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Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Restricted Funds

	Total Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Restricted Funds 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	424,602	273,576
Total income	<u>424,602</u>	<u>273,576</u>
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	(267,850)	(232,622)
Total expenditure	<u>(267,850)</u>	<u>(232,622)</u>
Net income	156,752	40,954
Transfers between funds	(80,000)	(20,000)
Net movement in funds	76,752	20,954
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	<u>80,548</u>	<u>59,594</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>157,300</u>	<u>80,548</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	446,247	285,049
Investment income (analysed below)	2,093	1,354
Total income	448,340	286,403
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities (analysed below)	(374,165)	(310,408)
Total expenditure	(374,165)	(310,408)
Net income/(expenditure)	74,175	(24,005)
Net movement in funds	74,175	(24,005)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	84,699	108,704
Total funds carried forward	158,874	84,699

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<i>Donations and legacies</i>		
Income from donations Unrestricted	20,571	9,636
Gift Aid Unrestricted	119	560
Income from charitable activities restricted	424,602	273,576
Income from charitable activities unrestricted	955	1,277
	<u>446,247</u>	<u>285,049</u>
<i>Investment income</i>		
Interest on cash deposits Unrestricted	2,093	1,354
	<u>2,093</u>	<u>1,354</u>
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Wages and salaries Restricted	(217,920)	(181,981)
Wages and salaries Unrestricted	(88,892)	(62,227)
Staff training Restricted	(1,186)	(1,454)
Staff training Unrestricted	(295)	-
Volunteer expenses Restricted	(2,493)	(3,000)
Volunteer expenses Unrestricted	(1,328)	(978)
Rent Restricted	(5,438)	(6,250)
Rent Unrestricted	(1,418)	-
Office expenses Restricted	(3,347)	(2,897)
Office expenses Unrestricted	(1,451)	(1,721)
Printing, postage and stationery Restricted	(378)	(191)
Printing, postage and stationery Unrestricted	(54)	(227)
Fees and subscriptions Restricted	-	(90)
Fees and subscriptions Unrestricted	(5,324)	(3,386)
Family fund and activities Restricted	(23,098)	(22,191)
Family fund and activities Unrestricted	(2,511)	(5,603)
Staff expenses Restricted	(6,061)	(6,437)
Staff expenses Unrestricted	(1,175)	(2,223)
Travelling Restricted	(685)	(212)
Travel and subsistence	(390)	-
Publicity Restricted	(2,081)	(3,001)
Publicity Unrestricted	(1,009)	(638)
Payroll services Restricted	(3,342)	(798)
Governance costs Restricted	(573)	(195)

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Internal audit services Unrestricted	(481)	(495)
Insurance Restricted	(243)	(1,317)
Insurance Unrestricted	(1,182)	-
Professional fees Restricted	(1,005)	(2,608)
Professional fees Unrestricted	(805)	(288)
	<u>(374,165)</u>	<u>(310,408)</u>

Accounts



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Annual Report

2023-24



Trustees' Report

Name	Position	Dates
Anne Cleminson	Chair	Co Opted 24 July 2023/Elected 27 November 2023
Gwen Lightfoot	Vice -Chair	Chair 28 Nov 2022 – 27 Nov 2023/ Elected as Vice Chair 27th November 2023
Andy Clare	Trustee/Temporary Treasurer	Elected 27th November 2022
Anne Fox	Trustee	Vice Chair 28 November 2022 – 27 November 2023
Jim Billington	Trustee	Elected 22 November 2021
Anne Bramhall	Trustee	Re-Elected 27th November 2023
Mark Bell	Trustee	Re-Elected 27th November 2023
Matthew Carey	Trustee	Appointed 27th November 2023
David McNicholl	Trustee	Appointed 27th November 2023
Debra Cragg	Trustee	Elected 27th November 2023, Resigned 25th March 2024
Diana Grylls	Trustee	Resigned 27th November 2023
Victoria Glass	Trustee	Resigned 27th November 2023
Karen Rylance	Trustee	Resigned 27th November 2023
Paula Durao	Treasurer	Resigned 27th November 2023

Company Secretary ● Louise Moran

Principal Staff

Name	Position
Ellie Harrison	CEO
Louise Moran	Office Administrator and Company Secretary
Lucy Glover	Business Development Manager
Carragh Garrity	Family Services Manager
Rachel Richards	Outreach Worker
Leanne Smith	Funding and Finance Administrator
Eva Ross	Family Support Coordinator
Amanda Wood	Family Activities Coordinator
Josie Harrison	Dad Matters Coordinator
Alexis Draper	Family Support Coordinator – started October 2023
Elizabeth Kemp	Family Support Coordinator/Babyzone Ops Officer – started March 2023

Method of Appointment ● Trustees are elected by the members at the annual general meeting (AGM)

Registered Address ● The Old School, Fairfield Street, Warrington, WA1 3AJ

Bankers

Co-operative Bank p.l.c. 1 Balloon Street, Manchester, M60 4EP
Nationwide Kings Park Road, Moulton Park, Northampton, NN3 6NW
Yorkshire Bank 30 St Vincent Place, Glasgow, G1 2HL

Independent Examiner

Jane Williams MAAT

Greater Merseyside Community Accountancy Service
 St Marie's, Lugsdale Road, Widnes, WA8 6DB

The Trustees of Home Start Warrington, who are also the Directors of the organisation, present their report and audited financial statement for the year ending 31st March 2023

Chair's Statement

Relationship to Home-Start UK

Local Home-Start Schemes belong to a federation of Home-Starts overseen by Home-Start UK (HSUK).

A requirement of a federated Home-Start is to agree to sign up to the following documents:

Home-Start Agreement: the legal agreement to be signed by the chairperson of each local Home-Start and Home-Start UK, establishing requirements and responsibilities for each party and confirming the membership of the individual Home-Start.

Home-Start Brand Licence: the legal requirements on the use and protection of our brand, assets and intellectual property.

Home-Start Handbook: a guide to responsibilities, standards and practice and the detail of mandatory requirements.

Problem Solving and Dispute Resolution: the procedure for addressing and resolving problems and disputes.

Policies

We have a variety of policies covering many aspects of the organisations operations and functions. These are reviewed in accordance with Home-Start UK guidelines, by the relevant committee or the board of trustees itself (see Terms of Reference).

As a condition of affiliation to Home-Start UK, we must adopt the following mandatory documents and policies: Safeguarding Code of Conduct, Safeguarding Checklist, Confidentiality Policy, Equality, Fairness and Diversity and Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy, GDPR/ Data Protection, Looking after Children in the Absence of Parents, Safeguarding and Protecting Adults, Conflict of Interest, Safer Selection and Recruitment of Staff Policy, Staff Supervision and Appraisal Policy, Recruitment Supervision and Management of Volunteers, Complaints Policy, and Whistleblowing Policy. Home-Start UK also recommends a number of “essential” policies, and we have adopted several of these optional policies that meet the needs of the scheme and help in the management of key risk areas, e.g. Financial Management Policy, Investment Policy.

Quality Assurance

The quality of a scheme's practice is assured by the Home-Start Quality Assurance (QA) System for Schemes – a bespoke QA system. It is a process that focuses on the ongoing development and continuous improvement of all practice areas relating to the governance, management, and service delivery of local Home-Start Schemes. Home-Start Warrington was last assessed on 7 August 2019 and achieved 96%. We undertake a number of internal audits throughout the year to ensure we remain compliant with the defined standards of the HSUK QA system.



Chair's Statement

It is with great pride that I write this statement at the end of my first year as Chair of Trustees. The year 2023–2024 is one that I look back on in awe and appreciation of the difference a dedicated team of staff and a small army of volunteers can achieve in this world when they collectively choose the values of “Accountability, Integrity and Excellence” as their mantra and motivation.

In 2023 we set our strategy for the next three years with the aim of: ensuring our long-term sustainability, enhancing systems of governance to provide assurance of organisational quality, growing and diversifying our offer whilst maintaining services that add value to families, and championing the needs of families.

We have consistently delivered in each of these areas, including the development of a new finance and fundraising strategy that outlines our plans for diversifying fundraising, as some of our long-term grant and funding streams draw to a conclusion in the coming year. Whilst we constantly try to predict our charitable income in a world of funding uncertainty, one thing we are sure about is that our amazing funders and supporters in 2023–2024 have enabled us to continue to provide our services and empower families to make their children's future just that little bit less uncertain.

We recognise that, for us, sustainability also means having enough people with the appropriate skills to deliver our services. In 2023–2024 we have continued to successfully recruit and retain volunteers, even within the context of a national volunteer shortage. This is, in part, a result of volunteers believing in the importance and value of our service, but it is also a result of the excellent training and support we provide. Our striving for excellence in this area will continue following the launch of our new Volunteer Strategy in 2024.

Whilst we have always known our volunteers are superstars, it was wonderful to see one of our

volunteers being awarded “Home Visitor of the Year” by Home-Start UK at their Volunteer Awards in January 2024, in recognition of always going above and beyond to support her family. Two more of our volunteers were also recognised with “extra applause” awards in the Trustee and Group Volunteer categories. This level of recognition across all our areas of service delivery is public testament to just how extraordinary our volunteers really are.

“Home-Start understands their children's needs well, with staff and volunteers demonstrating patience, flexibility, and a genuine interest in each child's well-being.”

The difference our staff and volunteers make to our families is immensely difficult to measure, as the impact is on so many levels and with every member of the family. However, evidence shows that in 2023–2024 our growing range of drop-in groups, the Puddle Project, Wild Tots, Singing Mamas and one-to-one home visits are meaningfully changing lives with families, reporting that “Home-Start understands their children's needs well, with staff and volunteers demonstrating patience, flexibility, and a genuine interest in each child's well-being.” In addition, families indicate that their children have benefitted significantly from Home-Start's support, with the reported benefits including improved social interaction, developmental progress and emotional support (allowing children to feel secure and comfortable).

This approach to whole-family support has continued in 2023–2024 with our not only securing continued funding for our Dad Matters coordinator in Warrington but expanding our service for a coordinator in Halton too. Our range of support has continued through outreach services in hospitals, New Dad workshops, and Dad Matters Meet-Ups.

Our efforts for service growth and diversification in 2023–2024 have also resulted in the establishment of a (Home-Start) Parent-Infant Mental Health Outreach Service at the Living Well Hub in Warrington Town Centre. Being a partner provider in this service means we can provide useful interventions for parents at the very start of their parenting journey and also signpost families to the wider range of support groups and services that we provide, and the service is proving to be another invaluable support and safety net.

Our reputation for excellence also resulted in us being awarded the contract for the provision of the first Babyzone service outside London in 2023–2024. Providing a safe and welcoming space for parents and their babies and toddlers to play, learn and connect with other families, we had positive contact with over 120 families in just the first month of its being launched in March 2024. Again, our experience and expertise in providing this service mean that we have been able to identify and signpost families that need our wider services and support. This has been one of our first strategic service partnerships and one which we will learn from in the development of future services.

Finally I need to acknowledge that there will have been many more possible occasions for celebration over the last 12 months that I don't even know about – maybe a mum that found the nerve to walk through the door of a new group and ask for help; maybe a dad that just came for a walk and talk with another new dad and suddenly didn't feel so isolated; maybe a child gained the confidence to leave their parent's side during a playgroup and started to learn the value of relationships with others. For each of those possibilities I must thank our amazing staff, volunteers, trustees, funders and partners for the essential role each of you play in making them a reality. This year, all of you have given a child the chance of a best start, because childhood cannot wait.

Anne Cleminson

Chair

Home-Start Warrington and Cheshire (HSWC)



“Our reputation for excellence also resulted in us being awarded the contract for the provision of the first Babyzone service outside London in 2023–2024.”



Recruitment and Appointment of the Trustees

The management of the charity is supervised by the trustees who report to the charity at the AGM. Trustees are proposed and elected by members of the charity on a three-yearly rolling programme at the AGM.

On election, trustees are required to sign the Trustee Declaration of Willingness to Act as a trustee as well as the Home-Start UK Code of Conduct, the Home-Start Warrington and Cheshire

Code of Conduct for Trustees and mandatory policies including Safeguarding Children, Confidentiality, Data Protection, Equality & Fairness and Diversity Policies.

The trustees have skills in a variety of fields including governance, business, finance, safeguarding and education. All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

Trustee Induction and Training

Prospective trustees complete an expression of interest and then meet with trustees for an informal discussion. If after this process they want to proceed, following receipt of references and DBS, they are then invited to observe a board meeting. If they want to continue, they will then be invited to be elected at the AGM. After election, they will be given an induction covering:

- Duties of committee members including presentation of the relevant Charity Commission guidance regarding the duties of trustees.
- Explanation and presentation of the governing instrument
- Presentation of current and projected financial position
- Explanation of all significant projects within the charity
- Presentation of the activities of the charity and how it is organised, structured and staffed
- Details of Home-Start UK trustee Induction training
- Mandatory training
- Refresher training

Ongoing, updating and skills development training is also available.



Organisational Structure

The board of trustees meets every 8 weeks at the charity's offices. The board is responsible for setting strategic direction, financial governance and holding management to account. The board of trustees has identified lead trustee roles for those areas which are statutory requirements or which are considered a specific priority of the charity and include safeguarding, health and safety, data protection and a treasurer.

The CEO manages the day-to-day running of the charity and implements the strategy and policies of the charity. The work of the charity is delivered either through a team of volunteers supported by staff members or directly by staff with volunteers in support roles.

For the year 2023–2024 the board of trustees established the following governance arrangements:



Committees of the boards meet every 8 weeks, are chaired by trustees and have terms of reference approved by the board. Membership set in the terms of reference varies depending on the role of the committee. The board of trustees delegates authority to the committee to:

- a. make recommendations to the board of trustees.
- b. develop and ratify policies in accordance with the scheme of delegation.
- c. monitor and hold to account.
- d. identify and escalate to the board of trustees key issues and risks including those related to delivery of the business plan.

The board of trustees also delegates decisions that are not of a significant nature. In practice, what is significant will depend upon the judgement of members, but the committee must refer the following types of issues to the board of trustees. Any issues which:

- i) change or conflict with the charity's vision/strategy/aims.
- ii) contravene HSWC policy, HSUK policy, government policy.
- iii) have significant revenue implications beyond the existing budget.
- iv) are likely to arouse significant public or media interest.

Risk Assessment and Internal Controls

The board and its committees receive regular assurance reports related to the delivery of its services, the staff, the organisational strategy and business plan and financial performance. The board and its committees also monitor compliance with policies and procedures which are key mechanisms for internal control.

The board develops an annual business plan based on an assessment of the major strategic business and operational risks that the charity faces for the year, e.g. changes to funding streams, changes by local government, legislative changes, external and internal issues relating to child protection, health and safety. The business plan outlines the

development of the necessary systems, processes and internal controls for the coming year that will contribute to the management of the identified risks. Progress with delivery of the plan is monitored at each board meeting.

The treasurer, supported by the business development manager, provides a funding profile to the board of trustees at each meeting which highlights the sources, value and time restrictions on current funding streams.

Internal audits are undertaken on various aspects of the organisation and its services to ensure compliance with Home-Start UK's QA and other legal requirements.

Achievements and Performance



SWC had another transformative year of growth in 2023–2024 whilst continuing to provide an excellent service to our families.

Our biggest project of the year, Babyzone, opened its doors on 7 March at Warrington Youth Zone. We welcomed over 100 families in the first 3 weeks. They have taken part in free baby and toddler classes that include Baby Sensory, Toddler Sense, Gym Tots, Caterpillar Music and Story Stitchers. This has raised the profile of our service in Warrington and helped to deliver services under one roof in partnership with health, the voluntary sector and statutory provision for early years.

Our one-to-one home-visiting service is still an option for families, and whilst the groups are popular, some of our families still need that individual one-to-one support from a volunteer or our outreach worker before they can build their confidence to access groups. Often our volunteers will go with the family to a group to help to empower them to continue this habit after we are no longer involved.

Our Dad Matters service, despite a current funding gap, has supported over 20 dads on a one-to-one basis and we have met over 300 dads during our outreach hospital visits.

We have built on our expansion into Northwich and Winsford and have several long-standing volunteer matches in that area. As well as this

we have started two new groups in the area, at Wharton Children's Centre in Winsford and Wild Tots in Northwich. The groups are targeted at our existing families, as they have asked for more groups in their community. Our outreach worker continues to support four families on a regular basis, enabling parents to access local groups and appointments.

Our groups have flourished throughout the year. We now have access to our own minibus, which was donated by the Steve Morgan Foundation and which we share with Burtonwood Community Bus. This has been hugely beneficial to families accessing the Puddle Project on a Monday, which only works due to our team of dedicated volunteer drivers and chaperones that can transport the families to the weekly outdoor playgroup session.

Singing Mamas continues to be a very successful group for mums who attend every Thursday afternoon at the Old School. Our mums have spoken about how the singing group has a very positive impact on their well-being.

“Our outreach worker continues to support four families on a regular basis, enabling parents to access local groups and appointments.”

Ellie Harrison

Chief Executive Officer

Families Referred to the Service in the Year

We received **197** referrals between April 2023 and March 2024 which is the same as last financial year. However, in addition to this we have also seen **133** families at our new Babyzone project and spoken to **135** Dads at Warrington Hospital as part of our Dad Matters offer.

Out of the 197 referrals, **141** families went on to receive direct support via volunteers or groups.

Contribution of the Volunteers

To become a Home-Start family support volunteer, volunteers are safely recruited, and once references and DBS are confirmed and they have had an informal chat with a coordinator, they are invited to complete the preparation course.

This is online training which has recently been published by Home-Start UK. Alongside the online course there is a face-to-face presentation which is delivered by the coordinators. This gives the participants the opportunity to meet other volunteers at the beginning of the course, the middle of the course and at the end. It also provides space for participants to discuss issues such as safeguarding and confidentiality. The online and face-to-face course content includes how Home-Start helps families, commitments and boundaries, confidentiality, safeguarding children, children's development and play and equal opportunities.

The volunteers also have a termly support group where they can meet for a coffee and share learning about their volunteering experiences. This included a September lunch with presentations from the Puddle Project. A Christmas lunch and awards

ceremony and a spring coffee morning with training events were planned at that session for the rest of the year. They have included paediatric first aid training and more training around autism awareness. Volunteers have also been offered other opportunities within the organisation to enhance their skills, such as those of mini bus driver, chaperone and playgroup assistant. More training will be offered in the next financial year to strengthen those roles.

Our volunteers are regularly asked for feedback, and they talk about how rewarding they find the role of supporting and empowering families to make a positive difference to them and the lives of their young children.

Home-Start also welcomes the support of volunteers in other roles, e.g. fundraising events, such as curry nights, and Christmas Big Give events.



Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

(Including income and Expenditure Account and Statement
of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

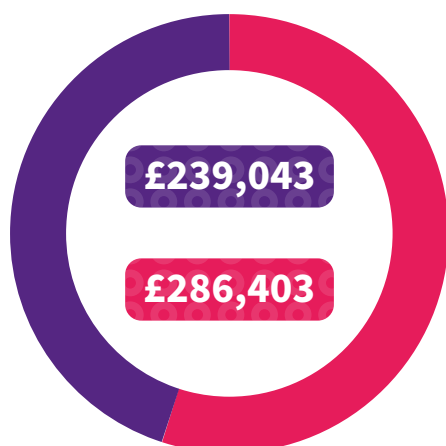
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Investment income	1,354	-	1,354
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Total expenditure	(77,786)	(232,622)	(310,408)
Net (expenditure)/income	(64,959)	40,954	(24,005)
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Total funds brought forward	49,110	59,594	108,704
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Donations and legacies	27,436	211,007	238,443
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Total income	28,036	211,007	239,043
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The full accounts can be found on the charity commission website and companies house website

Income and Expenditure

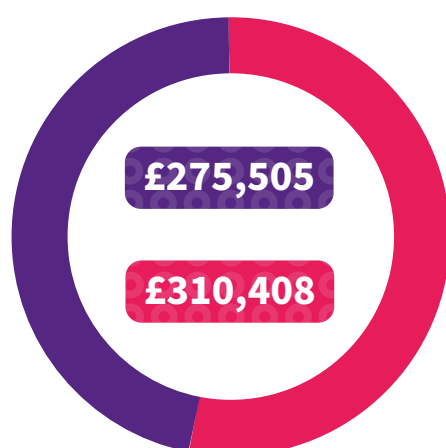
Income comparison for 2023 and 2024



This year we saw a notable increase in total income, reaching £286,403 compared to £239,043 the previous year. The majority of our overall income continues to come from trusts and foundations which reflects our strong community support.

Looking ahead, our primary goal is to bolster financial sustainability by enhancing funding strategies to balance income and expenditure. Engaging more diverse funding sources and managing costs remain our key strategic actions to ensure longterm resilience and effective service delivery in our communities.

Expenditure comparison for 2023 and 2024



➤ 2023 ➤ 2024



2024 - 2025 Targets

There is a revised business plan for 2024–2025.

1. Values

HSWC have a strong set of positive values that strongly influence the way we work together and how we deliver our services.

2. Growth & Diversity

we recognise the value of the services we deliver but know there is so much more we could do through the development of new services across a wider geographical area.

3. Maintaining Our Services

although we see the value of expanding our offer to families, we know we need to maintain the quality of the services we already provide, as they are essential to our existing families.

4. Quality Assurance

we know we do a good job, because our families tell us, but we need to develop systems that enable us to routinely monitor the quality of our services as well as all other aspects of our organisation.

5. Increasing Brand Awareness

we have a good reputation for delivering quality services, but we need to ensure that more potential partners know what we do and why we do it, i.e. we need to also promote the needs of families as a driver for change.

6. Sustainability, Finance

we currently have a stable financial basis but recognise the need to diversify our fund raising efforts and work with a greater range of partners to ensure our longer-term sustainability.

7. Sustainability, Volunteers

we recognise the difficulty in recruiting and retaining volunteers and therefore the need to adapt our approach to make HSWC a first choice organisation for volunteers.

8. Staff

we understand the importance of meaningful policies that are consistently applied for all staff members.

9. Skills

we have an abundance of skills across our staff, volunteers and trustees. We need to ensure we maintain the skills we have but also develop new skills to continue to survive in the ever-changing context of our organisation.

10. Partnerships

we have a number of important partnerships that enable us to deliver our services in key areas of need; however, we also know there are many more connections we could make that enable us to expand our services to even more areas of need.

11. Physical Space

we understand the impact the physical environment in which we work can have on our ability to function to the best of our abilities.



12. Governance

we know that effective governance is essential in ensuring the delivery of our strategy. We want our governance arrangements to drive quality through all aspects of our work.



13. Use of Technology

we recognise that technology can provide us with more opportunities for growth and organisational efficiency, and we need to consider technology as a key principle in organisational development.



14. Communication

we know the difference that good communication makes to how we function as an organisation and the services we deliver to our families. We know we need to consider communication in everything we do.

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities



Company law requires the directors to prepare financial accounts for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its income, and expenditure for that period. In preparing those financial accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently.
- make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates.
- prepare the accounts on a going-concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue as a going concern.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the board of trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

Anne Cleminson

Chair





Total income for 2024 was
£286,403

434
Families
Supported



737
Children
Supported



1391
Volunteering
Hours

791
Home
Visiting
Volunteer Hours





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Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd– Year Ended 31 March 2024

We have now completed the accounts for the year ended **31 March 2024** and enclose them for review.

Charity Accounts

Please could you sign these where indicated on **page 2, page 5 and page 9** we will then lodge them electronically with Companies House on your behalf.

If you have any queries regarding any of the foregoing or any other matter whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

DocuSigned by:

Burton Beavan

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Company registration number: 05563277

Charity registration number: 1116515

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Burton Beavan Limited
112-114 C/o Burton Beavan
Witton Street
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Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

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Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Reference and Administrative Details

Chairperson	Anne Cleminson
Secretary	Mrs Louise Julia Moran
Vice Chairperson	Gwen Lightfoot
Charity Registration Number	1116515
Company Registration Number	05563277
Registered Office	The Old School Fairfield Street Warrington WA1 3AJ
Independent Examiner	Burton Beavan Limited 112-114 C/o Burton Beavan Witton Street Northwich CW9 5NW

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

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.

The strategic report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 16/12/2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:

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Anne Cleminson
Chairman and trustee

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

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

Public benefit

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

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Mr James Billington appointed 27 November 2023
	Mrs Anne Fox
	Mr Mark Bell
	Mr Matthew Carey appointed 27 November 2023
	Mr David Colm McNicholl appointed 27 November 2023
	Andrew Clare
	Mrs Anne Bramhall
	Anne Cleminson appointed 27 November 2023
Chairperson:	Anne Cleminson appointed 27 November 2023
Secretary:	Mrs Louise Julia Moran
Vice Chairperson:	Gwen Lightfoot

Structure, governance and management

Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Trustees' Report

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

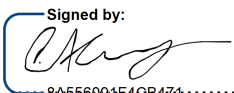
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 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 proper accounting records that can 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on^{16/12/2024} and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:

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Anne Cleminson
Chairman and trustee

**Chartered Accountants' Report to the Trustees on the Preparation of the
Unaudited Statutory Accounts of
Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

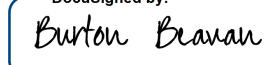
In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd for the year ended 31 March 2024 as set out on pages 6 to 16 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/members/standards/rules-and-standards/rulebook.html>.

This report is made solely to the board of directors of Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the board of directors of Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd, as a body, in this report, in accordance with the requirements of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd and its board of directors as a body for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory accounts that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and of Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd. You consider that Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the accounts of Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory accounts.

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Burton Beavan
Chartered Certified Accountants
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Witton Street
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16/12/2024
Date:.....

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

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	11,473	273,576	285,049
Investment income	4	<u>1,354</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,354</u>
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Reconciliation of funds				
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Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd
(Registration number: 05563277)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

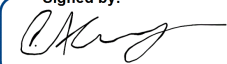
	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>84,699</u>	<u>108,704</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	8	80,548	59,594
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>4,151</u>	<u>49,110</u>
Total funds	8	<u>84,699</u>	<u>108,704</u>

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.

Directors' 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.

The financial statements on pages 6 to 16 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 16/12/2024..... and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:

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Anne Cleminson
Chairman and trustee

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash expenditure		(24,005)	(36,462)
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Investment income	4	<u>(1,354)</u>	<u>(600)</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		(25,359)	(37,062)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income	4	<u>1,354</u>	<u>600</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(24,005)	(36,462)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		<u>108,704</u>	<u>145,166</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		<u><u>84,699</u></u>	<u><u>108,704</u></u>

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

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

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

1 Charity status

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

The address of its registered office is:

The Old School
Fairfield Street
Warrington
WA1 3AJ

[Authorised for issue date](#)

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)) (issued in October 2019) - (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

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd 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.

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

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

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.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

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.

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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 discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

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.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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Investments

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

Fair value measurement

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	9,636	-	9,636
Gift aid reclaimed	560	-	560
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	1,277	273,576	274,853
Total for 2024	<u>11,473</u>	<u>273,576</u>	<u>285,049</u>
Total for 2023	<u>27,436</u>	<u>211,007</u>	<u>238,443</u>

4 Investment income

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	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	1,354	1,354
Total for 2024	1,354	1,354
Total for 2023	600	600

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Allocated support costs	6	77,786	232,622	310,408
Total for 2023		77,780	197,725	275,505

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6 Analysis of support costs

Analysis of support costs

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	Basis of allocation	General £	£	2024 £
Salaries and NICs	Fund	62,227	181,981	244,208
Payroll costs	Fund	-	798	798
Staff expenses	Fund	2,224	6,438	8,662
Rent & Rates	Fund	-	6,250	6,250
Postage, printing & stationery	Fund	227	191	418
Office expenses	Fund	1,720	2,897	4,617
Insurance	Fund	-	1,317	1,317
Travel & Transport	Fund	-	211	211
Publicity	Fund	638	3,001	3,639
Professional Fees	Fund	288	2,608	2,896
Training	Fund	-	1,454	1,454
Volunteer's expenses	Fund	978	3,000	3,978
Family fund and activities	Fund	5,603	22,191	27,794
Fees & Subscriptions	Fund	3,386	90	3,476
Governance Costs	Fund	495	195	690
		<u>77,786</u>	<u>232,622</u>	<u>310,408</u>

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

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	Basis of allocation	General £	£	2023 £
Salaries and NICs	Fund	62,614	141,853	204,467
Payroll costs	Fund	-	550	550
Staff expenses	Fund	823	3,538	4,361
Rent & Rates	Fund	480	4,800	5,280
Postage, printing & stationery	Fund	-	2,634	2,634
Office expenses	Fund	681	4,881	5,562
Insurance	Fund	144	1,326	1,470
Travel & Transport	Fund	-	111	111
Publicity	Fund	1,012	1,176	2,188
Professional Fees	Fund	1,124	2,836	3,960
Training	Fund	677	1,793	2,470
Volunteer's expenses	Fund	578	1,608	2,186
Family fund and activities	Fund	7,559	26,044	33,603
Fees & Subscriptions	Fund	2,088	3,527	5,615
Governance Costs	Fund	-	1,048	1,048
		<u>77,780</u>	<u>197,725</u>	<u>275,505</u>

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7 Taxation

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

8 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
Cash at bank and in hand	49,110	12,827	(77,786)	20,000	4,151
Restricted funds					
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>59,594</u>	<u>273,576</u>	<u>(232,622)</u>	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>80,548</u>
Total funds	<u>108,704</u>	<u>286,403</u>	<u>(310,408)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,699</u>

9 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2024 £
Current assets	<u>66,914</u>	<u>17,784</u>	<u>84,698</u>

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Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Unrestricted Funds

	Total Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	11,473	27,436
Investment income	<u>1,354</u>	<u>600</u>
Total income	<u>12,827</u>	<u>28,036</u>
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	<u>(77,786)</u>	<u>(77,780)</u>
Total expenditure	<u>(77,786)</u>	<u>(77,780)</u>
Net expenditure	(64,959)	(49,744)
Transfers between funds	<u>20,000</u>	<u>4,911</u>
Net movement in funds	(44,959)	(44,833)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	<u>49,110</u>	<u>93,943</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>4,151</u></u>	<u><u>49,110</u></u>

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Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Restricted Funds

	Total Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Restricted Funds 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	<u>273,576</u>	<u>211,007</u>
Total income	<u>273,576</u>	<u>211,007</u>
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	<u>(232,622)</u>	<u>(197,725)</u>
Total expenditure	<u>(232,622)</u>	<u>(197,725)</u>
Net income	40,954	13,282
Transfers between funds	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>(4,911)</u>
Net movement in funds	20,954	8,371
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	<u>59,594</u>	<u>51,223</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>80,548</u></u>	<u><u>59,594</u></u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	285,049	238,443
Investment income (analysed below)	<u>1,354</u>	<u>600</u>
Total income	<u>286,403</u>	<u>239,043</u>
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities (analysed below)	<u>(310,408)</u>	<u>(275,505)</u>
Total expenditure	<u>(310,408)</u>	<u>(275,505)</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(24,005)</u>	<u>(36,462)</u>
Net movement in funds	(24,005)	(36,462)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	<u>108,704</u>	<u>145,166</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>84,699</u></u>	<u><u>108,704</u></u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<i>Donations and legacies</i>		
Income from donations Unrestricted	9,636	1,625
Gift Aid Unrestricted	560	795
Income from charitable activities restricted	273,576	211,007
Income from charitable activities unrestricted	1,277	25,016
	<u>285,049</u>	<u>238,443</u>
<i>Investment income</i>		
Interest on cash deposits Unrestricted	1,354	600
	<u>1,354</u>	<u>600</u>
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Wages and salaries Restricted	(181,981)	(141,853)
Wages and salaries Unrestricted	(62,227)	(62,614)
Staff training Restricted	(1,454)	(1,793)
Staff training Unrestricted	-	(677)
Volunteer expenses Restricted	(3,000)	(1,608)
Volunteer expenses Unrestricted	(978)	(578)
Rent Restricted	(6,250)	(4,800)
Rent Unrestricted	-	(480)
Office expenses Restricted	(2,897)	(4,881)
Office expenses Unrestricted	(1,721)	(681)
Printing, postage and stationery Restricted	(191)	(2,634)
Printing, postage and stationery Unrestricted	(227)	-
Fees and subscriptions Restricted	(90)	(3,527)
Fees and subscriptions Unrestricted	(3,386)	(2,088)
Family fund and activities Restricted	(22,191)	(26,044)
Family fund and activities Unrestricted	(5,603)	(7,559)
Staff expenses Restricted	(6,437)	(3,538)
Staff expenses Unrestricted	(2,223)	(823)
Travelling Restricted	(212)	(111)
Publicity Restricted	(3,001)	(1,176)
Publicity Unrestricted	(638)	(1,012)
Payroll services Restricted	(798)	(550)
Governance costs Restricted	(195)	(1,048)
Internal audit services Unrestricted	(495)	-

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Insurance Restricted	(1,317)	(1,326)
Insurance Unrestricted	-	(144)
Professional fees Restricted	(2,608)	(2,836)
Professional fees Unrestricted	<u>(288)</u>	<u>(1,124)</u>
	<u><u>(310,408)</u></u>	<u><u>(275,505)</u></u>

Date: 11 December 2024

Our Ref: GB/KC/H274

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd
The Old School
Fairfield Street
Warrington
WA1 3AJ

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd– Year Ended 31 March 2024

We have now completed the accounts for the year ended **31 March 2024** and enclose them for review.

Charity Accounts

Please could you sign these where indicated on **page 2, page 5 and page 9** we will then lodge them electronically with Companies House on your behalf.

If you have any queries regarding any of the foregoing or any other matter whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

DocuSigned by:

Burton Beavan

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Burton Beavan

Company registration number: 05563277

Charity registration number: 1116515

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Burton Beavan Limited
112-114 C/o Burton Beavan
Witton Street
Northwich
CW9 5NW

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

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Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Reference and Administrative Details

Chairperson	Anne Cleminson
Secretary	Mrs Louise Julia Moran
Vice Chairperson	Gwen Lightfoot
Charity Registration Number	1116515
Company Registration Number	05563277
Registered Office	The Old School Fairfield Street Warrington WA1 3AJ
Independent Examiner	Burton Beavan Limited 112-114 C/o Burton Beavan Witton Street Northwich CW9 5NW

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

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.

The strategic report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 16/12/2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:

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Anne Cleminson
Chairman and trustee

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

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

Public benefit

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

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Mr James Billington appointed 27 November 2023
	Mrs Anne Fox
	Mr Mark Bell
	Mr Matthew Carey appointed 27 November 2023
	Mr David Colm McNicholl appointed 27 November 2023
	Andrew Clare
	Mrs Anne Bramhall
	Anne Cleminson appointed 27 November 2023
Chairperson:	Anne Cleminson appointed 27 November 2023
Secretary:	Mrs Louise Julia Moran
Vice Chairperson:	Gwen Lightfoot

Structure, governance and management

Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Trustees' Report

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

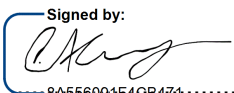
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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 accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 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 proper accounting records that can 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on^{16/12/2024} and signed on its behalf by:

Signed by:

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Anne Cleminson
Chairman and trustee

**Chartered Accountants' Report to the Trustees on the Preparation of the
Unaudited Statutory Accounts of
Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024**

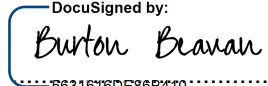
In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd for the year ended 31 March 2024 as set out on pages 6 to 16 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://www.accaglobal.com/gb/en/members/standards/rules-and-standards/rulebook.html>.

This report is made solely to the board of directors of Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the board of directors of Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd, as a body, in this report, in accordance with the requirements of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd and its board of directors as a body for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory accounts that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and of Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd. You consider that Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the accounts of Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory accounts.

DocuSigned by:

.....5631618DE866410.....
Burton Beavan
Chartered Certified Accountants
112 - 114
Witton Street
Northwich
Cheshire
CW9 5NW

16/12/2024
Date:.....

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

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	11,473	273,576	285,049
Investment income	4	<u>1,354</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,354</u>
Total income		<u>12,827</u>	<u>273,576</u>	<u>286,403</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	<u>(77,786)</u>	<u>(232,622)</u>	<u>(310,408)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(77,786)</u>	<u>(232,622)</u>	<u>(310,408)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		(64,959)	40,954	(24,005)
Transfers between funds		<u>20,000</u>	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(44,959)	20,954	(24,005)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>49,110</u>	<u>59,594</u>	<u>108,704</u>
Total funds carried forward	8	<u>4,151</u>	<u>80,548</u>	<u>84,699</u>
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	3	27,436	211,007	238,443
Investment income	4	<u>600</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>600</u>
Total income		<u>28,036</u>	<u>211,007</u>	<u>239,043</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	5	<u>(77,780)</u>	<u>(197,725)</u>	<u>(275,505)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(77,780)</u>	<u>(197,725)</u>	<u>(275,505)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		(49,744)	13,282	(36,462)
Transfers between funds		<u>4,911</u>	<u>(4,911)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(44,833)	8,371	(36,462)
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>93,943</u>	<u>51,223</u>	<u>145,166</u>
Total funds carried forward	8	<u>49,110</u>	<u>59,594</u>	<u>108,704</u>

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

(Registration number: 05563277)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

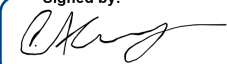
	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		84,699	108,704
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	8	80,548	59,594
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		4,151	49,110
Total funds	8	84,699	108,704

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.

Directors' 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.

The financial statements on pages 6 to 16 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 16/12/2024..... and signed on their behalf by:

Signed by:

.....8A556091E4CB471.....
Anne Cleminson
Chairman and trustee

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash expenditure		(24,005)	(36,462)
Adjustments to cash flows from non-cash items			
Investment income	4	<u>(1,354)</u>	<u>(600)</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities		(25,359)	(37,062)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest receivable and similar income	4	<u>1,354</u>	<u>600</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(24,005)	(36,462)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April		<u>108,704</u>	<u>145,166</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March		<u><u>84,699</u></u>	<u><u>108,704</u></u>

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

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

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

1 Charity status

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

The address of its registered office is:

The Old School
Fairfield Street
Warrington
WA1 3AJ

[Authorised for issue date](#)

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)) (issued in October 2019) - (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

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd 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.

Homestart Warrington & Cheshire Ltd

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

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.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

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.

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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 discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

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.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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Investments

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

Fair value measurement

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	9,636	-	9,636
Gift aid reclaimed	560	-	560
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	1,277	273,576	274,853
Total for 2024	<u>11,473</u>	<u>273,576</u>	<u>285,049</u>
Total for 2023	<u>27,436</u>	<u>211,007</u>	<u>238,443</u>

4 Investment income

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	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	1,354	1,354
Total for 2024	<u>1,354</u>	<u>1,354</u>
Total for 2023	<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Allocated support costs	6	77,786	232,622	310,408
Total for 2023		<u>77,780</u>	<u>197,725</u>	<u>275,505</u>

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6 Analysis of support costs

Analysis of support costs

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	Basis of allocation	General £	£	2024 £
Salaries and NICs	Fund	62,227	181,981	244,208
Payroll costs	Fund	-	798	798
Staff expenses	Fund	2,224	6,438	8,662
Rent & Rates	Fund	-	6,250	6,250
Postage, printing & stationery	Fund	227	191	418
Office expenses	Fund	1,720	2,897	4,617
Insurance	Fund	-	1,317	1,317
Travel & Transport	Fund	-	211	211
Publicity	Fund	638	3,001	3,639
Professional Fees	Fund	288	2,608	2,896
Training	Fund	-	1,454	1,454
Volunteer's expenses	Fund	978	3,000	3,978
Family fund and activities	Fund	5,603	22,191	27,794
Fees & Subscriptions	Fund	3,386	90	3,476
Governance Costs	Fund	495	195	690
		<u>77,786</u>	<u>232,622</u>	<u>310,408</u>

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		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	Basis of allocation	General £	£	2023 £
Salaries and NICs	Fund	62,614	141,853	204,467
Payroll costs	Fund	-	550	550
Staff expenses	Fund	823	3,538	4,361
Rent & Rates	Fund	480	4,800	5,280
Postage, printing & stationery	Fund	-	2,634	2,634
Office expenses	Fund	681	4,881	5,562
Insurance	Fund	144	1,326	1,470
Travel & Transport	Fund	-	111	111
Publicity	Fund	1,012	1,176	2,188
Professional Fees	Fund	1,124	2,836	3,960
Training	Fund	677	1,793	2,470
Volunteer's expenses	Fund	578	1,608	2,186
Family fund and activities	Fund	7,559	26,044	33,603
Fees & Subscriptions	Fund	2,088	3,527	5,615
Governance Costs	Fund	-	1,048	1,048
		<u>77,780</u>	<u>197,725</u>	<u>275,505</u>

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7 Taxation

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

8 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
Cash at bank and in hand	49,110	12,827	(77,786)	20,000	4,151
Restricted funds					
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>59,594</u>	<u>273,576</u>	<u>(232,622)</u>	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>80,548</u>
Total funds	<u><u>108,704</u></u>	<u><u>286,403</u></u>	<u><u>(310,408)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>84,699</u></u>

9 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2024 £
Current assets	<u>66,914</u>	<u>17,784</u>	<u>84,698</u>

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Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Unrestricted Funds

	Total Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	11,473	27,436
Investment income	<u>1,354</u>	<u>600</u>
Total income	<u>12,827</u>	<u>28,036</u>
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	<u>(77,786)</u>	<u>(77,780)</u>
Total expenditure	<u>(77,786)</u>	<u>(77,780)</u>
Net expenditure	(64,959)	(49,744)
Transfers between funds	<u>20,000</u>	<u>4,911</u>
Net movement in funds	(44,959)	(44,833)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	<u>49,110</u>	<u>93,943</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>4,151</u></u>	<u><u>49,110</u></u>

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Statement of Financial Activities by fund for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Restricted Funds

	Total Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Restricted Funds 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	<u>273,576</u>	<u>211,007</u>
Total income	<u>273,576</u>	<u>211,007</u>
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities	<u>(232,622)</u>	<u>(197,725)</u>
Total expenditure	<u>(232,622)</u>	<u>(197,725)</u>
Net income	40,954	13,282
Transfers between funds	<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>(4,911)</u>
Net movement in funds	20,954	8,371
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	<u>59,594</u>	<u>51,223</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>80,548</u></u>	<u><u>59,594</u></u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:		
Donations and legacies (analysed below)	285,049	238,443
Investment income (analysed below)	<u>1,354</u>	<u>600</u>
Total income	<u>286,403</u>	<u>239,043</u>
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities (analysed below)	<u>(310,408)</u>	<u>(275,505)</u>
Total expenditure	<u>(310,408)</u>	<u>(275,505)</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(24,005)</u>	<u>(36,462)</u>
Net movement in funds	(24,005)	(36,462)
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	<u>108,704</u>	<u>145,166</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>84,699</u></u>	<u><u>108,704</u></u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<i>Donations and legacies</i>		
Income from donations Unrestricted	9,636	1,625
Gift Aid Unrestricted	560	795
Income from charitable activities restricted	273,576	211,007
Income from charitable activities unrestricted	1,277	25,016
	<u>285,049</u>	<u>238,443</u>
<i>Investment income</i>		
Interest on cash deposits Unrestricted	1,354	600
	<u>1,354</u>	<u>600</u>
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Wages and salaries Restricted	(181,981)	(141,853)
Wages and salaries Unrestricted	(62,227)	(62,614)
Staff training Restricted	(1,454)	(1,793)
Staff training Unrestricted	-	(677)
Volunteer expenses Restricted	(3,000)	(1,608)
Volunteer expenses Unrestricted	(978)	(578)
Rent Restricted	(6,250)	(4,800)
Rent Unrestricted	-	(480)
Office expenses Restricted	(2,897)	(4,881)
Office expenses Unrestricted	(1,721)	(681)
Printing, postage and stationery Restricted	(191)	(2,634)
Printing, postage and stationery Unrestricted	(227)	-
Fees and subscriptions Restricted	(90)	(3,527)
Fees and subscriptions Unrestricted	(3,386)	(2,088)
Family fund and activities Restricted	(22,191)	(26,044)
Family fund and activities Unrestricted	(5,603)	(7,559)
Staff expenses Restricted	(6,437)	(3,538)
Staff expenses Unrestricted	(2,223)	(823)
Travelling Restricted	(212)	(111)
Publicity Restricted	(3,001)	(1,176)
Publicity Unrestricted	(638)	(1,012)
Payroll services Restricted	(798)	(550)
Governance costs Restricted	(195)	(1,048)
Internal audit services Unrestricted	(495)	-

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Insurance Restricted	(1,317)	(1,326)
Insurance Unrestricted	-	(144)
Professional fees Restricted	(2,608)	(2,836)
Professional fees Unrestricted	<u>(288)</u>	<u>(1,124)</u>
	<u><u>(310,408)</u></u>	<u><u>(275,505)</u></u>

Accounts

Home-Start Warrington

Charity number 1116515

A Company limited by guarantee number 05563277

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

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Trustees' report

Chairs Statement

One of the joys of doing an Annual Report is having the opportunity to look back over the past year and reflect on the actions and activities, the highs and lows, the impacts and outcomes of the work that has been carried out. As you go through the day-to-day work of just doing the job it is easy to forget or not even realise how much has been achieved and the difference that has been made to so many people's lives.

As we adapted to a new way of working following on from the difficulties of the previous years we can now take stock and pat ourselves on the back for all we have succeeded in doing. I say we, as it has all been very much a team effort. None of what Home Start Warrington and Cheshire does can be as successful as it is without the team of trustees, staff, volunteers and those who offer us their support and commitment from funders to the wider community of individuals and businesses.

2022-2023 saw many highs and thankfully not many lows. With the support from funders and partners, we have been able to expand into Northwich and Winsford, which also saw us able to recruit a new member of staff to support this expansion. Our new Family Support Activity Coordinator saw us develop the group work we had put in place during Covid. This post was one trustees had identified as something to consider for the future back in 2019. Covid forced our hand in developing group sessions, funding helped us make this a core part of our work from now on. The recruitment of the new Dad Matters Coordinator has turned the support to dads in its head. We are now able to offer more support, to more dads, from more areas.

With more staff and new ways of working, we have been able to recruit more volunteers offering a wider range of experiences and opportunities for volunteers to be involved in. We now have volunteer bus drivers, supported by volunteer chaperones for our trips to the Puddle Project, volunteer group workers support the newly developed groups, we have volunteer fundraisers involved in supporting our fundraising activities, whilst the family support volunteers continue to carry out the home visits that have always been at the heart of what we do.

As trustees we to have continued to develop; looking at our succession planning we had identified areas and roles where we needed to be proactive in bringing in new trustees with specific skills to take the Scheme forward. The roles of Chair, Treasurer and Safeguarding lead were all identified as priorities. At the AGM in November 2022, a new treasurer was appointed. Plans are in place to have trustees in post to take on the Chairs role and the safeguarding trustee role when needed.

Then rest of this report will reflect in more detail the work undertaken in 2022/23. My statement though has given me the opportunity to once again appreciate why I love being part of this wonderful team and to continue to look forward to the future with never diminishing optimism.

Gwen Lightfoot
Chair

Home Start Warrington



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Trustees' report continued

Structure, Governance and Management Governing document

The organisation is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 14th September 2005 as amended by special resolution on 20 October 2009 in the name of Home-Start Warrington Company Number 5563277 and registered as a Charity on 26th October 2006, Charity number 1118515.

The organisation was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

After expansion into Northwich and Winsford In August 2022, the organisation was renamed Home-Start Warrington and Cheshire

Objects of the organisation

To safeguard, protect and preserve the good health, both mental and physical of children and parents of children.

To prevent cruelty to or maltreatment of children.

To relieve sickness, poverty and need amongst children and parents of children.

To promote the education of the public in better standards of childcare within the area of Warrington and its environs.

Recruitment and appointment of the Trustees

The management of the charity is supervised by the Trustees who report to the charity at the Annual General Meeting, at which the Trustees are elected by the members on a three-yearly rolling programme. The members of the charity propose trustees. On election trustees are required to sign the Trustee Declaration of Willingness to Act as a Trustee as well as the Home Start UK Code of Conduct and mandatory policies including Safeguarding Children, Confidentiality, Data Protection, Equality & Fairness and Diversity policy. The Trustees have skills in a variety of fields including business, financial, safeguarding and volunteering.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

Trustee Induction and training

Prospective trustees complete an expression of interest and then meet with trustees for an informal discussion. If after this process and following receipt of satisfactory references and DBS, they are then invited to observe a Board meeting. If they want to continue, they will then be invited to be elected at the AGM. After election, they will be given an induction covering

- Duties of committee members including presentation of the relevant Charity Commission guidance regarding the duties of trustees.
- Explanation and presentation of the governing instrument.
- Presentation of current and projected financial position.
- Explanation of all significant projects within the charity.
- Presentation of the activities of the charity and how it is organised, structured, and staffed.
- Details of Home Start UK Trustee Induction training
- Mandatory training
- Refresher training
- Ongoing Updating and Skills development training available

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Trustees' report continued

Organisational Structure

The Trustees generally meet every eight weeks and are responsible for setting the strategic direction and policies of the charity. Since April 2021, all meetings have been face to face at The Old School, with some trustees joining via Microsoft Teams. The CEO manages the day-to-day running of the charity and implements the strategy and policies of the charity.

The main focus of the work of the charity is delivered through a team of volunteers supported by staff members as well as group support delivered by staff with volunteer support.

Details of the organisational structure is listed later in this document.

Subgroups are set up as required, each having approved Terms of Reference and led by a Trustee. Membership can vary depending on the role of the subgroup and is set down in the Terms of Reference. Recommendations are made to the Management Committee for approval. During 2022/23, the Scheme had three regular subgroups meeting on a six-weekly rota – Quality Assurance & Consultation Subgroup, Finance & Fundraising Subgroup, and the HR Subgroup. The Operational Planning Subgroup to review the scheme's action plan meet a minimum of twice a year.

Risk Assessment and Internal Controls

The Board of Trustees have compiled a business plan, which enables it to introduce systems to monitor and control the major strategic business and operational risks that the charity faces each year. An organisational risk assessment is undertaken each year considering various issues and the impact on the organisation e.g. impacts on funding, changes to local government social service provision, future legislative changes, long-term sickness, issues relating to child protection from outside the organisation and inside the organisation, health and safety of staff and volunteers.

The Treasurer provides a Funding Profile to the Committee at each meeting, which highlights the sources, value, and time restrictions on current funding streams.

Internal audits are undertaken of various aspects of the work to ensure compliance with Home Start UK's Quality Assurance and other legal requirements.

Relationship to Home-Start UK

Local Home-Start Schemes belong to a federation of Home Starts overseen by Home Start UK.

A requirement of a federated Home Start is to agree to the following documents

Home-Start Agreement: the legal agreement to be signed by the Chairperson of each local Home-Start and Home-Start UK, establishing requirements and responsibilities for each party and confirming the membership of the individual Home-Start.

Home-Start Brand Licence: the legal requirements on the use and protection of the Home-Start brand, assets and intellectual property.

Home-Start Handbook: a guide to responsibilities, standards and practice and the detail of mandatory requirements

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Trustees' report continued

Policies

Home-Start adheres to approximately 35 policies. These are reviewed in accordance with Home-Start UK guidelines, by the Quality Assurance/ and Consultation subgroup.

As a condition of affiliation to Home Start UK, we must adopt the following mandatory documents and policies; Safeguarding Code of Conduct, Safeguarding Checklist, Confidentiality Policy, Equality Fairness and Diversity policy, Safeguarding and Protecting Children policy, GDPR/ Data Protection policy, Looking after Children in the Absence of Parents policy, Safeguarding and Protecting Adults policy, Conflict of Interest policy, Safer Selection and Recruitment of Staff policy, Staff Supervision and Appraisal policy, Recruitment Supervision and Management of Volunteers policy, Complaints Policy, Whistleblowing Policy. There is also a requirement to have a number of essential policies and as an organisation we have developed several optional policies to meet the needs of the Scheme. A full list of current policies can be obtained from the Scheme.

As part of the essential policies to be adopted, we have a Financial Management Policy, Investment Policy, and a Reserves policy – it was agreed that we should, as a minimum, aim to hold six months operating reserves in order to cope with any unexpected loss of funding. The Board of Trustees and Staff have actively explored avenues to broaden the range of funding sources – especially those which are unrestricted to secure the income of the charity.

Quality Assurance

The quality of a scheme's practice is assured by the Home-Start QA System for Schemes, which is a bespoke QA System. It is a process that focuses on the ongoing development and continuous improvement of all practice areas relating to the governance, management, and service delivery of local Home-Start Schemes. Home Start Warrington was last assessed on 7th August 2019 and achieved 96%.

Achievements and performance

Ellie Harrison – Chief Executive Officer –

The year April 2022 – March 2023 was another year of remarkable change for the charity. The most significant being the expansion into Cheshire from August 2022 and the resulting change of name for the charity in October to Home Start Warrington and Cheshire. The charity now covers Warrington and Northwich and Winsford areas of Cheshire West.

In July 2022, following new funding being received from the Steve Morgan Foundation, a new Coordinator for Northwich and Winsford began in post and to date we have worked with over 50 families in the area via our

Little Lunches clubs and group. We have also recruited volunteers and matched them with 10 families.

In Warrington, we recruited a new Family Support Activity Coordinator in July, and this has meant we could expand our offer to families in Warrington for group support. Following an evaluation of our group provision, we started a new timetable in March 2023, which includes Monday Puddle sessions, Wednesday play session at Warrington Youth Zone and Thursday Singing Mamas group.

Our Dad Matters support service has also grown with regular monthly Walk and Talk sessions in the park led by the Coordinator Chris Judge in 2022. In January 2023, to increase capacity within the team a new Coordinator, Josie Harrison, was recruited. The Dad Matters service have been visiting Warrington Hospital since March 2023 on a weekly basis and now also visits Leighton Hospital every week (as this is the maternity facility for most of the families in Northwich and Winsford). The monthly Walk and Talks have continued with an additional monthly Stay and Play session also being added to the timetable for Dads.

We have continued to recruit home-visiting volunteers and now have a dedicated Volunteer Coordinator, Louise Moran who is also our Administrator. Between April 2022 and March 2023, we recruited 31 volunteers to our original numbers. We have held regular coffee mornings that have included training in school readiness, perinatal mental health and first aid and at Christmas had a volunteer celebration event to thank them all for their support over the year.

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Trustees' report continued

Recruitment has been more challenging this year due to the increases in cost of living meaning many volunteers have had to take paid employment. However, we have diversified our offer of volunteering opportunities, which has meant that volunteers can support at groups, drive the minibus to the Puddle, support with fundraising as well as offering home-visiting support.

We continue to listen to the voice of our families and completed surveys with them at the end of the financial year. We received 37 responses, which included families from Northwich and Winsford, groups support, one to one and Dad Matters support. The feedback was very positive from families with most of the recommendations being for more group activity. Some actions were implemented from the feedback i.e. ensure staff team are distinguishable via Home Start t-shirts and the group timetable is regularly updated and shared via our social media pages.

At a strategic level, I now represent Home Start Warrington and Cheshire as the voluntary sector rep at the Warrington Safeguarding Partnership Impact group, Domestic Abuse Partnership, Supporting Families Governance Group, Family Hubs meetings and Warrington in Mind in Warrington. In Cheshire West. I am a member of the Leadership Sector Group run by Cheshire West Voluntary Action and the Mental Health Alliance and Children and Young People thematic group.

Families referred into the service in the year

We received 197 referrals between April 2022 and March 2023

Families supported in the year

Out of the 197 referrals, 125 families went on to receive direct support via volunteers or groups.

Contribution of the Volunteers

To become a Home-Start Family Support Volunteer, volunteers are safely recruited and once references and DBS are confirmed and they have had an informal chat with a Coordinator they are invited to complete the preparation course. This is online training which has recently been published by Home-Start UK. Alongside the online course, there is a face to face powerpoint which is delivered by the Coordinators. This gives the participants the opportunity to meet other volunteers at the beginning of the course, the middle of the course and at the end. It also provides space for participants to discuss issues such as safeguarding and confidentiality. The online and face to face course content includes how Home-Start helps families, commitments and boundaries, confidentiality, safeguarding children, children's development and play and equal opportunities.

The volunteers also have a termly support group where they can meet for a coffee and share learning about their volunteering experiences. This included a September lunch with presentations from the Puddle Project, a Christmas lunch and awards ceremony and a spring coffee morning with training events planned at that session for the rest of the year. They have included paediatric first aid training and more training around autism awareness. Volunteers have also been offered other opportunities within the organisation to enhance their skills such as those of mini bus driver, chaperone and playgroup assistant. More training will be offered in the next financial year to strengthen those roles.

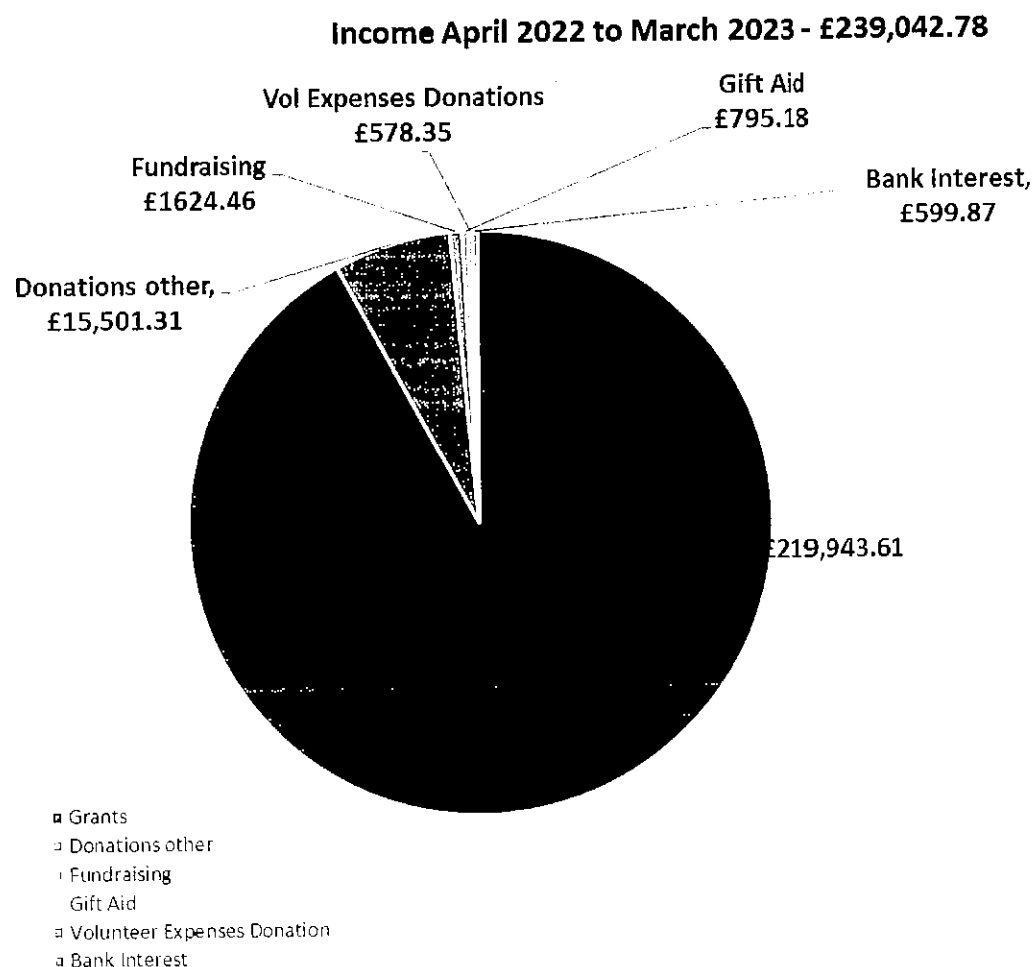
Our volunteers are regularly asked for feedback and they talk about how rewarding they find the role of supporting and empowering families to make a positive difference to them and the lives of their young children.

Home Start also welcomes the support of volunteers in other roles e.g. fund raising/events such as curry nights and Christmas Big Give events.

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Trustees' report continued

The chart below shows our income for the year.



2022 2023 targets

There is a revised business plan for 2022 – 23

1. To work with more families in need of support during 2022-23 and to increase their confidence to access services post-lockdown.
2. To work with volunteers to support our families and ensure our volunteers have the appropriate support and training.
3. For the core work to include 2 specialist services for Parent Infant Mental Health and Dad Matters, and to support these specialists to work with our volunteers.
4. Recruit enough volunteers to meet demand.
4. Home Start Warrington to become better known within the Warrington community to be achieved by raising profile and brand awareness.
5. Secure post-23 funding for the charity including both corporate and national funding.
6. To ensure accurate and intelligent reporting via Lamplight and HSW quality assurance processes.
7. To increase the diversity of the families accessing the service by recruiting more diverse volunteers that reflect all in our local communities.
8. To expand the territory covered by Home Start Warrington

Home-Start Warrington

Trustees' report continued

Reserves Policy:

It is the policy of the charitable company to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves at a level to cover redundancy provision, lease commitments. With the approval of the board of trustees, the unrestricted reserves will cover the total running costs of six months to ensure the projects/programmes are to continue if funding becomes unavailable. This will then allow a reasonable time to wind-down projects that we are no longer able to fund as the majority of our projects are annually funded.

At the end of the financial year the unrestricted funds totalled £49,110 less designated funds of £29,500 leaves free reserves of £19,610; the charitable company requires £15,000 for redundancy provision, £4,000 Telephony, £2,500 Office Equipment & £8,000 for IT and £78,375 for six months' running costs.

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial accounts for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those 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.
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board on 27th November 2023 and signed on behalf of the directors by:



Gwen Lightfoot
Chair

Reference and Administrative Details

Home-Start Warrington

Charity number 1116515

A Company limited by guarantee number 05563277

The trustees, who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law, are pleased to present their report and financial statements together with the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Name	Position	Dates
Gwen Lightfoot	Chair	
Anne Fox	Vice Chair	
Anne Bramhall		
Diana Grylls		
Victoria Glass		
Mark Bell		
Dennis Evans	Treasurer	resigned 28th November 2022
Karen Rylance		
Jim Billington		
Paula Durao	Treasurer	appointed 28th November 2022
Andy Carr		appointed 28th November 2022

Company Secretary

Louise Moran

Principal Staff

Ellie Harrison	CEO
Louise Moran	Office Administrator & Company Secretary
Lucy Glover	Business Development Manager
Rachel Richards	Outreach Worker
Leanne Smith	Funding & Finance Administrator
Eva Ross	Family Support Co-ordinator
Carragh Garrity	Senior Coordinator appointed
Kirsti Finch	Family Support Co-ordinator (Northwich and Winsford) started 26th July 2022
Amanda Wood	Family Activities Co-ordinator started 26th July 2022
Josie Harrison	Dad Matters Co-ordinator started 3rd January 2023

Method of appointment

Members of the board of trustees, who are the directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law who served during the year are set out above. The trustees meet monthly and receive reports from management to manage their charity's affairs.

Registered address

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Reference and Administrative Details

Home-Start Warrington

Charity number 1116515

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Governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated 14 September 2005, as amended by special resolution dated 20th October 2009 and 17th March 2016. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Objects of the organisation

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

Independent Examiner

Jane Williams

Greater Merseyside Community Accountancy Service

St Maries

Lugsdale Road

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Approval

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees on 27th November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Gwen Lightfoot
Chair

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Home-Start Warrington

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023 set out on pages 12 to 22

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and examiner

The charity's 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
- ☐ state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's statement

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



Jane Williams
MAAT
Greater Merseyside Community Accountancy Service
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27th November 2023

Home-Start Warrington
Statement of Financial Activities
(Including Income & Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Income from:					
Income from donations	(4)	1,625	-	1,625	920
Income from charitable activities	(5)	25,016	211,007	236,023	175,651
Other incoming resources	(6)	795	-	795	30
Bank Interest		600	-	600	267
Total Incoming resources		28,036	211,007	239,043	176,868
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	(7)	77,780	197,725	275,504	190,308
Net Incoming / (outgoing) resources		(49,744)	13,282	(36,462)	(13,440)
Transfers between funds		4,911	(4,911)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(44,833)	8,371	(36,462)	(13,440)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds as at 01 April 2022		93,943	51,223	145,166	158,806
Total funds as at 31 March 2023	(15)	49,110	59,594	108,704	145,166

The above statement includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.
All activities are regarded as continuing.
Comparative figures for the previous year by fund type are shown in Note 15.
The Notes on pages 15 to 22 form an integral part of these accounts.

Home-Start Warrington

Charity number 1116515

A Company limited by guarantee number 05563277

Balance sheet

as at 31 March 2023

		2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	(10)	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	(11)	-	-	-	150
Cash at bank and in hand	(12)	49,110	59,594	108,704	145,165
Total current assets		49,110	59,594	108,704	145,315
Current liabilities:					
amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors (due within one year)	(13)	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities		-	-	-	-
Net Assets		49,110	59,594	108,704	145,315
Funds of the charity					
Restricted Funds		-	59,594	59,594	51,223
Designated Funds		29,500	-	29,500	29,500
Unrestricted funds		19,610	-	19,610	64,592
Total Funds	(15)	49,110	59,594	108,704	145,315

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) confirm that for the year ended 31 March 2023

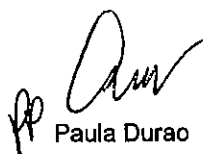
the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, and

the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act

the trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

The notes on pages 15 to 22 form an integral part of these accounts.

These accounts, which have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, were approved by the trustees on 27th November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:


Paula Durao
Director / Trustee

Home-Start Warrington
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2023

		2023	2022
		Unrestricted	Restricted
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net Income/(expenditure) per SOFA		(36,462)	(13,440)
Investment income		600	267
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(11)	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(13)	-	-
		<u>(35,862)</u>	<u>(13,173)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Investment income		<u>(600)</u>	<u>(267)</u>
Net Increase/(decrease) in cash:		(36,462)	(13,440)
Total cash as at 01 April 2022		<u>145,166</u>	<u>158,606</u>
Total cash as at 31 March 2023		<u>108,704</u>	<u>145,166</u>

The notes on pages 15 to 22 form an integral part of these accounts.

Home-Start Warrington

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2023

1 Basis of preparation

These accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention,

- 1.1** with items recognised at cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s), in accordance with:
 - (a) The Charities Act 2011
 - (b) The Companies Act 2006
 - (c) The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland: FRS 102
 - (d) Accounting & Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP FRS 102) (effective January 2019)
- 1.2** The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102
- 1.3** The trustees consider that there are not material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2 Accounting Policies

2.1 Fund accounting

- (a) Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.
- (b) Restricted funds are those that may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for specific purposes.
- (c) The purposes of the funds are shown in Note 7a.

2.2 Income

- (a) Income is recognised and included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the income; receipt is probable; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
- (b) Where income has related expenditure (e.g. project activities), the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.
- (c) Bank interest is recognised when credited to the account.
- (d) Gift Aid, where appropriate, is recognised in the same accounting period as the donation to which it relates.
- (e) Income, which is subject to conditions that the charity has yet to fulfil, or which is specifically for use in a future accounting period, is treated as deferred income.

2.3 Expenditure and liabilities

- (a) Expenditure is recognised on the accruals basis.
- (b) The charity is not registered for VAT, thus all costs are shown inclusive of VAT charged.
- (c) Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay out resources.
- (d) Governance costs include the costs of preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the cost of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2023

2.4 Tangible Fixed Assets

(a) Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £250. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at their value on receipt.

Rates of depreciation

Building Improvements: 20% straight line basis to nil

Fixtures and fittings: 15% straight line basis to nil

Equipment: 20% straight line basis to nil

2.5 Debtors

(a) Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due.

(b) Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

2.6 Cash

(a) Cash comprises bank deposits repayable on demand and any short-term highly liquid investments with a maturity date of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.7 Creditors

(a) Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount, usually the invoice amount.

(b) Accrued charges are normally valued at their settlement amount.

2.8 Taxation

The charity is not liable to income tax or capital gains tax on its charitable activities.

3 Transactions with trustees and related parties

No trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the accounting period.

Owing to the nature of the charity's activities and the composition of the board of trustees (being drawn from local statutory and voluntary organisation), it is inevitable that transactions will take place with organisations in which a trustee may have an interest. All transactions in which a trustee may have an interest are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the charity's financial regulations and expenditure procedures. No transactions were identified which should be disclosed under FRS 102.

Home-Start Warrington
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2023

4 Income from donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Fundraising Income	1,625	-	1,625	920
	<u>1,625</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,625</u>	<u>920</u>

5 Income from charitable activities

	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Warrington Public Health	-	23,444	23,444	23,444
Warrington Borough Council: HAF	-	4,230	4,230	-
National Lottery	-	100,000	100,000	60,000
Cheshire Community Foundation	-	20,000	20,000	15,000
Garfield Weston	-	-	-	15,000
Warrington Voluntary Action	-	-	-	8,000
Local Giving	-	-	-	500
Big Hope Big Future Wave 2 Grant	-	-	-	3,750
Volant	-	-	-	32,922
Pears Grant	-	-	-	4,400
New Beginnings	-	-	-	660
Curious Minds	-	-	-	250
Torus Foundation	-	-	-	250
St James Place Foundation	5,000	-	5,000	-
Steve Morgan Foundation	-	33,333	33,333	-
Home Start UK	2,875	-	2,875	-
Henry Smith	-	15,000	15,000	-
Cheshire West Voluntary Action	-	5,000	5,000	-
Awards for All: Main Grants	-	10,000	10,000	-
Groundwork UK	1,061	-	1,061	-
Donations	16,080	-	16,080	11,475
	<u>25,016</u>	<u>211,007</u>	<u>236,023</u>	<u>175,651</u>

6 Other Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Gift Aid	795	-	795	30
	<u>795</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>795</u>	<u>30</u>

Home-Start Warrington
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2023

7 Expenditure of charitable activities

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
<u>Direct Costs</u>				
Salaries and NICs	(3) 62,614	141,853	204,466	155,050
Payroll costs	-	550	550	438
Staff Expenses	823	3,538	4,361	1,898
Rent & Rates	480	4,800	5,280	-
Postage, printing & stationery	-	2,634	2,634	-
Office Expenses	681	4,881	5,562	12,443
Insurance	144	1,326	1,470	1,114
Travel & transport	-	111	111	-
Publicity	1,012	1,176	2,188	999
Professional fees	1,124	2,836	3,960	2,720
Training	677	1,793	2,470	7,754
Volunteer's Expense	578	1,608	2,186	861
Family fund and activities	7,559	26,044	33,603	5,740
Fees & Subscriptions	2,088	3,527	5,615	470
Governance Costs	(8) -	1,048	1,048	821
Total resources expended	77,780	197,725	275,504	190,308

Home-Start Warrington

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for the year ended 31 March 2023

7a Restricted funds summary	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Support a family	4,800	-	-	(4,800)	-
National Lottery: Reaching Com	-	100,000	98,035	-	3,965
Warrington BC: Public Health	-	23,444	11,722	-	11,722
Warrington BC: HAF	-	4,230	4,230	-	-
Volant	17,001	-	7,402	-	9,599
Cheshire Community F'd'tn	6,142	-	6,781	639	-
Cheshire Community F'd'tn	-	20,000	15,000	-	5,000
Garfield Weston	15,000	-	15,000	-	-
Awards 4 All Main Grants	-	10,000	10,000	-	-
Cheshire West Voluntary Action	-	5,000	953	-	4,047
Henry Smith	-	15,000	15,000	-	-
Steve Morgan Fdtn	-	33,333	15,602	-	17,731
Homestart UK Covid Fund	500	-	-	(500)	-
Warrington VA: Maternal MH	7,530	-	-	-	7,530
Torus Foundation	250	-	-	(250)	-
	<u>51,223</u>	<u>211,007</u>	<u>197,725</u>	<u>(4,911)</u>	<u>59,594</u>

Purpose of restricted funds

Cheshire Community Foundation contribute towards our ongoing operating costs

Warrington Borough Council Public Health provide funding to cover staff and office costs

8 Governance Costs	2023 £	2022 £
Independent Examiners' fee	495	315
Administration	163	13
Trustee Training	300	301
Home Start UK Audit fee	-	193
	<u>958</u>	<u>821</u>
9 Staff costs and numbers	2023 £	2022 £
Gross salaries	189,385	142,293
Other wages	-	3,067
Social security costs	10,784	6,657
Pensions	4,297	3,033
	<u>204,466</u>	<u>155,050</u>

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more in the current accounting period
The average number of employees during the year was 8.5 FTE (2022: 5.7)

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes in respect of its employees. These contributions are made to externally administered pension schemes. The pension cost represents the contributions payable by the organisation to the fund.

Home-Start Warrington
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for the year ended 31 March 2023

10 Tangible assets

	Fixtures & Fittings £	Computers & Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	733	7,976	8,709
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	<u>733</u>	<u>7,976</u>	<u>8,709</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	733	7,976	8,709
Charge for year	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	<u>733</u>	<u>7,976</u>	<u>8,709</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

11 Debtors and prepayments

	2023 £	2022 £
Debtors	-	150
Prepayments	<u>-</u>	<u>150</u>

12 Cash at bank and in hand

	2023 £	2022 £
Community Directplus account	43,328	40,421
Instant Saver Account	32,235	71,966
Yorkshire Bank	32,931	32,601
Cash in hand	209	177
	<u>108,704</u>	<u>145,165</u>

13 Creditors and accruals

	2023 £	2022 £
Creditors	-	-
Accruals	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Home-Start Warrington

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2023

14 Analysis of Charitable Activities													
Notes	Restricted funds summary												
	WBC ~ Public Health	Com F'd'n Dad	Volant	Cheshire Com F'd'n	National Lottery RC	Garfield Weston	AAA Main Grants	Cheshir e West VA	Henry Smith	HAF	Steve Morgan Fdn	Total 2023	
													£
(4a)	9,785	-	1,406	8,764	72,375	13,628	7,780	-	12,202	2208	13706	141,853	
Salaries and NICs	-	-	-	-	550	-	-	-	-	-	-	550	
Payroll costs	228	-	-	52	1,407	129	148	-	258	5	1311	3,538	
Staff Expenses	480	-	-	960	2,400	960	-	-	-	-	-	4,800	
Rent & Rates	103	-	-	308	2,019	-	-	26	145	-	32	2,634	
Postage, stationery and telephone	75	-	-	738	3,090	207	-	-	770	-	-	4,881	
Office Expenses	-	-	-	-	1,123	-	-	-	203	-	-	1,326	
Insurance	-	-	-	14	97	-	-	-	-	-	-	111	
Travel and transport	140	10	-	25	1,001	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,176	
Publicity	196	-	-	1,320	1,320	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,836	
Professional fees	330	-	-	244	969	-	192	-	58	-	-	1,793	
Training	382	-	-	562	337	-	-	200	14	-	113	1,608	
Volunteer's Expense	4	6,771	5,996	1,886	5,810	-	1,880	726	512	2,017	440	26,044	
Family fund and activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Equipment, books and publications	-	-	-	126	2,741	-	-	-	660	-	-	3,527	
Fees & Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	795	77	-	-	176	-	-	1,048	
Governance Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	11,722	6,781	7,402	15,000	96,035	15,000	10,000	953	15,000	4,230	15,602	197,725	

Home-Start Warrington
Comparative Statement of Financial Activities
(Including Income & Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 March 2023

15 Comparative Income and expenditure by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
Income from donations	1,625	920	-	-
Income from charitable activities	25,016	21,285	211,007	154,366
Other incoming resources	795	30	-	-
Bank interest	600	267	-	-
Total Incoming resources	28,036	22,502	211,007	154,366
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	77,780	66,924	197,725	123,384
Net Incoming / (outgoing) resources	(49,744)	(44,422)	13,282	30,982
Transfers between funds	4,911	(100)	(4,911)	100
Net movement in funds	(44,833)	(44,522)	8,371	31,082
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds as at 01 April 2022	93,943	138,465	51,223	20,141
Total funds as at 31 March 2023	49,110	93,943	59,594	51,223

Accounts

Home-Start Warrington

Charity number 1116515

A Company limited by guarantee number 05563277

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022

The logo for Greater Merseyside Community Accountancy Service (gmcas) features the lowercase letters 'gmcas' in a white, sans-serif font, centered within a solid black rectangular background.

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Home-Start Warrington

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Home-Start Warrington

Trustees' report

Chairs Statement

Usually the hardest part of doing the Chairs Statement is to try and keep it short and succinct, especially with a Scheme like Home Start Warrington that does so much wonderful 'stuff' that you want to highlight it all.

This time though I find it more difficult to recall the past year, we talk about when we did that project or that piece of work only to realise it was over two years ago. Time has moved on so quickly during the past extraordinary couple of years.

I ended last year's statement with our phrase #Childhood Can't Wait, despite the challenges that continued to present themselves last year and the speed with which time passed Home Start Warrington did all it could to ensure that for our families and especially the Children, childhood didn't have to wait, in fact it didn't even pause. As you will read in the CEO report from Ellie we continued to look at new and initiative ways in which to support our families, developing several new and exciting partnerships along the way: we can never thank The Puddle Project enough for all they have done and continue to do for our families. We took our new ways of working and now they are a core part of what we do, something pre pandemic might never have happened.

In doing all this we have not only developed some great new partners we have had the support from other places and people who have put their trust in us to deliver. Funders can see what we deliver and continue to support us, organisations such as Cheshire Connect continue to link us with pro bono services to help with our development, individuals see what we do and want to work with us as our two new trustees joining this year show, new staff want to join us, professionals pass on referrals and approaches are made for us to expand our services into new areas. Above all families continue to put their trust in us to help and support them through what may be a really difficult time in their lives or just a time when they need a kind face by their side.

As I say every year we could not do any of this without a great team in place; the staff, the volunteers the trustees all have a part to play in the work of Home Start Warrington and I can never thank them all enough for what they do.

I don't want to forget those staff, trustees and volunteers who have left us over the past year. Steph our Office Manager left after 20 years of seeing us through some real ups and downs, Malgorzata one of our trustees who sadly left us to go home to Poland to support her family as the crises in Ukraine grew, our volunteers who have moved on to other roles in life. For all of you, thank you too for what you did whilst you were with us but also I know you will still be out there promoting what we are doing.

As I ended last year, and to be honest most years, #ChildhoodCantWait and I know as long as Home Start Warrington is around it definitely won't have to.

Gwen Lightfoot
Chair
Home Start Warrington

Home-Start Warrington

Trustees' report continued

Recruitment and appointment of the Trustees

The management of the charity is supervised by the Trustees who report to the charity at the Annual General Meeting, at which the Trustees are elected by the members on a three-yearly rolling programme. Trustees are proposed by the members of the charity. On election trustees are required to sign the Trustee Declaration of Willingness to Act as a Trustee as well as the Home Start UK Code of Conduct and mandatory policies including Safeguarding Children, Confidentiality, Data Protection, Equality & Fairness and Diversity policy. The Trustees have skills in a variety of fields including business, financial, safeguarding and volunteering.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity.

Trustee Induction and training

Prospective trustees complete an expression of interest and then meet with trustees for an informal discussion. If after this process they want to proceed, following receipt of references and DBS they are then invited to observe a Board meeting. If they want to continue, they will then be invited to be elected at the AGM. After election, they will be given an induction covering

- Duties of committee members including presentation of the relevant Charity Commission guidance regarding the duties of trustees.
- Explanation and presentation of the governing instrument.
- Presentation of current and projected financial position.
- Explanation of all significant projects within the charity.
- Presentation of the activities of the charity and how it is organised, structured, and staffed.
- Details of Home Start UK Trustee Induction training
- Mandatory training
- Refresher training
- Ongoing Updating and Skills development training available

Organisational Structure

The Trustees generally meet every eight weeks and are responsible for setting the strategic direction and policies of the charity. Since April 2021, all meetings have been face to face at The Old School, with some trustees joining via Microsoft Teams. The CEO manages the day-to-day running of the charity and implements the strategy and policies of the charity.

The main focus of the work of the charity is delivered through a team of volunteers supported by staff members as well as group support delivered by staff with volunteer support.

Details of the organisational structure is listed at the beginning of this document.

Subgroups are set up as required, each having approved Terms of Reference and led by a Trustee. Membership can vary depending on the role of the subgroup and is set down in the Terms of Reference. Recommendations are made to the Management Committee for approval. During 2021 - 22, the Scheme had three regular subgroups meeting on a six-weekly rota – Quality Assurance & Consultation Subgroup, Finance & Fundraising Subgroup, and the HR Subgroup. The Operational Plan Subgroup to review the scheme's action plan meet a minimum of twice a year.

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Trustees' report continued

Risk Assessment and Internal Controls

The Board of Trustees have compiled a business plan, which enables it to introduce systems to monitor and control the major strategic business and operational risks that the charity faces each year. An organisational risk assessment is undertaken each year considering various issues and the impact on the organisation e.g., impacts on funding, changes to local government social service provision and future legislative changes, long-term sickness, issues relating to child protection from outside the organisation and inside the organisation, health and safety of staff and volunteers.

The Treasurer provides a Funding Profile to the Committee at each meeting, which highlights the sources, value, and time restrictions on current funding streams.

Internal audits are undertaken of various aspects of the work to ensure compliance with Home Start UK's Quality Assurance and other legal requirements.

Relationship to Home Start UK

Home-Start schemes and Home-Start UK sign an Agreement to protect the distinctive nature of the Home-Start approach and promotes good practice. Home-Start UK sets standards and provides support services to ensure consistent, high-quality services.

Home-Start schemes recruit parent volunteers to provide a community-based model of support for families with young children, tailored to the family's needs. They are locally funded and accountable but comply with the Home-Start governing documents and standards and methods of practice and with the Home-Start quality assurance and monitoring systems. HSUK have recently updated their handbook and agreement which have now been signed by Home Start Warrington.

Policies

Home-Start adheres to approximately 35 policies. These are reviewed in accordance with Home-Start UK guidelines, by the Quality Assurance/Policy subgroup.

As a condition of affiliation to Home Start UK, we must adopt the following mandatory documents, The Home-Start Agreement, Standards & Methods of Practice, Memorandum and Articles of Association, Safeguarding Code of Conduct.

Mandatory policies as laid down by Home Start UK include amongst others, Confidentiality, Equality Fairness and Diversity and Safeguarding/Child Protection policy, Data Protection, Problem Solving and Disputes Procedure.

A full list of current policies can be obtained from the Scheme.

As part of the essential policies to be adopted, we have a Financial Management Policy, Investment Policy, and a Reserves policy – it was agreed that we should, as a minimum, aim to hold six months operating reserves in order to cope with any unexpected loss of funding. The Board of Trustees and Staff have actively explored avenues to broaden the range of funding sources – especially those which are unrestricted to secure the income of the charity.

Quality Assurance

The quality of a scheme's practice is assured by the Home-Start QA System for Schemes, which is a bespoke QA System. It is a process that focuses on the ongoing development and continuous improvement of all practice areas relating to the governance, management, and service delivery of local Home-Start Schemes. Home Start Warrington was last assessed on 7th August 2019 and achieved 96%.

Home-Start Warrington

Trustees' report continued

Achievements and performance

Ellie Harrison – Chief Executive Officer -

2021 was another year of change at Home Start Warrington. As a result of the pandemic, families were expressing continuing anxieties about leaving the house and it was identified that group support was needed, so from June 2021 a weekly Thursday playgroup has been held at The Old School.

Due to changing roles in the team, it was agreed that a Senior Coordinator was needed to be recruited to provide supervisory support to staff as well as holding their own caseload of families. In May 2021, Carragh Garrity began her employment in the new role. This has improved the structure of the team as Carragh is able to support the Coordinator and Outreach worker as well as having her own caseload. This has freed up time for longer term plans for the organisation such as the expansion into Northwich and Winsford. Team meetings have continued on a regular monthly basis to ensure all in the team are aware of any new projects and services being offered.

In August 2021, Steph Sculley left the service after nearly 20 years of employment leaving a big gap. HS Warrington was successful in recruiting a new Administration Officer, Louise Moran who has been highly successful in quickly getting up to speed with her role as Company Secretary and recruitment of volunteers, as well as providing administrative support to the whole team.

HSW continued to provide one to one home visiting support to families via parent volunteers who are recruited using a rolling recruitment process. The volunteer preparation course is delivered using online modules as well as face to face meetings at the beginning, middle and end of the course.

Our new service, Dad Matters continues to go from strength to strength. Our original Coordinator for the service resigned in September 21 but the service has been overseen by Chris Judge, founder of Directions for Men. Two volunteers have been recruited who are active in promoting the service and regularly attend the Maternity Voices Partnership. All Dads are invited to the regular, monthly Walk and Talks in the park and Chris has provided one to one support to over 5 Dads via phone calls and meetings in the community.

In September 2021, HSW began working with the "Puddle Project" a rural education retreat in Burtonwood. The facility is designed for young people and adults with learning disabilities. In November, following alterations made to the site which included a forest school, HSW began an outdoor playgroup. One of the challenges of this new group was getting families to the site which has limited access to public transport. HSW overcame this by partnering with Burtonwood Community Bus who provided their minibus on a Monday. A volunteer and trustee Dennis has been trained by the Community Bus to drive it every Monday to collect our families and take them to Puddle. This has been very successful with the families particularly the children who really enjoy going on "Winston".

HSUK partnered with BT during 2021 and this meant that in December, the local BT Company in Birchwood provided an excellent Christmas party for our families, including presents for all children who attended and their siblings.

In December 2021, HSW re-applied to the National Lottery Reaching Communities grant for 3-year continuation funding for all aspects of the service including Dad Matters. In February we were informed that HSW had been granted £303k for 3 years which was a real boost for the scheme.

In January 2022, following meetings with other charities in Cheshire following the closure of Home Start Cheshire, HSW applied to Steve Morgan for funding for 3 years to expand into the areas of Northwich and Winsford. HSW were successful with that bid and have since recruited a full-time coordinator for the area who began in July 2022.

Therefore, overall, it has been an incredibly successful year for HSW – with successful funding bids enabling the charity to grow and to take on more members of the team. The plan for the next three years is to work with more children and families in Warrington as well as to grow our reach in Cheshire.

Home-Start Warrington

Trustees' report continued

Families referred into the service in the year: -

We received 110 referrals between April 2021 and March 2022 and 213 children were referred.

Families supported in the year

Of the families referred 40 were matched with a volunteer and received regular weekly visits and 50 families were referred to and received group support via playgroup, singing mamas or the outdoor playgroup at the Puddle.

We have continued to meet our target of having an initial visit with a family within two weeks of referral where possible.

Contribution of the Volunteers

To become a Home-Start Family Support Volunteer, volunteers are safely recruited and once references and DBS are confirmed and they have had an informal chat with a Coordinator they are invited to complete the preparation course. This is an online training which has recently been published by Home Start UK. Alongside the online course there is a face to face powerpoint which is delivered by the Coordinators. This gives the participants the opportunity to meet other volunteers at the beginning of the course, the middle of the course and at the end. It also provides space for participants to discuss issues such as safeguarding and confidentiality. The online and face to face course content includes, how Home-Start helps families, commitments and boundaries, confidentiality, safeguarding children, children's development and play and equal opportunities.

The volunteers also have a termly support group where they can meet for a coffee and share learning about their volunteering experiences. Over 2021-22 this included a September lunch with presentations from the Puddle Project. A Christmas lunch and awards ceremony and a spring coffee morning with training events planned at that session for the rest of the year. They have included paediatric first aid training and more training around autism awareness. Volunteers have also been offered other opportunities within the organisation to enhance their skills such as those of mini bus driver, chaperone and playgroup assistant. More training will be offered in the next financial year to strengthen those roles.

Our volunteers are regularly asked for feedback and they talk about how rewarding they find the role of supporting and empowering families to make a positive difference to them and the lives of their young children.

Home Start also welcomes the support of volunteers in other roles e.g., fund raising/events such as curry nights and Christmas Big Give events.

Quotations from some of our families

"when I started classes it was so nice, I felt like I wasn't alone anymore. I still have a lot to learn but it is good to hear what other mums are going through – everyone is different, but we still have similar problems as mums. It is a safe place where we can talk to each other.

I feel like all the staff at Home Start never gave up on me and it is because of you that I have realized I can do this. I want to continue to come and to help other Mums know about Home Start can help them too."

It has made me feel better being around other Mums and families to know they are in similar position to me. It's nice not to feel judged and nice to be around other people and meet new people. Sometimes I hold back and struggle to trust people and it's so nice to have the opportunity to join the Mum's whats app group and get asked to go to the park after playgroup."

"It was so lovely to go on the bus to the Puddle Project with other parents and nice to engage with everyone"

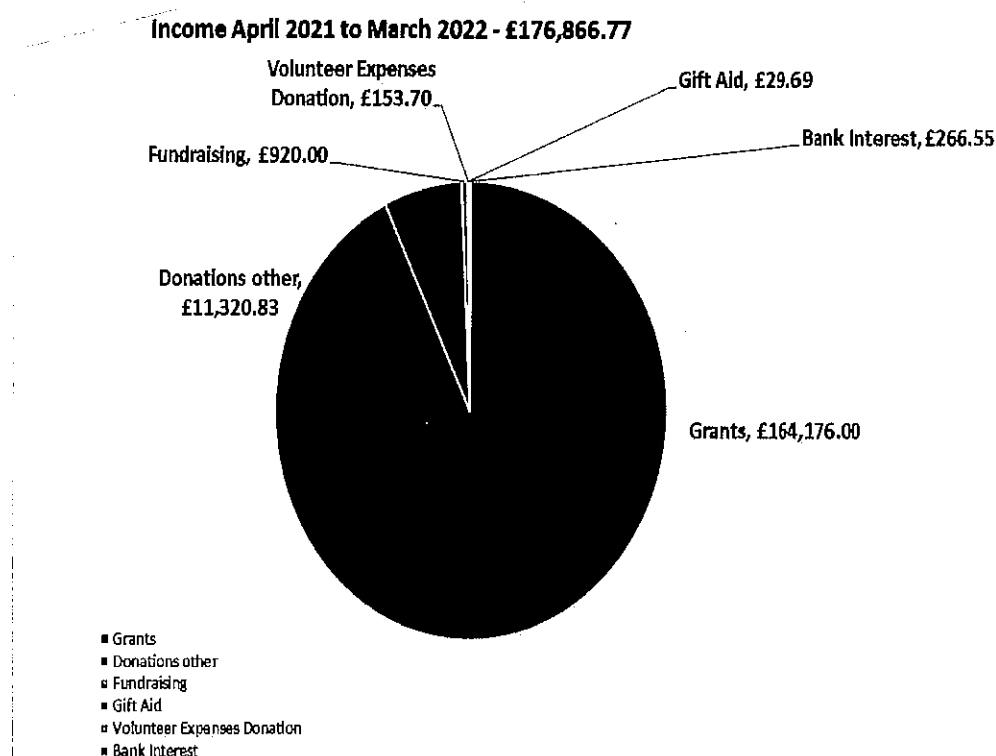
"Home-Start are fantastic and the most supportive support service I have ever had compared to other services I have been under"

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Trustees' report continued

Income April 2021 to March 2022

The chart below shows our income for the year.



2021 2022 targets

There is a revised business plan for 2021-22 that includes the new staffing structure and targets for the year.

1. To work with more families in need of support during 2021-22 and to increase their confidence to access services post-lockdown including group support.
2. For the core work to include 2 specialist services for Parent Infant Mental Health and Dad Matters
3. Home Start Warrington to become better known within the Warrington community to be achieved by raising profile and brand awareness.
4. Secure post-22 funding for the charity including both corporate and national funding
5. To ensure accurate and intelligent reporting via Lamplight and HSW quality assurance processes
6. To increase the diversity of the families accessing the service by recruiting more diverse volunteers that reflect all in our local communities.
7. To expand our offer into Northwich and Winsford

Home-Start Warrington

Trustees' report continued

Reserves Policy:

It is the policy of the charitable company to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves at a level to cover redundancy provision, lease commitments and, with the approval of the board of trustees, the unrestricted reserves will cover the total running costs of six months to ensure the projects/programmes are to continue if funding becomes unavailable, which will then allow a reasonable time to wind-down projects that we are no longer able to fund as the majority of our projects are annually funded.

At the end of the financial year the unrestricted funds totalled £93,942 less designated funds of £29,500 leaves free reserves of £64,442; The charitable company requires £15,000 for redundancy provision, £4,000 Telephony, £2,500 Office Equipment & £8,000 for IT and £78,375 for six months' running costs.

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial accounts for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those 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.

prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board on 23/1/2023 and signed on behalf of the directors by:



Gwen Lightfoot
Chair

Reference and Administrative Details

Home-Start Warrington

Charity number 1116515

A Company limited by guarantee number 05563277

The trustees, who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law, are pleased to present their report and financial statements together with the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Name	Position	Dates
Gwen Lightfoot	Chair	
Anne Fox	Vice Chair	
Anne Bramhall		
Diana Grylls		
Victoria Glass		
Mark Bell		
Dennis Evans	Treasurer	
Malgorzata Dzioba		Resigned 13th April 2022
Karen Rylance		appointed 22nd November 2021
Jim Billington		appointed 22nd November 2021
Company Secretary		
Louise Moran		appointed 2nd August 2021
Principal Staff		
Ellie Harrison	CEO	
Stephanie Scully	Office Manager and Company Secretary till August 2021	
Louise Moran	Office Administrator & Company Secretary appoint 2 August 2021	
Lucy Glover	Business Development Manager	
Rachel Richards	Outreach Worker	
Leanne Smith	Funding & Finance Administrator	
Eva Ross	Family Support Co-ordinator	
Kelwyn Warlow	Dad Matters Co-ordinator till Sept 2021	
Carragh Garrity	Senior Coordinator appointed 4 May 2021	

Method of appointment

Members of the board of trustees, who are the directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law who served during the year are set out above. The trustees meet monthly and receive reports from management to manage their charity's affairs.

Registered address

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Northampton
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Yorkshire Bank
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Glasgow
G1 2HL

Reference and Administrative Details

Home-Start Warrington

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Governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated 14 September 2005, as amended by special resolution dated 20th October 2009 and 17th March 2016. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Objects of the organisation

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

Independent Examiner

Jane Williams

Greater Merseyside Community Accountancy Service

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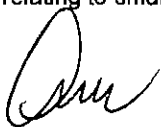
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Approval

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees on 23/1/2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Gwen Lightfoot
Chair

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Home-Start Warrington

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2022 set out on pages 12 to 22

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and examiner

The charity's 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
- ☐ state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's statement

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

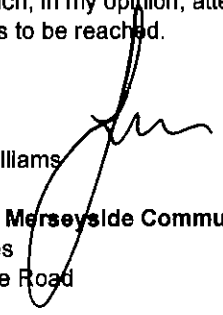
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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 and to 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.


Jane Williams
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Home-Start Warrington
Statement of Financial Activities
(Including Income & Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Income from:					
Income from donations	(4)	920	-	920	5,579
Income from charitable activities	(5)	21,285	154,366	175,651	156,737
Other incoming resources	(6)	30	-	30	145
Bank interest		267	-	267	384
Total incoming resources		22,501	154,366	176,867	162,845
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	(7)	66,924	123,384	190,308	156,750
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources		(44,423)	30,982	(13,441)	6,095
Transfers between funds		(100)	100	-	-
Net movement in funds		(44,523)	31,082	(13,441)	6,095
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds as at 01 April 2021		138,465	20,141	158,606	152,511
Total funds as at 31 March 2022	(15)	93,942	51,223	145,165	158,606

The above statement includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.
All activities are regarded as continuing.
Comparative figures for the previous year by fund type are shown in Note 15.
The Notes on pages 15 to 22 form an integral part of these accounts.

Home-Start Warrington

Charity number 1116515

A Company limited by guarantee number 05563277

Balance sheet

as at 31 March 2022

	2022 Unrestricted £	2022 Restricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Assets (10)	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	-	-	-	-
Current Assets				
Debtors and prepayments (11)	-	-	-	150
Cash at bank and in hand (12)	93,942	51,223	145,165	158,456
Total current assets	93,942	51,223	145,165	158,606
Current liabilities:				
amounts falling due within one year				
Creditors (due within one year) (13)	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities	-	-	-	-
Net Assets	93,942	51,223	145,165	158,606
Funds of the charity				
Restricted Funds	-	51,223	51,223	20,141
Designated Funds	29,500	-	29,500	29,500
Unrestricted funds	64,442	-	64,442	108,965
Total Funds (15)	93,942	51,223	145,165	158,606

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) confirm that for the year ended 31 March 2022

the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, and

the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act

the trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form an integral part of these accounts.

These accounts, which have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, were approved by the trustees on 23/1/2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Dennis Evans
Director / Trustee

Home-Start Warrington
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022

		2022	2021
		Unrestricted	Restricted
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income/(expenditure) per SOFA		(13,441)	6,095
Investment income		267	384
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(11)	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(13)	-	-
		<u>(13,174)</u>	<u>6,479</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Investment income		<u>(267)</u>	<u>(384)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash:		(13,441)	6,095
Total cash as at 01 April 2021		158,606	152,511
Total cash as at 31 March 2022		145,165	158,606

The notes on pages 15 to 22 form an integral part of these accounts.

Home-Start Warrington

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2022

1 Basis of preparation

These accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention,

- 1.1** with items recognised at cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s), in accordance with:
 - (a) The Charities Act 2011
 - (b) The Companies Act 2006
 - (c) The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland: FRS 102
 - (d) Accounting & Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP FRS 102) (effective January 2015)
- 1.2** The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102
- 1.3** The trustees consider that there are not material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2 Accounting Policies

2.1 Fund accounting

- (a) Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.
- (b) Restricted funds are those that may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for specific purposes.
- (c) The purposes of the funds are shown in Note 7a.

2.2 Income

- (a) Income is recognised and included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the income; receipt is probable; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
- (b) Where income has related expenditure (e.g. project activities), the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.
- (c) Bank interest is recognised when credited to the account.
- (d) Gift Aid, where appropriate, is recognised in the same accounting period as the donation to which it relates.
- (e) Income, which is subject to conditions that the charity has yet to fulfil, or which is specifically for use in a future accounting period, is treated as deferred income.

2.3 Expenditure and liabilities

- (a) Expenditure is recognised on the accruals basis.
- (b) The charity is not registered for VAT, thus all costs are shown inclusive of VAT charged.
- (c) Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay out resources.
- (d) Governance costs include the costs of preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the cost of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2022

2.4 Tangible Fixed Assets

(a) Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £250. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at their value on receipt.

Rates of depreciation

Building Improvements: 20% straight line basis to nil

Fixtures and fittings: 15% straight line basis to nil

Equipment: 20% straight line basis to nil

2.5 Debtors

(a) Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due.

(b) Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

2.6 Cash

(a) Cash comprises bank deposits repayable on demand and any short-term highly liquid investments with a maturity date of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.7 Creditors

(a) Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount, usually the invoice amount.

(b) Accrued charges are normally valued at their settlement amount.

2.8 Taxation

The charity is not liable to income tax or capital gains tax on its charitable activities.

3 Transactions with trustees and related parties

No trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the accounting period.

Owing to the nature of the charity's activities and the composition of the board of trustees (being drawn from local statutory and voluntary organisation), it is inevitable that transactions will take place with organisations in which a trustee may have an interest. All transactions in which a trustee may have an interest are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the charity's financial regulations and expenditure procedures. No transactions were identified which should be disclosed under FRS 102.

Home-Start Warrington
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2022

4 Income from donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Fundraising Income	920	-	920	5,579
	<u>920</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>920</u>	<u>5,579</u>

5 Income from charitable activities

	2022 Unrestricted funds £	2022 Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
Warrington Public Health	-	23,444	23,444	23,444
National Lottery	-	60,000	60,000	65,000
Cheshire Community Foundation	-	15,000	15,000	31,657
Garfield Weston	-	15,000	15,000	-
Warrington Voluntary Action	-	8,000	8,000	-
Local Giving	500	-	500	-
Big Hope Big Future Wave 2 Grant	3,750	-	3,750	-
Volant	-	32,922	32,922	-
Pears Grant	4,400	-	4,400	-
New Beginnings	660	-	660	-
Curious Minds	250	-	250	-
Homestart UK Covid Fund	-	-	-	500
John Lewis	-	-	-	3,960
Loneliness Fund	-	-	-	10,000
The Morgan Fdn	-	-	-	4,157
Torus Foundation	250	-	250	250
Donations	11,475	-	11,475	17,769
	<u>21,285</u>	<u>154,366</u>	<u>175,651</u>	<u>156,737</u>

6 Other Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Gift Aid	30	-	30	145
	<u>30</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>145</u>

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7 Expenditure of charitable activities

	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
<u>Direct Costs</u>	£	£	£	£
Salaries and NICs	(3) 61,654	93,396	155,050	119,300
Payroll costs	438	-	438	673
Staff Expenses	772	1,126	1,898	1,549
Office Expenses	2,401	10,042	12,443	12,295
Insurance	-	1,114	1,114	1,023
Publicity	426	573	999	38
Professional fees	60	2,660	2,720	2,693
Training	54	7,700	7,754	4,344
Volunteer's Expense	315	546	861	656
Family fund and activities	775	4,965	5,740	9,585
Fees & Subscriptions	-	470	470	4,228
Governance Costs	(8) 29	792	821	366
Total resources expended	66,924	123,384	190,308	156,750

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7a Restricted funds summary	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Warrington BC: Public Health	-	23,444	23,444	-	-
National Lottery	-	60,000	60,100	100	-
Support a family	4,800	-	-	-	4,800
Volant	-	32,922	15,921	-	17,001
Cheshire Community F'd'tn	10,474	-	4,332	-	6,142
Cheshire Community F'd'tn	-	15,000	15,000	-	-
Garfield Weston	814	15,000	814	-	15,000
Homestart UK Covid Fund	500	-	-	-	500
John Lewis	3,303	-	3,303	-	-
Warrington VA: Maternal MH	-	8,000	470	-	7,530
Torus Foundation	250	-	-	-	250
	<u>20,141</u>	<u>154,366</u>	<u>123,384</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>51,223</u>

Purpose of restricted funds

Cheshire Community Foundation contribute towards our ongoing operating costs

Warrington Borough Council Public Health provide funding to cover staff and office costs

8 Governance Costs	2022 £	2021 £
Independent Examiners' fee	315	315
Administration	13	13
Trustee Travel	-	38
Trustee Training	301	-
Home Start UK Audit fee	193	-
	<u>821</u>	<u>366</u>

9 Staff costs and numbers	2022 £	2021 £
Gross salaries	142,293	112,687
Other wages	3,067	-
Social security costs	6,657	3,618
Pensions	3,033	2,994
	<u>155,050</u>	<u>119,300</u>

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more in the current accounting period
The average number of employees during the year was 5.7 FTE (2021: 4.7)

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes in respect of its employees. These contributions are made to externally administered pension schemes. The pension cost represents the contributions payable by the organisation to the fund.

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10 Tangible assets	Fixtures & Fittings	Computers & Equipment	Total
<u>Cost</u>	£	£	£
At 1 April 2021	733	7,976	8,709
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	<u>733</u>	<u>7,976</u>	<u>8,709</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>			
At 1 April 2021	733	7,976	8,709
Charge for year	-	-	-
At 31 March 2022	<u>733</u>	<u>7,976</u>	<u>8,709</u>
<u>Net book value</u>			
At 31 March 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
11 Debtors and prepayments	2022	2021	
	£	£	
Debtors	-	150	
Prepayments	-	-	
	<u>-</u>	<u>150</u>	
12 Cash at bank and in hand	2022	2021	
	£	£	
Community Directplus account	40,421	53,923	
Instant Saver Account	71,966	71,884	
Yorkshire Bank	32,601	32,371	
Cash in hand	177	278	
	<u>145,165</u>	<u>158,456</u>	
13 Creditors and accruals	2022	2021	
	£	£	
Creditors	-	-	
Accruals	-	-	
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	

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14 Analysis of Charitable Activities	Notes	Restricted funds summary							
		WBC ~ Public Health	Com F'd'n Dad	Cheshire Com F'd'n	National Lottery RC	Garfield Weston	John Lewis	WVA Maternal MH	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries and NICs	(4a)	22,322	3,759	14,878	43,955	-	-	-	93,396
Payroll costs		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Staff Expenses		-	-	-	1,126	-	-	-	1,126
Rent & Rates		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Postage, stationery and telephone		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office Expenses		173	-	19	9,195	635	20	-	10,042
Insurance		-	-	-	1,114	-	-	-	1,114
Travel and transport		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Publicity		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional fees		778	573	83	1,799	-	-	-	573
Training		-	-	-	867	-	-	-	2,660
Volunteer's Expense		9	-	7	530	-	-	-	7,700
Family fund and activities		162	-	13	722	179	3,283	-	546
Equipment, books and publications		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,965
Fees & Subscriptions		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Governance Costs		-	-	-	792	-	-	470	470
									792
		23,444	4,332	15,000	60,100	814	3,303	470	123,384

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Comparative Statement of Financial Activities
(Including Income & Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 March 2022

15 Comparative income and expenditure by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
Income from donations	920	5,579	-	-
Income from charitable activities	21,285	17,769	154,366	138,968
Other incoming resources	30	145	-	-
Bank Interest	267	384	-	-
Total incoming resources	22,501	23,877	154,366	138,968
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	66,924	24,375	123,384	132,375
Net Incoming / (outgoing) resources	(44,424)	(498)	30,982	6,593
Transfers between funds	(100)	100	100	(100)
Net movement in funds	(44,524)	(398)	31,082	6,493
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds as at 01 April 2021	138,465	138,863	20,141	13,648
Total funds as at 31 March 2022	93,941	138,465	51,223	20,141

Accounts

Home-Start Warrington

Charity number 1116515

A Company limited by guarantee number 05563277

Annual Report and Financial Statements **for the year ended 31 March 2021**

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Home-Start Warrington

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Home-Start Warrington

Trustees' report

Chairs Statement

As ever this Statement is provided in order to review and reflect on the work of Home Start Warrington during the previous year. When I look back on last year's statement, I find myself reflecting on a year that no one would have ever experienced before nor could have envisaged experiencing looking forward.

I said in last year's report that how Home Start as a Scheme fared though the unfolding situation would be seen in this year's report. What has been outstanding throughout the past year has been the resilience and utter dedication of staff, volunteers, and trustees. As each month threw up new challenges and changes so the team met them all head on and continued to support families in the best way possible.

Although a sad time for many, the pandemic touched everyone in one way or another, as a Scheme we continued to be positive and move forward. New ways of working continued to evolve as volunteers and staff supported families, meetings on zoom became the norm 'You're on mute', being the phrase of 2020, IT processes and systems were reviewed and revised. New projects were developed as we were successful with the Dad Matters bid, resulting in welcoming Kelwyn to the Scheme as the Dad Matters Coordinator. We welcomed new Social Work Students on placement to the team. We welcomed three new trustees at the AGM Margaret, Dennis and Mark and then co-opted Karen on to the committee in February. We moved into a new home, after many happy years at The Smile Centre we moved to Fairfield Old School in December where we look forward to developing new ideas and projects. We undertook a Scheme Review resulting in us being able to advertise a new post, that of Senior Co-ordinator.

During this time, though we have said good-bye to Tara who has been a family support co-ordinator with us for several years. Tara leaves to support family childcare duties. We wish Tara well; she will be missed in the team.

Despite lots of new activities and developments, we have continued to do what we have always done – support families, recruit volunteers, seek funding, ensure that the quality of the service is maintained, worked in partnership, networked, and promoted our work.

I ended last year's Statement saying, *'So we end Home Start 2019 – 2020 in a situation of uncertainties unfolding before us, but one thing I do know Home Start Warrington staff, volunteers and trustees will carry on as we have for the past 20+ years supporting families to the best of our abilities.'* Despite everything, I think we can say we have done this and more. However, none of this would have been possible without the dedication of the whole team; staff, volunteers, trustees. Just as important though has been the trust, belief and support given to us by our funders, referrers, partners, friends, and the Families we work with. Thank you seems such a small phrase but on a personal level I cannot thank everyone enough and I know I speak on behalf of all the trustees thank you to everyone who has enabled us to carry on doing what we do best, **Because Childhood Can't Wait.**

Gwen Lightfoot
Chair
Home Start Warrington

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Trustees' report continued

Recruitment and appointment of the Trustees

The management of the charity is supervised by the Trustees who report to the charity at the Annual General Meeting, at which the Trustees are elected by the members on a three-yearly rolling programme. Trustees are proposed by the members of the charity. On election trustees are required to sign the Trustee Declaration of Willingness to Act as a Trustee as well as the Home Start UK Code of Conduct and mandatory policies including Safeguarding Children, Confidentiality, Data Protection, Equality & Fairness and Diversity policy. The Trustees have skills in a variety of fields including business, financial, safeguarding and volunteering.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity.

Trustee induction and training

Prospective trustees are invited to meet with the Chair of Trustees and the Scheme Manager as well as being invited as an observer to a Management Committee meeting. After election, they will be given an induction covering

- Duties of committee members including presentation of the relevant Charity Commission guidance regarding the duties of trustees.
- Explanation and presentation of the governing instrument.
- Presentation of current and projected financial position.
- Explanation of all significant projects within the charity.
- Presentation of the activities of the charity and how it is organised, structured, and staffed.
- Details of Home Start UK Trustee Induction training

Organisational Structure

The Trustees generally meet every eight weeks and are responsible for setting the strategic direction and policies of the charity. During Covid-19, the Board and key staff have met over the Zoom platform bi-monthly, which commenced 22nd April 2020. The Scheme Manager manages the day-to-day running of the charity and implements the strategy and policies of the charity. Staff report to the Scheme Manager.

The main focus of the work of the charity is delivered through a team of volunteers supported by staff members.

Details of the organisational structure is listed at the beginning of this document.

Subgroups are set up as required, each having approved Terms of Reference and led by a Trustee. Membership can vary depending on the role of the subgroup and is set down in the Terms of Reference. Recommendations are made to the Management Committee for approval. During 2020 – 2021, the Scheme had three regular subgroups meeting on a six-weekly rota – Quality Assurance & Policy Subgroup, Finance & Fundraising Subgroup, and the HR subgroup. The Operational plan subgroup to review the scheme's action plan meet a minimum of twice a year.

Home-Start Warrington

Trustees' report continued

Risk Assessment and Internal Controls

The Board of Trustees have compiled a business plan, which enables it to introduce systems to monitor and control the major strategic business and operational risks that the charity faces each year. An organisational risk assessment is undertaken each year considering various issues and the impact on the organisation e.g., impacts on funding, changes to local government social service provision and future legislative changes, long-term sickness, issues relating to child protection from outside the organisation and inside the organisation, health and safety of staff and volunteers.

The Treasurer provides a Funding Profile to the Committee at each meeting, which highlights the sources, value, and time restrictions on current funding streams.

Internal audits are undertaken of various aspect of the work to ensure compliance with Home Start UK's Quality Assurance and other legal requirements.

Relationship to Home Start UK

Home-Start schemes and Home-Start UK sign an Agreement to protect the distinctive nature of the Home-Start approach and promotes good practice. Home-Start UK sets standards and provides support services to ensure consistent, high quality services.

Home-Start schemes recruit parent volunteers to provide a community-based model of support for families with young children, tailored to the family's needs. They are locally funded and accountable but comply with the Home-Start governing documents and standards and methods of practice and with the Home-Start quality assurance and monitoring systems.

Policies

Home-Start adheres to approximately 35 policies. These are reviewed in accordance with Home-Start UK guidelines, by the Quality Assurance/Policy subgroup.

As a condition of affiliation to Home Start UK, we must adopt the following mandatory documents, The Home-Start Agreement, Standards & Methods of Practice, Memorandum and Articles of Association, Safeguarding Code of Conduct.

Mandatory policies as laid down by Home Start UK include amongst others, Confidentiality, Equality Fairness and Diversity and Safeguarding/Child Protection policy, Data Protection, Problem Solving and Disputes Procedure.

A full list of current policies can be obtained from the Scheme.

As part of the essential policies to be adopted, we have a Financial Management Policy, Investment Policy, and a Reserves policy – it was agreed that we should, as a minimum, aim to hold six months operating reserves in order to cope with any unexpected loss of funding. The Board of Trustees and Staff have actively explored avenues to broaden the range of funding sources – especially those which are unrestricted to secure the income of the charity.

Quality Assurance

The quality of a scheme's practice is assured by the Home-Start QA System for Schemes, which is a bespoke QA System. It is a mandatory procedure as identified in the Home Start Agreement This robust system is based on a programme of self-assessment against four standards, followed up with a review by Home Start UK Quality Assurance team. It is a process that focuses on the ongoing development and continuous improvement of all practice areas relating to the governance, management, and service delivery of local Home-Start Schemes.

Home Start Warrington was last assessed on 7th August 2019 and achieved 96%.

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Trustees' report continued

Achievements and performance

Ellie Harrison – Chief Executive Officer -

In what was an extraordinary year, Home Start Warrington had many achievements in 2020. The whole staff team moved to home working in a few days and were able to use the existing technology to utilise the Microsoft office package. This meant that all family files could go online stored in a secure cloud and team meetings could take place virtually using Microsoft Teams. Volunteer support to families moved to phone and video calls and families were also given emergency supplies of food and other essentials when required. Without working so closely as a staff team the transition to home working would not have been possible and all the team quickly embraced the new ways of working and continued to communicate and work together well. Team meetings became weekly to ensure all the staff team were aware of new projects and initiatives and to promote ongoing communication and team building.

Emergency funding was gained from Cheshire Community Foundation and Steve Morgan to help support families better with online learning and video calls by giving them tablets and data when needed. Craft bags were given to all families to provide much needed items to keep young children entertained whilst they were isolated at home.

Last summer, when government guidelines allowed, families were able to meet their volunteers in the park and outdoor spaces. With the support of a student social worker, an activity day took place in August to help parents feel less isolated and give them somewhere to go (as a household bubble) with their children.

The use of student social workers to support the work of the scheme proved invaluable throughout the year and following positive feedback from the university, the scheme will continue to offer ongoing placements to BA and MA social work students.

Due to the success of the activity day, it was repeated in September, October, and December -each time with more families attending in their own bubbles but having safe interaction with staff in a covid secure environment at The Old School – where the office is now based making such days easier to manage.

In August, there was a successful bid to HS UK for money to deliver a government loneliness programme. This enabled staff and volunteers to offer extra support by way of buggy walks and dropping off materials for families.

In November, Cheshire Community Foundation Mind Matters application was successful enabling the scheme to be funded for a 12-month Dad Matters Coordinator. Kelwyn Warlow therefore started in February 2021. By becoming part of the Dad Matters network, all Warrington Dads can now access online antenatal classes and support via a closed FaceBook group. Over the forthcoming months, face to face support sessions will be established in Warrington with a “Walk and Talk” group starting in the park next month.

During the Jan – March lockdown, the scheme revised again their online offer to parents and added in cookery sessions with a local charity Fresh Beginnings. Volunteers were also trained by the Story Barn in Liverpool to deliver online story time classes. These were both very successful in connecting parents whilst their young children took part in activities.

All these projects have helped grow the charity and it continue to be well-regarded in Warrington leading to local businesses making some large donations throughout the year – most notably Motion Finance donating £4k at Christmas.

A new way of training volunteers has been introduced this year via online modules, there have been 17 volunteers trained over the year, some initially as telephone befrienders -2 of whom have gone on to become visiting volunteers. Another 6 have been matched with families with 5 currently completing the online course.

Overall, there have been many changes throughout the year, that have often had to take place in short timescales due to the ongoing nature of the pandemic. The staff and trustees have responded brilliantly to all such changes and have continued to support each other and the families incredibly well. All feedback from families has been very good with many stating that they do not know how they would have got through lockdown without our support.

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Trustees' report continued

Families referred into the service in the year: -

We received 97 referrals between April 2020 and March 2021 and 213 children were referred. Referrals continue to come from a wide range of sources with Health Visitors accounting for 21% of referrals over the year and Health as a total contributing 31% and local authority 45%. This continues to show the regard the service has, from health professionals, the local authority, and our ongoing partnership. The increase in referrals identified by Home-Start (20 x Internal HS) are where we have identified a need for additional support, when the family requires the services of our trained volunteer person centred counsellor. Another 17 families were identified to have support for Fresh Beginnings online cookery sessions, for Storytime volunteer led story sessions by Zoom and socially distanced one to one buggy walks in the park. In the year, 43% of all families referred were lone parents and 48% reported mental health, as an issue, at referral.



Families supported in the year

Over the year we supported 83 families and 173 children. We have continued to meet our target of having an initial visit with a family within two weeks of referral.

Contribution of the Volunteers

To become a Home-Start Family Support Volunteer, volunteers must be parents and complete the Home-Start course of Preparation, which during the covid-19 pandemic has been an online module course, with the occasional "Zoom" meet with staff. The course content includes, how Home-Start helps families, commitments and boundaries, confidentiality, safeguarding children, children's development and play and equal opportunities.

The volunteers also have a termly support group where they can meet for a coffee and share learning about their volunteering experiences.

Volunteers can be linked to Warrington Voluntary Action, to access Open College Network Credits for their volunteering role. They can also be signposted to college courses to enhance their skills and help them into employment. The Volunteers also have access to free training, such as Safeguarding & Mental Health, with Warrington Borough Council and Warrington Public Health.

By far, the main outcome for volunteers is to boost their self-esteem in being able to give something back to the community and transferring their skills onto other parents, who are encountering difficulties, helping them to be more positive and enjoy the experience of bringing up their children.

Home Start also welcomes the support of volunteers in other roles e.g., fund raising/events. All that is required in these additional volunteer roles is a commitment to support the aims of Home Start Warrington

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Trustees' report continued

Quotations from one of our ended families -

"I have found everything brilliant – really liked the WhatsApp and video calls recently and being able to share photos and stuff."

From a Social Worker: -

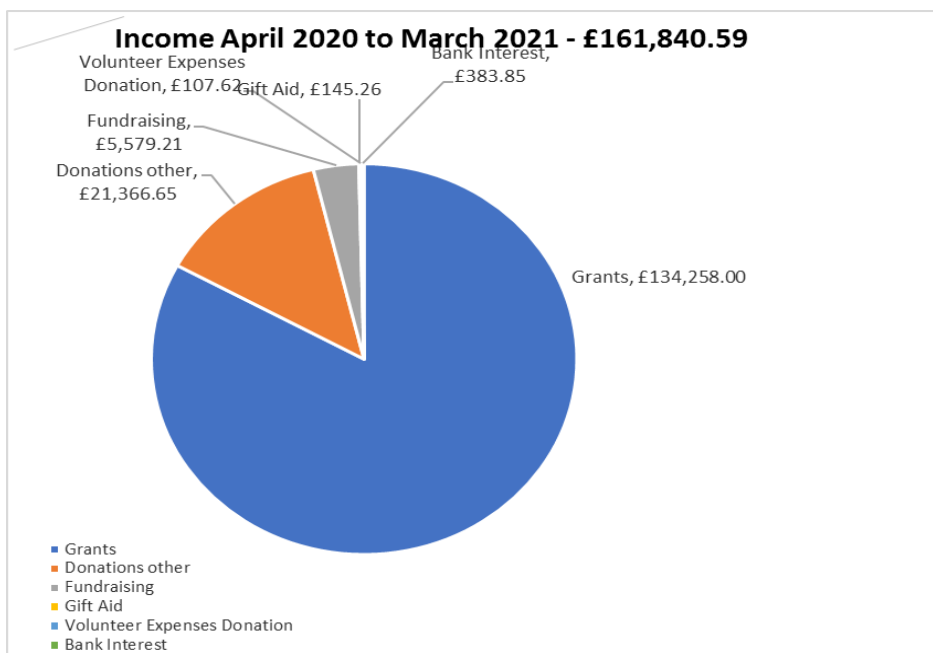
"I know that Home-Start provides such invaluable support to the whole family"

Message from Mum of a supported child in December, who had just had a visit from Santa

"Thank you so much she has just come in and hugged me and said "I'm on the good list aren't I mummy, I love santa" that was so lovely she believed she couldn't see santa this year! and thank you so much for our lovely food and xmas eve boxes I'm so grateful"

Income April 2020 to March 2021

The chart below shows our income for the year. We received £161,840.59 in total.



2021 2022 targets

There is a revised business plan for 2021-22 that includes the new staffing structure and targets for the year.

1. To work with more families in need of support during 2020-21 and to increase their confidence to access services post-lockdown including group support.
2. For the core work to include 2 specialist services for Parent Infant Mental Health and Dad Matters
3. Home Start Warrington to become better known within the Warrington community to be achieved by raising profile and brand awareness.
4. Secure post-22 funding for the charity including both corporate and national funding
5. To ensure accurate and intelligent reporting via Lamplight and HSW quality assurance processes
6. To increase the diversity of the families accessing the service by recruiting more diverse volunteers that reflect all in our local communities.

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Trustees' report continued

Reserves Policy:

It is the policy of the charitable company to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves at a level to cover redundancy provision, lease commitments and, with the approval of the board of trustees, the unrestricted reserves will cover the total running costs of six months to ensure the projects/programmes are to continue if funding becomes unavailable, which will then allow a reasonable time to wind-down projects that we are no longer able to fund as the majority of our projects are annually funded.

At the end of the financial year the unrestricted funds totalled £138,456 less designated funds of £29,500 leaves free reserves of £108,956; The charitable company requires £15,000 for redundancy provision, £4,000 Telephony, £2,500 Office Equipment & £8,000 for IT and £78,375 for six months' running costs.

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial accounts for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing those 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.

- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Board on 2nd August 2021 and signed on behalf of the directors by:

Gwen Lightfoot
Chair

Reference and Administrative Details

Home-Start Warrington

Charity number 1116515

A Company limited by guarantee number 05563277

The trustees, who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law, are pleased to present their report and financial statements together with the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Name	Position	Dates
Gwen Lightfoot	Chair	
Diane Nicholson		Resigned 12th October 2020
Anne Fox	Vice Chair	
Lynda Elwell		Resigned 12th October 2020
Anne Bramhall		
Andrew Tidmarsh	Treasurer	Resigned 12th October 2020
Diana Grylls		
Victoria Glass	Co-opted 4 Nov 19	
Mark Bell		Appointed 12th October 2020
Dennis Evans	Treasurer	Appointed 12th October 2020
Malgorzata Dzioba		Appointed 12th October 2020

Company Secretary

Stephanie Scully

Principal Staff

Ellie Harrison	CEO and Business Development Officer
Stephanie Scully	Office Manager and Company Secretary
Lucy Glover	Business Development Manager
Rachel Richards	Outreach Worker
Leanne Smith	Finance Admin Assistant
Tara Shaikh	Family Support Co-ordinator ~ resigned 11th March 2021
Eva Ross	Family Support Co-ordinator
Kelwyn Warlow	Dad Matters Co-ordinator ~ appointed 1st February 2021

Method of appointment

Members of the board of trustees, who are the directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law who served during the year are set out above. The trustees meet monthly and receive reports from management to manage their charity's affairs.

Registered address

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Warrington
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Previous address

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M60 4EP

Nationwide
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Moulton Park
Northampton
NN3 6NW

Yorkshire Bank
30 St Vincent Place
Glasgow
G1 2HL

Reference and Administrative Details

Home-Start Warrington

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Governing document

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated 14 September 2005, as amended by special resolution dated 20th October 2009 and 17th March 2016. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

Objects of the organisation

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

Independent Examiner

Jane Williams

Greater Merseyside Community Accountancy Service

St Maries

Lugsdale Road

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Approval

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, was approved by the trustees on 2nd August 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Gwen Lightfoot

Chair

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Home-Start Warrington

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2021 set out on pages 12 to 22

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and examiner

The charity's 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
- ☐ state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent examiner's statement

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

Jane Williams
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2nd August 2021

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Statement of Financial Activities
(Including Income & Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Income from:					
Income from donations	(4)	5,579	-	5,579	5,108
Income from charitable activities	(5)	17,769	138,968	156,737	140,406
Other incoming resources	(6)	145	-	145	1,455
Bank interest		384	-	384	845
Total incoming resources		23,877	138,968	162,845	147,814
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	(7)	24,375	132,375	156,750	138,184
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources		(498)	6,593	6,095	9,630
Transfers between funds		100	(100)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(398)	6,493	6,095	9,630
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds as at 01 April 2020		138,863	13,648	152,511	142,881
Total funds as at 31 March 2021	(15)	138,465	20,141	158,606	152,511

The above statement includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.
All activities are regarded as continuing.
Comparative figures for the previous year by fund type are shown in Note 15.
The Notes on pages 15 to 22 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Charity number 1116515

A Company limited by guarantee number 05563277

Balance sheet

as at 31 March 2021

		2021 Unrestricted £	2021 Restricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets	(10)	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	(11)	150	-	150	-
Cash at bank and in hand	(12)	138,315	20,141	158,456	152,510
Total current assets		138,465	20,141	158,606	152,510
Current liabilities:					
amounts falling due within one year					
Creditors (due within one year)	(13)	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities		-	-	-	-
Net Assets		138,465	20,141	158,606	152,510
Funds of the charity					
Restricted Funds		-	20,141	20,141	13,648
Designated Funds		-	29,500	29,500	0
Unrestricted funds		108,965	-	108,965	138,863
Total Funds	(15)	108,965	49,641	158,606	152,511

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) confirm that for the year ended 31 March 2021

the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, and

the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act

the trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form an integral part of these accounts.

These accounts, which have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies, were approved by the trustees on 2nd August 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Dennis Evans
Director / Trustee

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2021

		2021	2020
		Unrestricted	Restricted
		£	£
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income/(expenditure) per SOFA		6,095	9,630
Investment income		384	845
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(11)	(149)	-
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(13)	-	-
		<u>6,330</u>	<u>10,475</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Investment income		<u>(384)</u>	<u>(845)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash:		5,946	9,630
Total cash as at 01 April 2020		<u>152,510</u>	<u>142,880</u>
Total cash as at 31 March 2021		<u>158,456</u>	<u>152,510</u>

The notes on pages 15 to 22 form an integral part of these accounts.

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2021

1 Basis of preparation

These accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention,

- 1.1 with items recognised at cost or transaction value, unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s), in accordance with:
 - (a) The Charities Act 2011
 - (b) The Companies Act 2006
 - (c) The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland: FRS 102
 - (d) Accounting & Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP FRS 102) (effective January 2015)
- 1.2 The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102
- 1.3 The trustees consider that there are not material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2 Accounting Policies

2.1 Fund accounting

- (a) Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.
- (b) Restricted funds are those that may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for specific purposes.
- (c) The purposes of the funds are shown in Note 7a.

2.2 Income

- (a) Income is recognised and included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the income; receipt is probable; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
- (b) Where income has related expenditure (e.g. project activities), the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.
- (c) Bank interest is recognised when credited to the account.
- (d) Gift Aid, where appropriate, is recognised in the same accounting period as the donation to which it relates.
- (e) Income, which is subject to conditions that the charity has yet to fulfil, or which is specifically for use in a future accounting period, is treated as deferred income.

2.3 Expenditure and liabilities

- (a) Expenditure is recognised on the accruals basis.
- (b) The charity is not registered for VAT, thus all costs are shown inclusive of VAT charged.
- (c) Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay out resources.
- (d) Governance costs include the costs of preparation and examination of the statutory accounts, the cost of trustee meetings and the cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

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2.4 Tangible Fixed Assets

(a) Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £250. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at their value on receipt.

Rates of depreciation

Building Improvements: 20% straight line basis to nil

Fixtures and fittings: 15% straight line basis to nil

Equipment: 20% straight line basis to nil

2.5 Debtors

(a) Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due.

(b) Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

2.6 Cash

(a) Cash comprises bank deposits repayable on demand and any short-term highly liquid investments with a maturity date of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.7 Creditors

(a) Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount, usually the invoice amount.

(b) Accrued charges are normally valued at their settlement amount.

2.8 Taxation

The charity is not liable to income tax or capital gains tax on its charitable activities.

3 Transactions with trustees and related parties

No trustees received any remuneration or expenses during the accounting period.

Owing to the nature of the charity's activities and the composition of the board of trustees (being drawn from local statutory and voluntary organisation), it is inevitable that transactions will take place with organisations in which a trustee may have an interest. All transactions in which a trustee may have an interest are conducted at arm's length and in accordance with the charity's financial regulations and expenditure procedures. No transactions were identified which should be disclosed under FRS 102.

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4 Income from donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Fundraising Income	5,579	-	5,579	5,108
	<u>5,579</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,579</u>	<u>5,108</u>

5 Income from charitable activities

	2021 Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Warrington Public Health	-	23,444	23,444	23,444
National Lottery	-	65,000	65,000	70,000
Cheshire Community Foundation	-	31,657	31,657	20,000
Garfield Weston	-	-	-	10,000
Cheshire CC Older People's Forum	-	-	-	3,400
Homestart UK Covid Fund	-	500	500	-
John Lewis	-	3,960	3,960	-
Loneliness Fund	-	10,000	10,000	-
The Morgan Fdtn	-	4,157	4,157	-
Torus Foundation	-	250	250	-
Donations	17,769	-	17,769	13,562
	<u>17,769</u>	<u>138,968</u>	<u>156,737</u>	<u>140,406</u>

6 Other Incoming resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Repayment of family loans	-	-	-	154
Gift Aid	145	-	145	1,001
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	300
	<u>145</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>1,455</u>

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7 **Expenditure of charitable activities**

	2021	2021	2021	2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
<u>Direct Costs</u>				
Salaries and NICs	(3) 22,892	96,408	119,300	113,938
Payroll costs	-	673	673	321
Staff Expenses	71	1,478	1,549	1,762
Rent & Rates	-	-	-	2,500
Postage, stationery and telephone	-	-	-	1,722
Office Expenses	706	11,589	12,295	3,957
Insurance	-	1,023	1,023	882
Publicity	-	38	38	286
Professional fees	-	2,693	2,693	2,029
Training	-	4,344	4,344	395
Volunteer's Expense	37	619	656	2,305
Family fund and activities	669	8,916	9,585	7,316
Fees & Subscriptions	-	4,228	4,228	138
Governance Costs	(8) -	366	366	633
Total resources expended	24,375	132,375	156,750	138,184

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7a Restricted funds summary	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Warrington BC: Public Health	-	23,444	23,444	-	-
National Lottery	-	65,000	64,900	(100)	-
Support a family	4,800	-	-	-	4,800
Cheshire Community F'd'tn	-	4,157	4,157	-	-
Cheshire Community F'd'tn	-	15,000	4,526	-	10,474
Cheshire Community F'd'tn	-	12,500	12,500	-	-
Garfield Weston	8,848	-	8,034	-	814
Homestart UK Covid Fund	-	500	-	-	500
John Lewis	-	3,960	657	-	3,303
Loneliness Fund	-	10,000	10,000	-	-
The Morgan Fdtn	-	4,157	4,157	-	-
Torus Foundation	-	250	-	-	250
	<u>13,648</u>	<u>138,968</u>	<u>132,375</u>	<u>(100)</u>	<u>20,141</u>

Purpose of restricted funds

Cheshire Community Foundation contribute towards our ongoing operating costs

Warrington Borough Council Public Health provide funding to cover staff and office costs

8 Governance Costs	2021 £	2020 £
Independent Examiners' fee	315	315
Administration	13	13
Trustee Travel	38	172
Trustee Training	-	133
	<u>366</u>	<u>633</u>

9 Staff costs and numbers	2021 £	2020 £
Gross salaries	112,687	108,591
Social security costs	3,618	2,531
Pensions	2,994	2,816
	<u>119,300</u>	<u>113,938</u>

No employee earned £60,000 per annum or more in the current accounting period
The average number of employees during the year was 4.7 FTE (2019: 4.7)

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes in respect of its employees. These contributions are made to externally administered pension schemes. The pension cost represents the contributions payable by the organisation to the fund.

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10 Tangible assets

	Fixtures & Fittings £	Computers & Equipment £	Total £
<u>Cost</u>			
At 1 April 2020	733	7,976	8,709
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 March 2021	<u>733</u>	<u>7,976</u>	<u>8,709</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>			
At 1 April 2020	733	7,976	8,709
Charge for year	-	-	-
At 31 March 2021	<u>733</u>	<u>7,976</u>	<u>8,709</u>
<u>Net book value</u>			
At 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

11 Debtors and prepayments

	2021 £	2020 £
Debtors	150	-
Prepayments	-	-
	<u>150</u>	<u>-</u>

12 Cash at bank and in hand

	2021 £	2020 £
Community Directplus account	53,923	48,507
Instant Saver Account	71,884	71,884
Yorkshire Bank	32,371	31,987
Cash in hand	278	133
	<u>158,456</u>	<u>152,510</u>

13 Creditors and accruals

	2021 £	2020 £
Creditors	-	-
Accruals	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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14 Analysis of Charitable Activities

Notes	Restricted funds									Total 2021
	WBC ~ Public Health	Cheshire Com F'd'tion Dad Matters	Cheshire Com F'd'tion	Cheshire Com F'd'tion	National Lottery RC	Garfield Weston	John Lewis	Loneline ss Fund	Morgan Fdn	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries and NICs (4a)	15,315	626	700	11,333	53,534	4,744	-	8,142	2,014	96,408
Payroll costs	166	-	-	132	264	-	-	-	-	562
Staff Expenses	98	-	419	84	673	115	-	88	1	1,478
Rent & Rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Postage, stationery and telephone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office Expenses	1,152	3,900	215	457	4,254	1,464	-	14	133	11,589
Insurance	-	-	-	224	799	-	-	-	-	1,023
Travel and transport	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Publicity	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	-	-	38
Professional fees	1,546	-	-	-	382	876	-	-	-	2,804
Training	4,080	-	250	38	267	67	-	-	-	4,702
Volunteer's Expense	72	-	-	191	394	-	-	-	-	657
Family fund and activities	382	-	2,573	28	458	695	657	1,756	2,009	8,558
Equipment, books and publications	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fees & Subscriptions	633	-	-	-	3,560	35	-	-	-	4,228
Governance Costs	-	-	-	13	315	-	-	-	-	328
	<u>23,444</u>	<u>4,526</u>	<u>4,157</u>	<u>12,500</u>	<u>64,900</u>	<u>8,034</u>	<u>657</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>4,157</u>	<u>132,375</u>

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Comparative Statement of Financial Activities
(Including Income & Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31 March 2021

15 Comparative income and expenditure by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
Income from donations	5,579	5,108	-	-
Income from charitable activities	17,769	13,562	138,968	126,844
Other incoming resources	145	1,455	-	-
Bank interest	384	845	-	-
Total incoming resources	23,877	20,970	138,968	126,844
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	24,375	20,189	132,375	117,995
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources	(498)	781	6,593	8,849
Transfers between funds	100	-	(100)	-
Net movement in funds	(398)	781	6,493	8,849
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds as at 01 April 2020	138,862	138,081	13,648	4,799
Total funds as at 31 March 2021	138,464	138,862	20,141	13,648