

HOME-START WYRE FOREST

England & Wales · Charity number 1120436

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	05419029
Registered	2007-08-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: We recruit and train parent volunteers who then offer home visiting befriending support to local families who are experiencing difficulties and have a child under 18 years of age.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WITHIN THE AREA OF WYRE FOREST AND ITS ENVIRONS
- Worcestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£213,426	£230,523	-	-
2024-09-30	£270,539	£281,924	-	-
2023-09-30	£287,439	£288,687	-	-
2022-09-30	£327,420	£297,687	-	-
2021-09-30	£334,473	£324,218	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
LINDA SMALL	Chair	2011-09-15
Catherine Mary Borlase		2024-12-19
Geoffrey Summers		2025-03-26
Jill Acton		2026-03-05
MEGAN WEAVER		
Roger Bourne		2015-07-16

Accounts

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

FOR

HOME-START WYRE FOREST

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

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**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

TRUSTEES	Barbara Hughes - Life President Linda Small - Chair Megan Weaver - Vice Chair Brian Price - Treasurer Roger Bourne Sam Guille (resigned November 2024) Sarah Morgan (retired June 2025) Cat Borlase (appointed January 2025) Geoff Summers (appointed March 2025)
REGISTERED OFFICE	MCF Complex 60 New Road Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 1AQ
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	05419029 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1120436
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Lancaster Haskins Limited Granville House 2 Tettenhall Road Wolverhampton West Midlands WV1 4SB
BANKERS	National Westminster Bank Plc 24 High Street Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 2DL Scottish Widows Bank P O Box 12757 67 Morrison Street Edinburgh EH3 8YJ

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2025. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Aims and Objectives

Our purposes as set out in the objects contained in the Home-Start Wyre Forest Memorandum of Association, applying to the Wyre Forest area and its environs, are 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

The aims of the Charity are to provide practical and emotional support to local parents to enable them to identify strategies to cope with their difficulties and improve the outcomes for themselves and their children.

Our aims fully reflect the purposes that the Charity was set up to further.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months, the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help.

We have referred to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The focus of our work

Our main objectives for the year continued to be the promotion and provision of family support to reduce the risk of family breakdown and to safeguard the most vulnerable children in our community. This included continuing our delivery to parents with children aged 0-18 years. The strategies we used to meet these objectives included:

- Providing a range of support services which are reflective of quality standards and address the problems arising from the stress of family life and external difficulties for the family unit
- Working in partnership with other agencies in our community to provide the most effective and appropriate support for service users

How our activities deliver public benefit

Our main activities and who we try to help are described below. All our charitable activities focus on the support of families and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

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Who used and benefitted from our service?

Our objectives and funding restrict the service we provide to parents or main carers of a child under 18 years of age (including unborn) who are resident in the Wyre Forest District of Worcestershire. Services are provided free to service users. Our funding limits those we can help.

In the period 1st October 2024 and 30th September 2025, we supported 390 children in 147 families. This is a reduction from the previous year, as we ended a large grant from DY10 HBG Big Local in 2024, which resulted in the loss of a Coordinator post. This directly translates to the number of families we can safely support.

Equal access to our service is important and our current monitoring reflects a diverse service user group (age, gender, disability, ethnic background, socio-economic groups) and our open referral routes ensure families can access support directly or through a third party (referrer). This year we have continued to review and refine our Equality, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EEDI) Action Plan, which aims to demonstrate how this ethos is reflected across our full service.

Home-visiting Family Support

Our service runs from a central scheme office, but our core work is delivered in service users' homes all over the district 52 weeks of the year.

Staff agree a user-lead focus for support with referred families and introduce a suitable trained volunteer to offer support.

Volunteers offer regular (2-3 hours once a week) home visiting support, friendship and practical help to the family, helping to reduce stress, promote confidence and participation and to prevent family breakdown. The support is free to the families, not time limited and confidential, with the exception of child protection concerns.

Additional activities/minimal support

This year we were able to deliver Group Services, funded by Anton Jurgons, The Par Trust and Midcounties Cooperative.

Our weekly Family Groups provide somewhere for our families to meet, form friendships and gain support. In addition to providing the standard weekly structured sessions and activities, we enable families to enjoy their time together, feel part of the wider community and develop and feel proud of new skills.

During 2024/25 we supported 58 children and 32 adults through group sessions.

We continue to offer a signposting service to those families who, on referral, during or following support, feel they need additional specialist help from other organisations.

At Christmas 2024 Midcounties Cooperative staff hosted a Christmas Party, funded through private fundraising arranged by one of their directors, for 138 of our adults and children to attend.

In August 2024 a private donor funded a day trip to the seaside for 111 adults and children to attend.

Reduction of Service 2025

Our service levels are directed by the level of funding we are able to secure. In 2023/24 we were aware we had several large grants ending and despite efforts to secure ongoing funding elsewhere, had to consider, plan and put into place a reduced service from August 2024. This resulted in two staff posts being made redundant and a third staff member moving to a new post on less hours than previously.

Although we had been able to secure some funds ahead of this financial year, we were working on 32 less coordinator hours than the previous five years, which has had an impact on the numbers of families we could support.

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Key achievements in the year

During this accounting period we have been able to continue the employment of a staff team and to maintain a proportionate delivery of service. We continued to deliver core home visiting and group support, plus our Safe & Strong Project, which supports those who have been unable to access psychological services elsewhere due to barriers of thresholds, confidence, stigma and trust or the practical barriers of transport, childcare and time.

During this accounting period we have achieved:

- Continuation of service to opened Home-Start families
- Accepting referrals for families with children 0-18 years
- Delivered Group Support for children aged 0-15 years
- Continued a Legacy Partnership with Midcounties Cooperative
- Delivered 1-2-1 psychology services to adults and children in receipt of HSWF support to improve their mental health.
- We have trained 13 new home visiting volunteers.
- Operated the Swap Shop project for twelve months of the year, after securing funds for this to reopen in October 2024. The project enables local families to have access to free good quality children's clothes and equipment.
- Secured Household Support Funds to provide families with food and welfare support during the rise in the cost of living.
- Delivered a summer trip and Christmas Party for our families to enjoy and create shared memories away from the pressures of home.
- Secured grant funding for the year to continue service throughout.
- Recruited and inducted two new director/trustees.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Home-Start Wyre Forest is a registered Charity and was founded in 1995. We became a Company limited by guarantee and transferred all assets and liabilities from the unincorporated Charity to the incorporated Charity on 1st February 2008. We are governed by the Home-Start Wyre Forest Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The Charity has procedures for the recruitment and appointment of Trustees. The Trustee Board has a wide range of experience both from professionals working with children and members with business experience. In addition, there is volunteer representation on the committee.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the Charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the Charity are set out under Volunteer Expenses in our accounts.

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Organisational structure



Risk Management

All major risks have been identified and procedures are in place to minimise risks. There is an annual review of the level of funding required to operate the scheme to cover potential financial risks.

Financial Review

This was always going to be a challenging year with many sponsors tightening their belts and there being more applications for funds than there were funds available. Income decreased by 21% from £271K to £213K resulting in a deficit of £17K compared to £11K last year.

Principal Funding Sources

Our major donors were The Lottery for Safe and Stronger (£72K), Eveson (£30K), BBC Children in Need (£30K), Par Trust (£13K), Lottery Community Fund for Swap Shop (£10K) and Wyre Forest District Council (£10K). Many others supported us for which we were very grateful.

Unrestricted income was £24K.

Reserves

We have a formal Reserves Policy. Home-Start Wyre Forest have identified Reserves set at a minimum of three months running costs plus redundancy payments for all current staff. The Board of Trustees meets regularly to review up to date figures and thus exercise control over financial matters. Our current reserve of £105K is estimated to cover four months costs plus redundancy and closure payments. Our objective is to maintain this reserve at a level to cover increases in costs.

Investment Policy

Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year most of the Charity's funds are to be spent in the short term, so there is little opportunity for long term investment. Funds required to ensure compliance with the Scheme's Reserves Policy (see previous paragraph) are held in an interest-bearing charity deposit account until so needed. The provider of this account is authorised and regulated by The Financial Conduct Authority.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming

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resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees should follow best practice and are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then 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; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that 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 in the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Independent Financial Examiners

Lancaster Haskins Chartered Accountants were re-appointed during the year as the charitable company's accountants and have expressed their willingness to continue to do so.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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

Linda Small – Chair 

Date: 10 February 2026

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOME-START WYRE FOREST**

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Home-Start Wyre Forest ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th September 2025, which are set out on pages 8 to 27.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's report

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those accounting records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- (4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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25 February 2026

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	22,184	-	22,184	45,856
Charitable Activities	5				
Children & parents		-	188,962	188,962	215,756
Other Trading Activities	3	628	-	628	7,107
Investment Income	4	1,652	-	1,652	1,820
Total		<u>24,464</u>	<u>188,962</u>	<u>213,426</u>	<u>270,539</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	6				
Children & parents		<u>45,137</u>	<u>185,386</u>	<u>230,523</u>	<u>281,924</u>
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE		(20,673)	3,576	(17,097)	(11,385)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		131,131	(840)	130,291	141,676
Transfers between funds		(3,940)	3,940	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u><u>106,518</u></u>	<u><u>6,676</u></u>	<u><u>113,194</u></u>	<u><u>130,291</u></u>

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
BALANCE SHEET
AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	-	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	1,790	105	1,895	1,804
Cash at bank and in hand		107,590	59,137	166,727	162,158
		<u>109,380</u>	<u>59,242</u>	<u>168,622</u>	<u>163,962</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(2,862)	(52,566)	(55,428)	(33,671)
		<u>106,518</u>	<u>6,676</u>	<u>113,194</u>	<u>130,291</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>106,518</u>	<u>6,676</u>	<u>113,194</u>	<u>130,291</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>106,518</u>	<u>6,676</u>	<u>113,194</u>	<u>130,291</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>106,518</u>	<u>6,676</u>	<u>113,194</u>	<u>130,291</u>
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				106,518	131,131
Restricted funds				<u>6,676</u>	<u>(840)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>113,194</u>	<u>130,291</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30th September 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 10 February 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mrs L Small – Chair



Mr B Price – Trustee



**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are to the nearest £.

INCOME

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

EXPENDITURE

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

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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

Fixtures and fittings - 25% on cost

TAXATION

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

FUND ACCOUNTING

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

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

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

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued

REDUNDANCY

The Charity recognises a liability for termination benefits at the point when the Charity is committed to making the payment in return for the employee redundancy.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets are offset, with the net amounts presented in the accounts where there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic Financial Assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financial transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Basic Financial Liabilities

Basic Financial Liabilities, including trade and other payables, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of future receipts, discounted at a market rate of interest. Debt instruments are subsequently carried at an amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Basic Financial Liabilities

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods and services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of the operations from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction costs.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	22,184	45,856
Other Income	-	-
	<u>22,184</u>	<u>45,856</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fundraising events	<u>628</u>	<u>7,107</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1,652</u>	<u>1,820</u>

**5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE
EVENTS**

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants	<u>188,962</u>	<u>215,756</u>

Activity
Children &
parents

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5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES -
Continued

	2025	2024
	£	£
Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:		
Garfield Weston	-	20,000
BBC Children in Need	30,000	23,500
WFDC - Covid Support	-	15,000
WFDC Household Support Fund	10,000	-
Awards For All Swap Shop	10,000	-
Anton Jurgens	7,650	-
Cadent Foundation	6,280	3,283
The Souter Charitable Fund	2,000	-
HSUK	-	2,500
Eveson Trust	30,000	-
Par Trust	12,500	-
Big Lottery	71,650	70,668
Arnold Clark	500	-
Bauer Radio	3,082	-
John Lewis	4,500	4,500
Lottery – Cost of Living Fund	-	22,488
Midcounties Co-op	800	-
DY10 HBG Big Local	-	39,817
Rowland Trust	-	2,000
Bailey Thomas	-	12,000
	<u>188,962</u>	<u>215,756</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs (See note 7)	Totals
	£	£
Children and parents	<u>230,523</u>	<u>281,924</u>

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7. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	2025	2024
	£	£
Staff salaries	145,181	178,737
Pensions	6,359	8,464
Staff expenses	2,498	3,080
Staff recruitment	-	-
Volunteer expenses	2,591	3,467
Volunteer recruitment	12	545
Volunteer training	98	8
MCM expenses	38	38
Printing, postage and stationery	5,729	6,493
Advertising and publicity	-	99
Telephone	5,049	4,734
Rent	3,900	3,575
Rates	411	404
Office cleaning	-	-
Electricity	1,940	3,116
Insurance	1,000	1,906
Fees to Home-Start UK	6,296	5,754
Subscriptions	54	35
IT support	3,238	7,288
Family group support	10,250	18,336
AGM expenses	413	450
General expenses	1,127	6,335
Staff training costs	249	238
Prep courses	334	257
Depreciation	-	-
Room hire	2,688	6,408
KFG materials	508	221
KFG refreshments	1,681	1,944
Professional fees	23,536	16,725
Repairs and maintenance	20	127
Bank charges	245	300
Independent examination	2,820	2,820
Events and packages	2,258	-
	230,523	281,924

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8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	2025	2024
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation – owned assets	-	-

9. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There was no trustees' remuneration nor other benefits for both the year ended 30 September 2025 and the year ended 30 September 2024.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

An amount of £Nil (2024 - £Nil) was paid to the Trustees for the year ended 30 September 2025.

10. STAFF COSTS	2025	2024
The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:	5	6

Staff salaries for the year are as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Manager, secretary and co-ordinators	145,181	132,544
Community Staff (DY10)	-	41,941
Redundancy pay	-	4,252
	145,181	178,737

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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	45,856	-	45,856
Charitable activities			
Children and parents	-	215,756	215,756
Other trading activities	7,107	-	7,107
Investment income	1,820	-	1,820
	<u>54,783</u>	<u>215,756</u>	<u>270,539</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Children and parents	<u>64,229</u>	<u>217,695</u>	<u>281,924</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>(9,446)</u>	<u>(1,939)</u>	<u>(11,385)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>140,577</u>	<u>1,099</u>	<u>141,676</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>131,131</u>	<u>(840)</u>	<u>130,291</u>

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

**Fixtures
and
fittings
£**

COST

At 1 October 2024 and 30 September 2025

6,172

DEPRECIATION

At 1 October 2024 and 30 September 2025

6,172

NET BOOK VALUE

At 30 September 2025

-

At 30 September 2024

-

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

2025

2024

£

£

Prepayments and accrued income

1,895

1,804

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

2025

2024

£

£

Accrued expenses and deferred income

55,428

33,671

15. LEASING AGREEMENTS

2025

2024

£

£

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

Within one year

3,220

7,748

Between one and five years

-

3,220

3,220

10,968

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.10.24 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.09.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	30,460	(22,325)	(6,940)	1,195
Designated fund	100,671	1,652	3,000	105,323
	131,131	(20,673)	(3,940)	106,518
Restricted funds				
Garfield Weston	-	-	-	-
BBC Children in Need	-	-	-	-
WFDC - Covid Support	-	-	-	-
WFDC Household Support Fund	-	-	-	-
Awards For All Swap Shop	-	-	-	-
Anton Jurgens	-	3,063	-	3,063
Cadent Foundation	1,096	405	-	1,501
The Souter Charitable Fund	-	118	-	118
HSUK	-	-	-	-
Eveson Trust	-	-	-	-
Par Trust	-	343	-	343
Big Lottery	881	(739)	-	142
Arnold Clark	-	-	-	-
Bauer Radio	-	1,027	-	1,027
John Lewis	804	(804)	-	-
Lottery – Cost of Living Fund	-	-	-	-
Midcounties Co-op	-	482	-	482
DY10 HBG Big Local	(3,621)	(319)	3,940	-
Rowland Trust	-	-	-	-
Bailey Thomas	-	-	-	-
	(840)	3,576	3,940	6,676
TOTAL FUNDS	130,291	(17,097)	-	113,194

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued	Incoming Resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:			
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	22,812	(45,137)	(22,325)
Designated fund	1,652	-	1,652
	<u>24,464</u>	<u>(45,137)</u>	<u>(20,673)</u>
Restricted funds			
Garfield Weston	-	-	-
BBC Children in Need	30,000	(30,000)	-
WFDC - Covid Support	-	-	-
WFDC Household Support Fund	10,000	(10,000)	-
Awards For All Swap Shop	10,000	(10,000)	-
Anton Jurgens	7,650	(4,587)	3,063
Cadent Foundation	6,280	(5,875)	405
The Souter Charitable Fund	2,000	(1,882)	118
HSUK	-	-	-
Eveson Trust	30,000	(30,000)	-
Par Trust	12,500	(12,157)	343
Big Lottery	71,650	(72,389)	(739)
Arnold Clark	500	(500)	-
Bauer Radio	3,082	(2,055)	1,027
John Lewis	4,500	(5,304)	(804)
Lottery – Cost of Living Fund	-	-	-
Midcounties Co-op	800	(318)	482
DY10 HGB Big Local	-	(319)	(319)
Rowland Trust	-	-	-
Bailey Thomas	-	-	-
	<u>188,962</u>	<u>(185,386)</u>	<u>3,576</u>
TOTAL MOVEMENT	<u>213,426</u>	<u>(230,523)</u>	<u>(17,097)</u>

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.10.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.09.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,726	(11,266)	40,000	30,460
Designated fund	138,851	1,820	(40,000)	100,671
	<u>140,577</u>	<u>(9,446)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>131,131</u>
Restricted funds				
Garfield Weston	-	-	-	-
BBC Children in Need	3,112	(3,112)	-	-
WFDC – Covid Support	-	-	-	-
WFDC Household Support Fund	-	-	-	-
Awards For All Swap Shop	-	-	-	-
Anton Jurgens	-	-	-	-
Cadent Foundation	-	1,096	-	1,096
The Souter Charitable Fund	233	(233)	-	-
HSUK	-	-	-	-
Eveson Trust	-	-	-	-
Par Trust	-	-	-	-
Big Lottery	599	282	-	881
Arnold Clark	-	-	-	-
Bauer Radio	-	-	-	-
John Lewis	-	804	-	804
Lottery - Cost of Living Fund	-	-	-	-
Midcounties Co-op	-	-	-	-
DY10 HBG Big Local	(2,845)	(776)	-	(3,621)
Rowland Trust	-	-	-	-
Bailey Thomas	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,099</u>	<u>(1,939)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(840)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>141,676</u>	<u>(11,385)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130,291</u>

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued	Incoming Resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:			
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	52,963	(64,229)	(11,266)
Designated Fund	1,820	-	1,820
	<u>54,783</u>	<u>(64,229)</u>	<u>(9,446)</u>
Restricted funds			
Garfield Weston	20,000	(20,000)	-
BBC Children in Need	23,500	(26,612)	(3,112)
WFDC - Covid Support	15,000	(15,000)	-
WFDC Household Support Fund	-	-	-
Awards For All Swap Shop	-	-	-
Anton Jurgens	-	-	-
Cadent Foundation	3,283	(2,187)	1,096
The Souter Charitable Fund	-	(233)	(233)
HSUK	2,500	(2,500)	-
Eveson Trust	-	-	-
Par Trust	-	-	-
Big Lottery	70,668	(70,386)	282
Arnold Clark	-	-	-
Bauer Radio	-	-	-
John Lewis	4,500	(3,696)	804
Lottery - Cost of Living Fund	22,488	(22,488)	-
Midcounties Co-op	-	-	-
DY10 HBG Big Local	39,817	(40,593)	(776)
Rowland Trust	2,000	(2,000)	-
Bailey Thomas	12,000	(12,000)	-
	<u>215,756</u>	<u>(217,695)</u>	<u>(1,939)</u>
TOTAL MOVEMENT	<u>270,539</u>	<u>(281,924)</u>	<u>(11,385)</u>

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued	At 01.10.23	Net Movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 30.09.25
A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds				
General fund	1,726	(33,591)	33,060	1,195
Designated fund	138,851	3,472	(37,000)	105,323
	<u>140,577</u>	<u>(30,119)</u>	<u>(3,940)</u>	<u>106,518</u>
Restricted Funds				
Garfield Weston	-	-	-	-
BBC Children in Need	3,112	(3,112)	-	-
WFDC - Covid Support	-	-	-	-
WFDC Household Support Fund	-	-	-	-
Awards For All Swap Shop	-	-	-	-
Anton Jurgens	-	3,063	-	3,063
Cadent Foundation	-	1,501	-	1,501
The Souter Charitable Fund	233	(115)	-	118
HSUK	-	-	-	-
Eveson Trust	-	-	-	-
Par Trust	-	343	-	343
Big Lottery	599	(457)	-	142
Arnold Clark	-	-	-	-
Bauer Radio	-	1,027	-	1,027
John Lewis	-	-	-	-
Lottery - Cost of Living Fund	-	-	-	-
Midcounties Co-op	-	482	-	482
DY10 HBG Big Local	(2,845)	(1,095)	3,940	-
Rowland Trust	-	-	-	-
Bailey Thomas	-	-	-	-
	<u>1,099</u>	<u>1,637</u>	<u>3,940</u>	<u>6,676</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>141,676</u>	<u>(28,482)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>113,194</u>

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued

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

Unrestricted funds

	Incoming Resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
General Fund	75,775	(109,366)	(33,591)
Designated Fund	3,472	-	3,472
	<u>79,247</u>	<u>(109,366)</u>	<u>(30,119)</u>

Restricted funds

Garfield Weston	20,000	(20,000)	-
BBC Children in Need	53,500	(56,612)	(3,112)
WFDC - Covid Support	15,000	(15,000)	-
WFDC Household Support Fund	10,000	(10,000)	-
Awards For All Swap Shop	10,000	(10,000)	-
Anton Jurgens	7,650	(4,587)	3,063
Cadent Foundation	9,563	(8,062)	1,501
The Souter Charitable Fund	2,000	(2,115)	(115)
HSUK	2,500	(2,500)	-
Eveson Trust	30,000	(30,000)	-
Par Trust	12,500	(12,157)	343
Big Lottery	142,318	(142,775)	(457)
Arnold Clark	500	(500)	-
Bauer Radio	3,082	(2,055)	1,027
John Lewis	9,000	(9,000)	-
Lottery - Cost of Living Fund	22,488	(22,488)	-
Midcounties Co-op	800	(318)	482
DY10 HBG Big Local	39,817	(40,912)	(1,095)
Rowland Trust	2,000	(2,000)	-
Bailey Thomas	12,000	(12,000)	-
	<u>404,718</u>	<u>(403,081)</u>	<u>1,637</u>

TOTAL MOVEMENT

<u>483,965</u>	<u>(512,447)</u>	<u>(28,482)</u>
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**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued

Unrestricted

General Fund

The policy of the committee is to endeavour to increase the value of the General Fund, the general fund is to be used for the day to day running of the charity as the trustees deem appropriate.

Designated Fund

The purpose of the Designated Fund is to provide for a minimum of three months running costs and redundancy payments should the Scheme have to close because of a failure of funding or for any other reason. The scheme established and maintained this Reserve in compliance with a recommendation from Home-Start UK. The balance on 30 September 2025 is £105,323 (2024: £100,671).

Restricted Funds

Garfield Weston

Grants were received to contribute to the running costs of the photocopier, rent, and general utilities. The balance on 30 September 2025 is £Nil (2024: £Nil).

BBC Children in Need

Grants were received from this Charity to cover part of the Co-ordinators' salary costs. The balance at 30 September 2025 is £Nil (2024: £Nil).

Wyre Forest District Council Grants (WFDC – Covid Support)

Grants were received to support food and welfare costs for families. The balance on 30 September 2025 is £Nil (2024: £Nil).

Wyre Forest District Council Grants (WFDC Household Support Fund)

Grants were received to provide food vouchers for households experiencing financial hardship as a result of rising living costs. The balance on 30 September 2025 is £Nil (2024: £Nil).

Awards For All Swap Shop

Grants were received to part cover staff and costs for our Swap Shop project. The balance on 30 September 2025 is £Nil (2024: £Nil).

Anton Jurgens

Grants were received to support the costs of running family groups, enabling regular sessions that promote connection, wellbeing, and peer support for local families. The balance on 30 September 2025 is £3,063 (2024: £Nil).

Cadent Foundation

Grants were received to cover family group costs. The balance on 30 September 2025 is £1,501 (2024: £1,096).

The Souter Charitable Fund

Grants were received to cover volunteer expenses. The balance on 30 September 2025 is £118 (2024: £Nil).

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued

HSUK

Grants were received to provide core support for children identified as having child protection concerns, ensuring they receive appropriate safeguarding, guidance, and stability during periods of heightened vulnerability. The balance on 30 September 2025 is £Nil (2024: £Nil).

Eveson Trust

Grants were received to contribute to the core running costs including staff and utilities. The balance on 30 September 2025 is £Nil (2024: £Nil).

Par Trust

Grants were received to contribute £10,000 towards the delivery of family group sessions and £20,000 to support core organisational costs, enabling the charity to maintain essential services and operational capacity. The balance on 30 September 2025 is £343 (2024: £Nil).

Arnold Clark

Grants were received to support the costs of delivering family group sessions, providing a safe and supportive space for families to connect, build relationships, and access guidance. The balance on 30 September 2025 is £Nil (2024: £Nil).

Bauer Radio

Grants were received to support the costs of delivering family group sessions, providing a safe and supportive space for families to connect, build relationships, and access guidance. The balance on 30 September 2025 is £1,027 (2024: £Nil).

John Lewis

Grants were received from The Building Happier Futures Fund, part of the John Lewis Partnership Foundation, these contributed to core staff salary costs. The balance on 30 September 2025 is £Nil (2024: £804).

Lottery – Cost of Living Fund

Grants were received to assist with covering staff costs and swap shop project costs. The balance on 30 September 2025 is £Nil (2024: £Nil).

Midcounties Co-op

Grants were received to assist with covering staff costs and swap shop project costs. The balance on 30 September 2025 is £482 (2024: £Nil).

Big Lottery

Grants were received to cover most of the costs of providing bespoke therapy to adults or children along with family support and to enable the training and development of staff to continue the level of support in the future. The costs include salary costs for the Project Manager, Project Secretary, Project Co-ordinator and sessional psychologists, training and overheads. The balance on 30 September 2025 is £142 (2024: £881).

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued

DY10 HBG Big Local

Grants were received to cover the costs of running family groups, volunteer training costs and provide HR services to a community project, this includes salary costs, room hire, volunteer expenses and other administrative services. The balance on 30 September 2025 is £Nil (2024: £(3,621)).

Rowland Trust

Grants were received to cover part of the cost of purchasing a new IT system. The balance on 30 September 2025 is £Nil (2024: £Nil).

Bailey Thomas

Grants were received to cover part of the Co-ordinators' salary costs. The balance on 30 September 2025 is £Nil (2024: £Nil).

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30th September 2025.

18. LEGAL STATUS

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

19. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

The fees for the independent examination for the year ended 30 September 2025 amounted to £2,820 (2024: £2,820).

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations and legacies		
Donations	22,184	45,856
Other Income	-	-
	22,184	45,856
Other Trading Activities		
Fundraising events	628	7,107
Investment Income		
Deposit account interest	1,652	1,820
Charitable activities		
Grants	188,962	215,756
Total Incoming Resources	213,426	270,539
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable Activities		
Staff salaries	145,181	178,737
Pensions	6,359	8,484
Staff expenses	2,498	3,080
Staff recruitment	-	-
Volunteer expenses	2,591	3,467
Volunteer recruitment	12	545
Volunteer training	98	8
MCM expenses	38	38
Printing, postage & stationery	5,729	6,493
Advertising and publicity	-	99
Telephone	5,049	4,734
Rent	3,900	3,575
Rates	411	404
Office cleaning	-	-
Electricity	1,940	3,116
Insurance	1,000	1,906
Fees to Home-Start UK	6,296	5,754
Subscriptions	54	35
IT support	3,238	7,288
Family group support	10,250	18,336
AGM expenses	413	450
General expenses	1,127	6,335
Staff training costs	249	238
Prep courses	334	257
Depreciation	-	-
Room hire	2,688	6,408
KFG materials	508	221
KFG refreshments	1,681	1,944
Professional fees	23,536	16,725
Repairs and maintenance	20	127
Bank charges	245	300
Independent examination	2,820	2,820
Events and packages	2,258	-
Total resources expended	230,523	281,924
Net income/(expenditure)	(17,097)	(11,385)

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05419029 (England and Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1120436

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

FOR

HOME-START WYRE FOREST

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**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

TRUSTEES	Mrs B Hughes (Life President) Mrs M Weaver (Chair) Mrs L Small (Vice Chair) Mr R Bourne Mr B Price (Treasurer) Mrs J Acton (Retired 28.02.2024) Mr S Guille (Resigned 02.11.2024) Mrs S Morgan Mrs C Borlase (Appointed 19.12.2024)
REGISTERED OFFICE	MCF Complex 60 New Road Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 1AQ
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	05419029 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1120436
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Lancaster Haskins Limited Granville House 2 Tettenhall Road Wolverhampton West Midlands WV1 4SB
BANKERS	National Westminster Bank Plc 24 High Street Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 2DL Scottish Widows Bank P O Box 12757 67 Morrison Street Edinburgh EH3 8YJ

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Aims and Objectives

Our purposes as set out in the objects contained in the Home-Start Wyre Forest Memorandum of Association, applying to the Wyre Forest area and its environs, are to:

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

The aims of the Charity are to provide practical and emotional support to local parents to enable them to identify strategies to cope with their difficulties and improve the outcomes for themselves and their children.

Our aims fully reflect the purposes that the Charity was set up to further.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months, the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help.

We have referred to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The focus of our work

Our main objectives for the year continued to be the promotion and provision of family support to reduce the risk of family breakdown and to safeguard the most vulnerable children in our community. This included continuing our delivery to parents with children aged 0-18 years. The strategies we used to meet these objectives included:

- Providing a range of support services which are reflective of quality standards and address the problems arising from the stress of family life and external difficulties for the family unit
- Working in partnership with other agencies in our community to provide the most effective and appropriate support for service users

How our activities deliver public benefit

Our main activities and who we try to help are described below. All our charitable activities focus on the support of families and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Who used and benefitted from our service?

Our objectives and funding restrict the service we provide to parents or main carers of a child under 18 years of age (including unborn) who are resident in the Wyre Forest District of Worcestershire. Services are provided free to service users. Our funding limits those we can help.

In the period 1st October 2023 to 30th September 2024, we supported 529 children in 208 families.

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

Equal access to our service is important and our current monitoring reflects a diverse service user group (age, gender, disability, ethnic background, socio-economic groups) and our open referral routes ensure families can access support directly or through a third party (referrer).

This year we have introduced an Equality, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EEDI) Action Plan to ensure this ethos is reflected across our full service.

Home-visiting Family Support

Our service runs from a central scheme office, but our core work is delivered in service users' homes all over the district 52 weeks of the year.

Staff agree a user-lead focus for support with referred families and introduce a suitable trained volunteer to offer support.

Volunteers offer regular (2-3 hours once a week) home visiting support, friendship and practical help to the family, helping to reduce stress, promote confidence and participation and to prevent family breakdown. The support is free to the families, not time limited and confidential, with the exception of child protection concerns.

Additional activities/minimal support

This year we continued to deliver Group services funded by DY10 HBG Big Local until 30th June 2024, when the funding ended. No groups were delivered during the last quarter of this year.

Our weekly Family Groups provide somewhere for our families to meet, form friendships and gain support. In addition to providing the standard weekly structured sessions and activities, we enable families to enjoy their time together, feel part of the wider community and develop and feel proud of new skills.

During 2023/24 we supported 40 children and 25 adults through group sessions.

We continue to offer a signposting service to those families who, on referral, during or following support, feel they need additional specialist help from other organisations.

At Christmas 2023 Mid-counties Co-operative funded and hosted a Christmas Party for 140 of our adults and children to attend.

In August 2023 a private donor funded a day trip to the seaside for 107 adults and children to attend.

Reduction of Service 2024

Our service levels are directed by the level of funding we are able to secure. In 2023/24 we were aware we had several large grants ending and despite efforts to secure ongoing funding elsewhere, had to consider, plan and put into place a reduced service from August 2024. This resulted in two staff posts being made redundant and a third staff member moving to a new post on less hours than previously.

Although we have been able to secure some funds ahead of the new financial year, we are currently working on 32 less coordinator hours than the previous five years, which has an impact on the numbers of families we can support.

While restructuring the service in summer 2024 we also had to close for new referrals for a period of six weeks in July/August 2024.

Key achievements in the year

During this accounting period we have been able to continue the employment of a staff team and to maintain a proportionate delivery of service. We continued to deliver core home visiting and group support (for 9 months of the year), plus our Safe & Strong Project, which supports those who have been unable to access psychological services elsewhere due to barriers of thresholds, confidence, stigma and trust or the practical barriers of transport, childcare and time.

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

During this accounting period we have achieved:

- Continuation of service to opened Home-Start families
- Accepting referrals for families with children 0-18 years (with the exception of a six week period)
- Delivered Group Support for children aged 0-14 years
- Continued a Legacy Partnership with Mid-counties Co-operative
- Delivered 1-2-1 psychology services to adults and children in receipt of HSWF support to improve their mental health.
- We have trained 8 new home visiting volunteers.
- Operated the Swap Shop project for two months of the year and secured funding for this to restart in 2024, to enable local families to have free good quality children's clothes and equipment.
- Secured funds to provide families with food and welfare support during the rise in the cost of living.
- Delivered a summer trip and Christmas Party for our families to enjoy and create shared memories away from the pressures of home.
- Secured grant funding for the coming five years to ensure the scheme remains operational.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Home-Start Wyre Forest is a registered Charity and was founded in 1995. We became a Company limited by guarantee and transferred all assets and liabilities from the unincorporated Charity to the incorporated Charity on 1st February 2008. We are governed by the Home-Start Wyre Forest Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The Charity has procedures for the recruitment and appointment of Trustees. The Trustee Board has a wide range of experience both from professionals working with children and members with business experience. In addition, there is volunteer representation on the committee.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the Charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the Charity are set out under Volunteer Expenses in our accounts.

Organisational structure



Risk Management

All major risks have been identified and procedures are in place to minimise risks. There is an annual review of the level of funding required to operate the scheme to cover potential financial risks.

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

Financial Review

This was always going to be a challenging year as we knew that the contracts with two of our major donors for over four years were due to expire during the year. These were with DY10 and the National Lottery.

Income decreased by 6% from £287K to £271K. Expenditure also decreased from £289K to £282K resulting in a deficit of £11K compared to a deficit of 2K last year.

Principal Funding Sources

Our major donors were the Big Lottery (£71K), DY10 Big Local (£40K), BBC Children in Need (£24K), National Lottery (£22k), Garfield Weston (£20k), Wyre Forest District Council (£15K) and Bailey Thomas (£12k). Many other donors supported us for which we are very grateful.

Unrestricted income was £55K.

Reserves

We have a formal Reserves Policy. Home-Start Wyre Forest have identified Reserves set at a minimum of three months running costs plus redundancy payments for all current staff. The Board of Trustees meets regularly to review up to date figures and thus exercise control over financial matters. Our current reserve of £101K is estimated to cover four months costs plus redundancy and closure payments. Our objective is to maintain this reserve at a level to cover increases in costs.

Investment Policy

Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year most of the Charity's funds are to be spent in the short term so there is little opportunity for long term investment. Funds required to ensure compliance with the Scheme's Reserves Policy (see previous paragraph) are held in an interest-bearing charity deposit account until so needed. The provider of this account is authorised and regulated by The Financial Conduct Authority.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees should follow best practice and are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then 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; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that 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.

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

Independent Financial Examiners

Lancaster Haskins Chartered Accountants were re-appointed during the year as the charitable company's accountants and have expressed their willingness to continue to do so.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the board of Trustees on 05 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Mrs M Weaver – Chair to the Board of Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOME-START WYRE FOREST

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Home-Start Wyre Forest ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th September 2024, which are set out on pages 8 to 26.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's report

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those accounting records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- (4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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5 March 2025

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	45,856	-	45,856	58,111
Charitable Activities	5				
Children & parents		-	215,756	215,756	226,743
Other Trading Activities	3	7,107	-	7,107	1,987
Investment Income	4	1,820	-	1,820	598
Total		54,783	215,756	270,539	287,439
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	6				
Children & parents		64,229	217,695	281,924	288,687
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE		(9,446)	(1,939)	(11,385)	(1,248)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		140,577	1,099	141,676	142,924
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		131,131	(840)	130,291	141,676

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
BALANCE SHEET
AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	12	-	-	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	1,024	780	1,804	1,418
Cash at bank and in hand		131,458	30,700	162,158	171,462
		132,482	31,480	163,962	172,880
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(1,351)	(32,320)	(33,671)	(31,204)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		131,131	(840)	130,291	141,676
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		131,131	(840)	130,291	141,676
NET ASSETS		131,131	(840)	130,291	141,676
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				131,131	140,577
Restricted funds				(840)	1,099
TOTAL FUNDS				130,291	141,676

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30th September 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

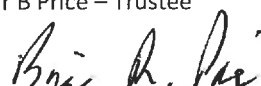
These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 05 March 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mrs M Weaver – Trustee



Mr B Price – Trustee



**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are to the nearest £.

INCOME

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

EXPENDITURE

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

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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

Fixtures and fittings - 25% on cost

TAXATION

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

FUND ACCOUNTING

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

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

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

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued

REDUNDANCY

The Charity recognises a liability for termination benefits at the point when the Charity is committed to making the payment in return for the employee redundancy.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets are offset, with the net amounts presented in the accounts where there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic Financial Assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financial transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Basic Financial Liabilities

Basic Financial Liabilities, including trade and other payables, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of future receipts, discounted at a market rate of interest. Debt instruments are subsequently carried at an amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Basic Financial Liabilities

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods and services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of the operations from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction costs.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	45,856	57,920
Other Income	-	191
	<u>45,856</u>	<u>58,111</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising events	<u>7,107</u>	<u>1,987</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>1,820</u>	<u>598</u>

**5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE
EVENTS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants	<u>215,756</u>	<u>226,743</u>

Activity
Children &
parents

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5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES -
Continued

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:		
Garfield Weston	20,000	15,000
BBC Children in Need	23,500	24,914
WFDC – Covid Support	15,000	20,160
Severn Trent Community Fund	-	2,111
The Souter Charitable Fund	-	3,000
Cadent Foundation	3,283	2,188
Margaret Westwood	-	1,000
HSUK	2,500	1,250
Eveson Trust	-	25,000
DY10 HBG Big Local	39,817	50,375
MK Rose Charitable Trust	-	6,000
Big Lottery	70,668	75,745
Rowland Trust	2,000	-
Bailey Thomas	12,000	-
John Lewis	4,500	-
Lottery – Cost of Living Fund	22,488	-
	<u>215,756</u>	<u>226,743</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs (See note 7) £	Totals £
Children and parents	<u>281,924</u>	<u>288,687</u>

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7. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff salaries	178,737	168,547
Pensions	8,464	7,317
Staff expenses	3,080	3,499
Staff recruitment	-	(53)
Volunteer expenses	3,467	4,222
Volunteer recruitment	545	145
Volunteer training	8	-
MCM expenses	38	169
Printing, postage and stationery	6,493	6,248
Advertising and publicity	99	112
Telephone	4,734	5,805
Rent	3,575	3,900
Rates	404	510
Office cleaning	-	6
Electricity	3,116	3,589
Insurance	1,906	1,974
Fees to Home-Start UK	5,754	5,894
Subscriptions	35	84
IT support	7,288	2,004
Family group support	18,336	33,416
AGM expenses	450	603
General expenses	6,335	1,085
Staff training costs	238	574
Prep courses	257	917
Depreciation	-	149
Room hire	6,408	7,355
KFG materials	221	321
KFG refreshments	1,944	2,156
Professional fees	16,725	22,948
Repairs and maintenance	127	2,517
Bank charges	300	154
Independent examination	2,820	2,520
	281,924	288,687

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8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	2024	2023
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation – owned assets	-	149

9. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There was no trustees' remuneration nor other benefits for both the year ended 30 September 2024 and the year ended 30 September 2023.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

An amount of £Nil (2023 - £Nil) was paid to the Trustees for the year ended 30 September 2024.

10. STAFF COSTS	2024	2023
The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:	6	6

Staff salaries for the year are as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Manager, secretary and co-ordinators	132,544	126,933
Community Staff (DY10)	41,941	41,614
Redundancy pay	4,252	-
	178,737	168,547

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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	58,111	-	58,111
Charitable activities			
Children and parents		226,743	226,743
Other trading activities	1,987	-	1,987
Investment income	598	-	598
	<u>60,696</u>	<u>226,743</u>	<u>287,439</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Children and parents	<u>53,256</u>	<u>235,431</u>	<u>288,687</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>7,440</u>	<u>(8,688)</u>	<u>(1,248)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>133,137</u>	<u>9,787</u>	<u>142,924</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>140,577</u>	<u>1,099</u>	<u>141,676</u>

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

**Fixtures
and
fittings
£**

COST

At 1 October 2023 and 30 September 2024

6,172

DEPRECIATION

At 1 October 2023 and 30 September 2024

6,172

NET BOOK VALUE

At 30 September 2024

-

At 30 September 2023

-

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

2024

2023

£

£

Prepayments and accrued income

1,804

1,418

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

2024

2023

£

£

Accrued expenses and deferred income

33,671

31,204

15. LEASING AGREEMENTS

2024

2023

£

£

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

Within one year

7,748

5,640

Between one and five years

3,220

4,875

10,968

10,515

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.10.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.09.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,726	(11,266)	40,000	30,460
Designated fund	138,851	1,820	(40,000)	100,671
	140,577	(9,446)	-	131,131
Restricted funds				
Garfield Weston	-	-	-	-
BBC Children in Need	3,112	(3,112)	-	-
WFDC – Covid Support	-	-	-	-
The Souter Charitable Fund	233	(233)	-	-
Cadent Foundation	-	1,096	-	1,096
HSUK	-	-	-	-
DY10 HBG Big Local	(2,845)	(776)	-	(3,621)
Big Lottery	599	282	-	881
Rowland Trust	-	-	-	-
Bailey Thomas	-	-	-	-
John Lewis	-	804	-	804
Lottery – Cost of Living Fund	-	-	-	-
	1,099	(1,939)	-	(840)
TOTAL FUNDS	141,676	(11,385)	-	130,291

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued	Incoming Resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:			
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	52,963	(64,229)	(11,266)
Designated fund	1,820	-	1,820
	<u>54,783</u>	<u>(64,229)</u>	<u>(9,446)</u>
Restricted funds			
Garfield Weston	20,000	(20,000)	-
BBC Children in Need	23,500	(26,612)	(3,112)
WFDC – Covid Support	15,000	(15,000)	-
The Souter Charitable Trust	-	(233)	(233)
Cadent Foundation	3,283	(2,187)	1,096
HSUK	2,500	(2,500)	-
DY10 HBG Big Local	39,817	(40,593)	(776)
Big Lottery	70,668	(70,386)	282
Rowland Trust	2,000	(2,000)	-
Bailey Thomas	12,000	(12,000)	-
John Lewis	4,500	(3,696)	804
Lottery – Cost of Living Fund	22,488	(22,488)	-
	<u>215,756</u>	<u>(217,695)</u>	<u>(1,939)</u>
TOTAL MOVEMENT	<u>270,539</u>	<u>(281,924)</u>	<u>(11,385)</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.10.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.09.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	14,884	6,842	(20,000)	1,726
Designated fund	118,253	598	20,000	138,851
	<u>133,137</u>	<u>7,440</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>140,577</u>
Restricted funds				
Garfield Weston	(72)	72	-	-
BBC Children in Need	2,357	755	-	3,112
Big Lottery – Awards For All	7,714	(7,714)	-	-
WFDC – Covid Support	-	-	-	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	(2,111)	2,111	-	-
The Souter Charitable Fund	-	233	-	233
Cadent Foundation	-	-	-	-
Margaret Westwood	-	-	-	-
Eveson Trust	-	-	-	-
DY10 HBG Big Local	(3,690)	845	-	(2,845)
MK Rose Charitable Trust	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Big Lottery	589	10	-	599
Home-Start – Cost of Living Grant	-	-	-	-
	<u>9,787</u>	<u>(8,688)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,099</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>142,924</u>	<u>(1,248)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>141,676</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued	Incoming Resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:			
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	60,098	(53,256)	6,842
Designated Fund	598	-	598
	<u>60,696</u>	<u>(53,256)</u>	<u>7,440</u>
Restricted funds			
Garfield Weston	15,000	(14,928)	72
BBC Children in Need	24,914	(24,159)	755
Big Lottery – Awards For All	-	(7,714)	(7,714)
WFDC – Covid Support	20,160	(20,160)	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	2,111	-	2,111
The Souter Charitable Fund	3,000	(2,767)	233
Cadent Foundation	2,188	(2,188)	-
Margaret Westwood	1,000	(1,000)	-
Eveson Trust	25,000	(25,000)	-
DY10 HBG Big Local	50,375	(49,530)	845
MK Rose Charitable Trust	6,000	(11,000)	(5,000)
Big Lottery	75,745	(75,735)	10
Home-Start – Cost of Living Grant	1,250	(1,250)	-
	<u>226,743</u>	<u>(235,431)</u>	<u>(8,688)</u>
TOTAL MOVEMENT	<u>287,439</u>	<u>(288,687)</u>	<u>(1,248)</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued	At 01.10.22	Net Movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 30.09.24
A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds				
General fund	14,884	(4,424)	20,000	30,460
Designated fund	118,253	2,418	(20,000)	100,671
	<u>133,137</u>	<u>(2,006)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>131,131</u>
Restricted Funds				
Garfield Weston	(72)	72	-	-
BBC Children in Need	2,357	(2,357)	-	-
Big Lottery – Awards For All	7,714	(7,714)	-	-
WFDC – Covid Support	-	-	-	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	(2,111)	2,111	-	-
The Souter Charitable Fund	-	-	-	-
Cadent Foundation	-	1,096	-	1,096
Margaret Westwood	-	-	-	-
HSUK	-	-	-	-
Eveson Trust	-	-	-	-
DY10 HBG Big Local	(3,690)	69	-	(3,621)
MK Rose Charitable Trust	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Big Lottery	589	292	-	881
Rowland Trust	-	-	-	-
Bailey Thomas	-	-	-	-
John Lewis	-	804	-	804
Lottery – Cost of Living Fund	-	-	-	-
	<u>9,787</u>	<u>(10,627)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(840)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>142,924</u>	<u>(12,633)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>130,291</u>

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued

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

Unrestricted funds

	Incoming Resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
General Fund	113,061	(117,485)	(4,424)
Designated Fund	2,418	-	2,418

	<u>115,479</u>	<u>(117,485)</u>	<u>(2,006)</u>
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Restricted funds

Garfield Weston	35,000	(34,928)	72
BBC Children in Need	48,414	(50,771)	(2,357)
Big Lottery – Awards For All	-	(7,714)	(7,714)
WFDC – Covid Support	35,160	(35,160)	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	2,111	-	2,111
The Souter Charitable Fund	3,000	(3,000)	-
Cadent Foundation	5,471	(4,375)	1,096
Margaret Westwood	1,000	(1,000)	-
HSUK	3,750	(3,750)	-
Eveson Trust	25,000	(25,000)	-
DY10 HBG Big Local	90,192	(90,123)	69
MK Rose Charitable Trust	6,000	(11,000)	(5,000)
Big Lottery	146,413	(146,121)	292
Rowland Trust	2,000	(2,000)	-
Bailey Thomas	12,000	(12,000)	-
John Lewis	4,500	(3,696)	804
Lottery – Cost of Living Fund	22,488	(22,488)	-

	<u>442,499</u>	<u>(453,126)</u>	<u>(10,627)</u>
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TOTAL MOVEMENT

	<u>557,978</u>	<u>(570,611)</u>	<u>(12,633)</u>
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued

Unrestricted

General Fund

The policy of the committee is to endeavour to increase the value of the General Fund, the general fund is to be used for the day to day running of the charity as the trustees deem appropriate.

Designated Fund

The purpose of the Designated Fund is to provide for a minimum of three months running costs and redundancy payments should the Scheme have to close because of a failure of funding or for any other reason. The scheme established and maintained this Reserve in compliance with a recommendation from Home-Start UK. The balance on 30 September 2024 is £100,671 (2023: £138,851).

Restricted Funds

Garfield Weston

Grants were received to contribute to the running costs of the photocopier, rent, and general utilities. The balance on 30 September 2024 is £Nil (2023: £Nil).

BBC Children in Need

Grants were received from this Charity to cover part of the Co-ordinators' salary costs. The balance at 30 September 2024 is £Nil (2023: £3,112).

Big Lottery

Grants were received to cover most of the costs of providing bespoke therapy to adults or children along with family support and to enable the training and development of staff to continue the level of support in the future. The costs include salary costs for the Project Manager, Project Secretary, Project Co-ordinator and sessional psychologists, training and overheads. The balance on 30 September 2024 is £881 (2023: £599).

Wyre Forest District Council Grants (WFDC – Covid Support)

Grants were received to support food and welfare costs for families. The balance on 30 September 2024 is £Nil (2023: £Nil).

Severn Trent Community Fund

Grants were received to part cover staff and costs for our Swap Shop project. The balance on 30 September 2024 is £Nil (2023: £Nil).

The Souter Charitable Fund

Grants were received to cover volunteer expenses. The balance on 30 September 2024 is £Nil (2023: £233).

Cadent

Grants were received to cover family group costs. The balance on 30 September 2024 is £1,096 (2023: £Nil).

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued

Home-Start – Cost of Living Grant

Grants were received to assist with covering the cost of living increases. The balance on 30 September 2024 is £Nil (2023: £Nil).

Eveson Trust

Grants were received to contribute to the core running costs including staff and utilities. The balance on 30 September 2024 is £Nil (2023: £Nil).

DY10 HBG Big Local

Grants were received to cover the costs of running family groups, volunteer training costs and provide HR services to a community project, this includes salary costs, room hire, volunteer expenses and other administrative services. The balance on 30 September 2024 is £(3,621) (2023: £(2,845)).

MK Rose Charitable Trust

Grants were received to cover our Swap Shop project costs. The balance on 30 September 2024 is £Nil (2023: £Nil).

Rowland Trust

Grants were received to cover part of the cost of purchasing a new IT system. The balance on 30 September 2024 is £Nil (2023: £Nil).

Bailey Thomas

Grants were received to cover part of the Co-ordinators' salary costs. The balance on 30 September 2024 is £Nil (2023: £Nil).

John Lewis

Grants were received from The Building Happier Futures Fund, part of the John Lewis Partnership Foundation, these contributed to core staff salary costs. The balance on 30 September 2024 is £804 (2023: £Nil).

Lottery – Cost of Living Fund

Grants were received to assist with covering staff costs and swap shop project costs. The balance on 30 September 2024 is £Nil (2023: £Nil).

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30th September 2024.

18. LEGAL STATUS

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

19. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

The fees for the independent examination for the year ended 30 September 2024 amounted to £2,820 (2023: £2,520).

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and legacies		
Donations	45,856	57,920
Other Income	-	192
	<u>45,856</u>	<u>58,111</u>
Other Trading Activities		
Fundraising events	7,107	1,987
Investment Income		
Deposit account interest	1,820	598
Charitable activities		
Grants	215,756	226,743
Total Incoming Resources	<u>270,539</u>	<u>287,439</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable Activities		
Staff salaries	178,737	168,547
Pensions	8,484	7,317
Staff expenses	3,080	3,499
Staff recruitment	-	(53)
Volunteer expenses	3,467	4,222
Volunteer recruitment	545	145
Volunteer training	8	-
MCM expenses	38	169
Printing, postage & stationery	6,493	6,248
Advertising and publicity	99	112
Telephone	4,734	5,805
Rent	3,575	3,900
Rates	404	510
Office cleaning	-	6
Electricity	3,116	3,589
Insurance	1,906	1,974
Fees to Home-Start UK	5,754	5,894
Subscriptions	35	84
IT support	7,288	2,004
Family group support	18,336	33,416
AGM expenses	450	603
General expenses	6,335	1,085
Staff training costs	238	574
Prep courses	257	917
Depreciation	-	149
Room hire	6,408	7,355
KFG materials	221	321
KFG refreshments	1,944	2,156
Professional fees	16,725	22,948
Repairs and maintenance	127	2,517
Bank charges	300	154
Independent examination	2,820	2,520
Total resources expended	<u>281,924</u>	<u>288,687</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>(11,385)</u>	<u>(1,248)</u>

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05419029 (England and Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1120436

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

FOR

HOME-START WYRE FOREST

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HOME-START WYRE FOREST
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

TRUSTEES	Mrs B Hughes (Life President) Mrs M Weaver (Chair) Mrs L Small (Vice Chair) Mr R Bourne Mr B Price (Treasurer) Mrs J Acton Mr S Guille Mrs S Morgan
REGISTERED OFFICE	MCF Complex 60 New Road Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 1AQ
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	05419029 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1120436
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Lancaster Haskins Limited Granville House 2 Tettenhall Road Wolverhampton West Midlands WV1 4SB
BANKERS	National Westminster Bank Plc 24 High Street Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 2DL Scottish Widows Bank P O Box 12757 67 Morrison Street Edinburgh EH3 8YJ

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2023. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Aims and Objectives

Our purposes as set out in the objects contained in the Home-Start Wyre Forest Memorandum of Association, applying to the Wyre Forest area and its environs, are to:

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

The aims of the Charity are to provide practical and emotional support to local parents to enable them to identify strategies to cope with their difficulties and improve the outcomes for themselves and their children.

Our aims fully reflect the purposes that the Charity was set up to further.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months, the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help.

We have referred to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The focus of our work

Our main objectives for the year continued to be the promotion and provision of family support to reduce the risk of family breakdown and to safeguard the most vulnerable children in our community. This included continuing our delivery to parents with children aged 0-18 years. The strategies we used to meet these objectives included:

- Providing a range of support services which are reflective of quality standards and address the problems arising from the stress of family life and external difficulties for the family unit
- Working in partnership with other agencies in our community to provide the most effective and appropriate support for service users

How our activities deliver public benefit

Our main activities and who we try to help are described below. All our charitable activities focus on the support of families and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Who used and benefitted from our service?

Our objectives and funding restrict the service we provide to parents or main carers of a child under 18 years of age (including unborn) who are resident in the Wyre Forest District of Worcestershire. Services are provided free to service users. Our funding limits those we can help.

In the period 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023, we supported 521 children in 167 families.

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

Equal access to our service is important and our current monitoring reflects a diverse service user group (age, gender, disability, ethnic background, socio-economic groups) and our open referral routes ensure families can access support directly or through a third party (referrer).

Home-visiting Family Support

Our service runs from a central scheme office, but our core work is delivered in service users' homes all over the district 52 weeks of the year.

Staff agree a user-lead focus for support with referred families and introduce a suitable trained volunteer to offer support.

Volunteers offer regular (2-3 hours once a week) home visiting support, friendship and practical help to the family, helping to reduce stress, promote confidence and participation and to prevent family breakdown. The support is free to the families, not time limited and confidential, with the exception of child protection concerns.

Additional activities/minimal support

We continue to deliver Group services funded by DY10 HBG Big Local. Our weekly Family Groups provide somewhere for our families to meet, form friendships and gain support. In addition to providing the standard weekly structured sessions and activities, we enable families to enjoy their time together, feel part of the wider community and to develop and feel proud of new skills. We ran two groups each Tuesday for 46 weeks of this year – the first session for parents with children aged 0-5 years and the second for parents to attend with their school aged children.

During 2022/23 we supported 87 children and 63 adults through group sessions.

We continue to offer a signposting service to those families who, on referral, during or following support, feel they need additional specialist help from other organisations.

At Christmas 2022 Midcounties Co-operative funded and hosted a Christmas Party for 68 adults and 108 children from 49 families.

In August 2023 a private donor funded a day trip to the seaside for 39 adults and 68 children from 28 families.

Key achievements in the year

During this accounting period we have been able to continue the employment of our staff team of six and to maintain a proportionate delivery of service. We continued to deliver core home visiting and group support, plus our Safe & Strong Project, which supports those who have been unable to access psychological services elsewhere due to barriers of thresholds, confidence, stigma and trust or the practical barriers of transport, childcare and time.

During this accounting period we have achieved:

- Continuation of service to opened Home-Start families.
- Accepting referrals for families with children aged 0 to 18 years.
- Continuation of Group Support for children aged 0-14 years.
- Continued our Charity Partnership with Midcounties Cooperative into the fifth and final year and moved to a Legacy Partnership with the Group in July 2023.
- Delivered 1-2-1 psychology services to adults and children in receipt of HSWF support to improve their mental health
- We have trained 8 new home visiting volunteers.
- Secured funds to continue our Swap Shop project to enable local families to have free, good quality, children's clothes and equipment.
- Secured funds to provide families with food and welfare support during the rise in the cost of living.
- Delivered a summer trip and a Christmas Party for our families to enjoy and create shared memories away from the pressure of home.

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

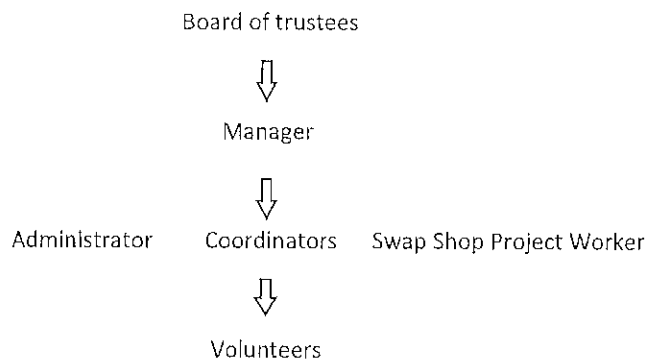
Home-Start Wyre Forest is a registered Charity and was founded in 1995. We became a Company limited by guarantee and transferred all assets and liabilities from the unincorporated Charity to the incorporated Charity on 1st February 2008. We are governed by the Home-Start Wyre Forest Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The Charity has procedures for the recruitment and appointment of Trustees. The Trustee Board has a wide range of experience both from professionals working with children and members with business experience. In addition, there is volunteer representation on the committee.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the Charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the Charity are set out under Volunteer Expenses in our accounts.

Organisational structure



Risk Management

All major risks have been identified and procedures are in place to minimise risks. There is an annual review of the level of funding required to operate the scheme to cover potential financial risks.

Financial Review

This has been a more normal year with the effects of Covid almost totally behind us. Income decreased by 14% over last year largely due to the decrease in specific support donations to help families through the difficult Covid times.

Income was £287K compared to £327K last year. Expenditure decreased from £297K to £288K, resulting in a deficit of £1K compared to a surplus of £30K last year.

Principal Funding Sources

Our major donors were the Big Lottery (£76K), DY10 Big Local (£50K), Eveson Charitable Trust (£25K), BBC Children In Need (£25K), Wyre Forest District Council (£20K), Garfield Weston (£15K). Many other donors supported us for which we are very grateful. Unrestricted sundry donations were £61K.

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

Reserves

We have a formal Reserves Policy. Home-Start Wyre Forest have identified Reserves set at a minimum of three months running costs plus redundancy payments for all current staff. The Board of Trustees meets regularly to review up to date figures and thus exercise control over financial matters. Our current reserve of £138,851 contains £20,000 designated for the funding of the Swap Shop during 2024 and the balance is estimated to cover four months costs plus redundancy and closure payments. Our objective is to increase this reserve annually to cover increases in costs.²⁸

Investment Policy

Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year most of the Charity's funds are to be spent in the short term so there is little opportunity for long term investment. Funds required to ensure compliance with the Scheme's Reserves Policy (see previous paragraph) are held in an interest-bearing charity deposit account until so needed. The provider of this account is authorised and regulated by The Financial Conduct Authority.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees should follow best practice and are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then 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; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that 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.

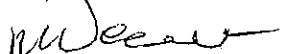
The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included in the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Independent Financial Examiners

Lancaster Haskins Chartered Accountants were re-appointed during the year as the charitable company's accountants and have expressed their willingness to continue to do so.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the board of Trustees on 28 February 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Mrs M Weaver – Chair to the Board of Trustees

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOME-START WYRE FOREST**

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Home-Start Wyre Forest ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th September 2023, which are set out on pages 7 to 25.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's report

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those accounting records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- (4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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29 February 2024

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	58,111	-	58,111	35,926
Charitable Activities	5	-	226,743	226,743	290,809
Children & parents					
Other Trading Activities	3	1,987	-	1,987	540
Investment Income	4	598	-	598	146
Total		<u>60,696</u>	<u>226,743</u>	<u>287,439</u>	<u>327,421</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	6	53,256	235,431	288,687	297,688
Children & parents					
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE		7,440	(8,688)	(1,248)	29,733
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		133,137	9,787	142,924	113,191
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>140,577</u>	<u>1,099</u>	<u>141,676</u>	<u>142,924</u>

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
BALANCE SHEET
AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS	12	-	-	-	149
Tangible assets					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	200	1,218	1,418	1,287
Cash at bank and in hand		141,680	29,782	171,462	156,619
		<u>141,880</u>	<u>31,000</u>	<u>172,880</u>	<u>157,906</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(1,303)	(29,901)	(31,204)	(15,131)
		<u>140,577</u>	<u>1,099</u>	<u>141,676</u>	<u>142,775</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>140,577</u>	<u>1,099</u>	<u>141,676</u>	<u>142,924</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>140,577</u>	<u>1,099</u>	<u>141,676</u>	<u>142,924</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>140,577</u>	<u>1,099</u>	<u>141,676</u>	<u>142,924</u>
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				140,577	133,137
Restricted funds				<u>1,099</u>	<u>9,787</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>141,676</u>	<u>142,924</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30th September 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

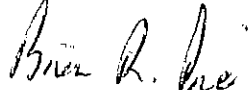
The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 28 February 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:


Mrs M Weaver – Trustee


Mr B Price – Trustee

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are to the nearest £.

INCOME

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

EXPENDITURE

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

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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

Fixtures and fittings - 25% on cost

TAXATION

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

FUND ACCOUNTING

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

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

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

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued

REDUNDANCY

The Charity recognises a liability for termination benefits at the point when the Charity is committed to making the payment in return for the employee redundancy.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets are offset, with the net amounts presented in the accounts where there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic Financial Assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financial transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Basic Financial Liabilities

Basic Financial Liabilities, including trade and other payables, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of future receipts, discounted at a market rate of interest. Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Basic Financial Liabilities

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods and services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of the operations from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction costs.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	57,920	35,723
Other Income	<u>191</u>	<u>203</u>
	<u>58,111</u>	<u>35,926</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fundraising events	<u>1,987</u>	<u>540</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>598</u>	<u>146</u>

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE
EVENTS

	Activity	2023	2022
		£	£
Grants	Children & parents	<u>226,743</u>	<u>290,809</u>

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5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES -
Continued

	2023 £	2022 £
Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:		
Garfield Weston	15,000	6,650
BBC Children in Need	24,914	33,412
Community Fund – Awards For All	-	9,984
WFDC – Covid Support	20,160	20,500
Severn Trent Community Fund	2,111	19,000
The Souter Charitable Fund	3,000	-
Cadent Foundation	2,188	-
Margaret Westwood	1,000	-
HSUK	1,250	-
Eveson Trust	25,000	31,000
DY10 HBG Big Local	50,375	63,435
MK Rose Charitable Trust	6,000	5,000
Worcestershire Community Foundation	-	10,000
Big Lottery	75,745	77,158
	<u>226,743</u>	<u>290,809</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs (See note 7) £	Totals £
Children and parents	<u>288,687</u>	<u>297,688</u>

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7. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs	175,864	187,019
Staff expenses	3,499	3,133
Staff recruitment	(53)	138
Volunteer expenses	4,222	4,300
Volunteer recruitment	145	558
MCM expenses	169	308
Printing, Postage and stationery	6,248	5,926
Advertising and publicity	112	830
Telephone	5,805	5,796
Rent	3,900	3,575
Rates	510	787
Office cleaning	6	8
Electricity	3,589	1,398
Insurance	1,974	1,252
Fees to Home-Start UK	5,894	4,572
Subscriptions	84	30
IT support	2,004	2,801
Family Group support	33,416	30,687
AGM expenses	603	576
General expenses	1,085	2,237
Staff training costs	574	2,140
Prep courses	917	813
Depreciation	149	149
Room hire	7,355	5,805
KFG materials	321	416
KFG refreshments	2,156	1,334
Professional fees	22,948	23,218
Repairs and maintenance	2,517	302
Bank charges	154	-
Events and Packages	-	5,060
Independent examination	2,520	2,520
	<u>288,687</u>	<u>297,688</u>

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8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	2023	2022
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation – owned assets	<u>149</u>	<u>149</u>

9. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There was no trustees' remuneration nor other benefits for both the year ended 30 September 2023 and the year ended 30 September 2022.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

An amount of £Nil (2022 - £Nil) was paid to the Trustees for the year ended 30 September 2023.

10. STAFF COSTS	2023	2022
The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:	6	7
Staff costs for the year are as follows:		
	2023	2022
	£	£
Manager, secretary and co-ordinators	126,933	134,980
Community Staff (DY10)	41,614	45,777
Redundancy pay	-	-
Pension costs	<u>7,317</u>	<u>6,262</u>
	<u>175,864</u>	<u>187,019</u>

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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	35,926	-	35,926
Charitable activities	-	290,809	290,809
Children and parents	540	-	540
Other trading activities	146	-	146
Investment income	<u>36,612</u>	<u>290,809</u>	<u>327,421</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	<u>12,842</u>	<u>284,846</u>	<u>297,688</u>
Children and parents			
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>23,770</u>	<u>5,963</u>	<u>29,733</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>109,367</u>	<u>3,824</u>	<u>113,191</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>133,137</u>	<u>9,787</u>	<u>142,924</u>

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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		Fixtures and fittings £
COST		
At 1 October 2022		6,172
Additions		-
At 30 September 2023		<u>6,172</u>
DEPRECIATION		
At 1 October 2022		6,023
Charge for year		149
At 30 September 2023		<u>6,172</u>
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 30 September 2023		<u>-</u>
At 30 September 2022		<u>149</u>
13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>1,418</u>	<u>1,287</u>
14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	2023 £	2022 £
Accrued expenses and deferred income	<u>31,204</u>	<u>15,131</u>
15. LEASING AGREEMENTS		
	2023 £	2022 £
Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:		
Within one year	5,640	7,380
Between one and five years	<u>4,875</u>	<u>2,665</u>
	<u>10,515</u>	<u>10,045</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.10.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.09.23 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	14,884	6,842	(20,000)	1,726
Designated fund	118,253	598	20,000	138,851
	133,137	7,440	-	140,577
Restricted funds				
Garfield Weston	(72)	72	-	-
BBC Children in Need	2,357	755	-	3,112
The Souter Charitable Fund	-	233	-	233
Eveson Trust	-	-	-	-
Big Lottery – Awards For All	7,714	(7,714)	-	-
DY10 HBG Big Local	(3,690)	845	-	(2,845)
MK Rose Charitable Trust	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Cadent Foundation	-	-	-	-
Big Lottery	589	10	-	599
Margaret Westwood	-	-	-	-
Home-Start – Cost of Living Grant	-	-	-	-
Western Power Distribution	-	-	-	-
Pears R&R Fund	-	-	-	-
NHS Herefordshire – Autism Fund	-	-	-	-
WFDC – Covid Support	-	-	-	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	(2,111)	2,111	-	-
Community Fund – Awards For All	-	-	-	-
	9,787	(8,688)	-	1,099
TOTAL FUNDS	142,924	(1,248)	-	141,676

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:			
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	60,098	(53,256)	6,842
Designated Fund	598	-	598
Restricted funds			
Garfield Weston	15,000	(14,928)	72
BBC Children in Need	24,914	(24,159)	755
The Souter Charitable Trust	3,000	(2,767)	233
Eveson Trust	25,000	(25,000)	-
Big Lottery – Awards For All	-	(7,714)	(7,714)
DY10 HBG Big Local	50,375	(49,530)	845
MK Rose Charitable Trust	6,000	(11,000)	(5,000)
Cadent Foundation	2,188	(2,188)	-
Big Lottery	75,745	(75,735)	10
Margaret Westwood	1,000	(1,000)	-
Home-Start – Cost of Living Grant	1,250	(1,250)	-
Western Power Distribution	-	-	-
Pears R&R Fund	-	-	-
NHS Herefordshire – Autism Fund	-	-	-
WFDC – Covid Support	20,160	(20,160)	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	2,111	-	2,111
Community Fund – Awards For All	-	-	-
	226,743	(235,431)	(8,688)
TOTAL MOVEMENT			
	287,439	(288,687)	(1,248)

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.10.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.09.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	9,260	323,624	(18,000)	14,884
Designated fund	<u>100,107</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>18,000</u>	<u>118,253</u>
	109,367	23,770	-	133,137
Restricted funds				
Garfield Weston	30	(102)	-	(72)
BBC Children in Need	-	2,357	-	2,357
Eveson Trust	-	-	-	-
Big Lottery – Awards For All	-	7,714	-	7,714
DY10 HBG Big Local	1,661	(5,351)	-	(3,690)
MK Rose Charitable Trust	597	4,403	-	5,000
Big Lottery	1,535	(946)	-	589
Western Power Distribution	-	-	-	-
Pears R&R Fund	-	-	-	-
NHS Herefordshire – Autism Fund	-	-	-	-
WFDC – Covid Support	-	-	-	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	-	(2,111)	-	(2,111)
Community Fund – Awards For All	-	-	-	-
	<u>3,824</u>	<u>5,963</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,787</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>113,191</u>	<u>29,733</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142,924</u>

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:			
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	36,466	(12,842)	23,624
Designated Funds	146	-	146
Restricted funds			
Garfield Weston	6,660	(6,752)	(102)
BBC Children in Need	33,412	(31,055)	2,357
Eveson Trust	31,000	(31,000)	-
Big Lottery – Awards For All	9,984	(2,270)	7,714
DY10 HBG Big Local	63,435	(68,786)	(5,351)
MK Rose Charitable Trust	5,000	(597)	4,403
Big Lottery	77,158	(78,104)	(946)
Western Power Distribution	2,500	(2,500)	-
Pears R&R Fund	9,120	(9,120)	-
NHS Herefordshire – Autism fund	3,050	(3,050)	-
WFDC – Covid Support	20,500	(20,500)	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	19,000	(21,111)	(2,111)
Community Fund – Awards For All	10,000	(10,000)	-
	290,809	(284,846)	(5,963)
TOTAL MOVEMENT			
	327,421	(297,688)	29,733

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued	At 01.10.21	Net Movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 30.09.23
A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds				
General fund	9,260	30,466	(38,000)	1,726
Designated fund	100,108	743	38,000	138,851
	109,368	31,209	-	140,577
Restricted Funds				
Garfield Weston	30	(30)	-	-
BBC Children in Need	-	3,112	-	3,112
The Souter Charitable Fund	-	233	-	233
Eveson Trust	-	-	-	-
Big Lottery – Safe & strong	1,535	(936)	-	599
DY10 HBG Big Local	1,661	(4,506)	-	(2,845)
MK Rose Charitable Trust	597	(597)	-	-
Cadent Foundation	-	-	-	-
Big Lottery	-	-	-	-
Margaret Westwood	-	-	-	-
Home-Start – Cost of Living Grant	-	-	-	-
Western Power Distribution	-	-	-	-
Pears R&R Fund	-	-	-	-
NHS Herefordshire – Autism Fund	-	-	-	-
WFDC – Covid Support	-	-	-	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	-	-	-	-
Community Fund – Awards For All	-	-	-	-
	3,824	(2,725)	-	1,099
TOTAL FUNDS	113,192	28,484	-	141,676

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	96,564	(66,098)	30,466
Designated Fund	743	-	743
Restricted funds			
Garfield Weston	21,650	(21,680)	(30)
BBC Children in Need	58,326	(55,215)	3,111
The Souter Charitable Fund	3,000	(2,767)	233
Eveson Trust	56,000	(56,000)	-
Big Lottery – Awards For All	9,984	(9,984)	-
DY10 HBG Big Local	113,811	(118,317)	(4,506)
MK Rose Charitable Trust	11,000	(11,597)	(597)
Cadent Foundation	2,188	2,188	-
Big Lottery	152,903	(153,839)	(936)
Margaret Westwood	1,000	(1,000)	-
Home-Start – Cost of Living Grant	1,250	(1,250)	-
Western Power Distribution	2,500	(2,500)	-
Pears R&R Fund	9,120	(9,120)	-
NHS Herefordshire – Autism Fund	3,050	(3,050)	-
WFDC – Covid Support	40,660	(40,660)	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	21,111	(21,111)	-
Community Fund – Awards For All	10,000	(10,000)	-
	<u>517,553</u>	<u>(520,278)</u>	<u>(2,725)</u>
TOTAL MOVEMENT	<u>614,860</u>	<u>(586,460)</u>	<u>28,484</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued

Unrestricted

General Fund

The policy of the committee is to endeavour to increase the value of the General Fund, the general fund is to be used for the day to day running of the charity as the trustees deem appropriate.

Designated Fund

The purpose of the Designated Fund is to provide for a minimum of three months running costs and redundancy payments should the Scheme have to close because of a failure of funding or for any other reason. The scheme established and maintains this Reserve in compliance with a recommendation from Home-Start UK. The balance at 30 September 2023 is £138,851.

Restricted Funds

BBC Children in Need

Grants were received from this Charity to cover part of the Co-ordinators' salary costs. The balance at 30 September 2023 is £3,112.

DY10 HBG Big Local

Grants were received to cover the costs of running family groups, volunteer training costs and provide HR services to a community project, this includes salary costs, room hire, volunteer expenses and other administrative services. The balance at 30 September 2023 is £(2,845).

Home-Start – Cost of Living Grant

Grants were received to assist with covering the cost of living increases. The balance at 30 September 2023 is £Nil.

MK Rose Charitable Trust

Grants were received to cover our Swap Shop project costs. The balance at 30 September 2023 is £Nil.

Garfield Weston

Grants were received to contribute to the running costs of the photocopier, rent, and general utilities. The balance at 30 September 2023 is £Nil.

Big Lottery

Grants were received to cover the majority of the costs of providing bespoke therapy to adults or children along with family support and to enable the training and development of staff to continue the level of support in the future. The costs include salary costs for the Project Manager, Project Secretary, Project Co-ordinator and sessional psychologists, training and overheads. The balance at 30 September 2023 is £599.

Eveson Trust

Grants were received to contribute to the core running costs including staff and utilities.

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued

Wyre Forest District Council Grants

Grants were received to support food and welfare costs for families.

Severn Trent Community Fund

Grants were received to part cover staff and costs for our Swap Shop project.

The Souter Charitable Fund

Grants were received to cover volunteer expenses. The balance at 30 September 2023 is £233.

Cadent

Grants were received to cover family group costs.

Margaret Westwood

A grant was received to assist with the purchase of shelving for the Swap Shop project.

Transfers

A transfer of £20,000 has been made from the General fund to the Designated fund to increase the balance to £138,851 at 30 September 2023 (2022: £118,253).

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30th September 2023.

18. LEGAL STATUS

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

19. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

The fees for the Independent examination for the year ended 30 September 2023 amounted to £2,520 (2022: £2,520).

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	2023 £	2022 £
Donations and legacies		
Donations	57,920	35,723
Other Income	192	203
	<u>58,111</u>	<u>35,926</u>
Other Trading Activities		
Fundraising events	1,987	540
Investment Income		
Deposit account interest	598	146
Charitable activities		
Grants	226,743	290,809
Total Incoming Resources	<u>287,439</u>	<u>327,421</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable Activities		
Staff salaries	168,547	180,757
Pensions	7,317	6,262
Staff expenses	3,499	3,133
Staff recruitment	(53)	138
Volunteer expenses	4,222	4,300
Volunteer recruitment	145	558
MCM expenses	169	308
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Electricity	3,589	1,398
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Fees to Home-Start UK	5,894	4,572
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Room hire	7,355	5,805
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KFG refreshments	2,156	1,334
Professional fees	22,948	23,218
Repairs and maintenance	2,517	302
Bank charges	154	-
Events & Packages	-	5,060
Independent examination	2,520	2,520
Total resources expended	<u>288,687</u>	<u>297,687</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>(1,248)</u>	<u>29,733</u>

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05419029 (England and Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1120436

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

FOR

HOME-START WYRE FOREST

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**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

TRUSTEES

Mrs B Hughes
Mrs M Weaver (Chair)
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Mr R Bourne
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**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2022. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Aims and Objectives

Our purposes as set out in the objects contained in the Home-Start Wyre Forest Memorandum of Association are to:

- benefit the public by promoting the welfare of families with at least one child under five years of age
- offer support to those parents experiencing difficulties within the Wyre Forest District of Worcestershire.

The aims of the Charity are to provide practical and emotional support to local parents to enable them to identify strategies to cope with their difficulties and improve the outcomes for themselves and their children.

Our aims fully reflect the purposes that the Charity was set up to further.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months, the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help.

We have referred to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The focus of our work

Our main objectives for the year continued to be the promotion and provision of family support to reduce the risk of family breakdown and to safeguard the most vulnerable children in our community. This included continuing our delivery to parents with children aged 0-18 years. This extension of our befriending support service from only families with children under five years of age took place in 2015, under the project heading Home-Start Plus. The strategies we used to meet these objectives included:

- Providing a range of support services which are reflective of quality standards and address the problems arising from the stress of family life and external difficulties for the family unit
- Working in partnership with other agencies in our community to provide the most effective and appropriate support for service users

How our activities deliver public benefit

Our main activities and who we try to help are described below. All our charitable activities focus on the support of families and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Who used and benefitted from our service?

Our objectives and funding restrict the service we provide to parents or main carers of a child under 18 years of age (including unborn) who are resident in the Wyre Forest District of Worcestershire. Services are provided free to service users. Our funding limits those we can help.

In the period 1st October 2021 to 30th September 2022, we supported 391 children in 138 families.

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

Equal access to our service is important and our current monitoring reflects a diverse service user group (age, gender, disability, ethnic background, socio-economic groups) and our open referral routes ensure families can access support directly or through a third party (referrer).

Home-visiting Family Support

Our service runs from a central scheme office, but our core work is delivered in service users' homes all over the district 52 weeks of the year. During the restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 Pandemic during the start of this financial year, we delivered our services for some of the time on a remote basis, using video and telephone calls to support those who were in lockdown, self-isolating or Covid anxious.

Staff agree a user-lead focus for support with referred families and introduce a suitable trained volunteer to offer support.

Volunteers offer regular (2-3 hours once a week) home visiting support, friendship and practical help to the family, helping to reduce stress, promote confidence and participation and to prevent family breakdown. The support is free to the families, not time limited and confidential, with the exception of child protection concerns.

Additional activities/minimal support

We have been delivering Group services since August 2015 funded by DY10 HBG Big Local.

We continue to offer a signposting service to those families who, on referral, during or following support, feel they need additional specialist help from other organisations.

Key achievements in the year

During this accounting period we have been able to continue the employment of our staff team of five and to maintain a proportionate delivery of service. In April 2019 we began a five-year Community Fund supported project, Safe & Strong, which continues to be delivered to families we support, who have been able to access psychological services remotely and face-to-face, alongside our core family support.

During this accounting period we have achieved:

- Continuation of service to opened Home-Start families.
- Accepting referrals for families with children aged 0 to 18 years.
- Delivered 90 Family Group sessions for parents and children accessing our support
- Continued our Charity Partnership with Midcounties Cooperative into the fifth year
- Delivered 1-2-1 psychology services to adults and children in receipt of HSWF support to improve their mental health
- We have trained 9 new home visiting volunteers.
- Set up and developed a donation/Swap Shop project to enable local families to have free, good quality children's clothes and equipment.
- Secured funds to provide families with food and welfare support during the Pandemic recovery period.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Home-Start Wyre Forest is a registered Charity and was founded in 1995. We became a Company limited by guarantee and transferred all assets and liabilities from the unincorporated Charity to the incorporated Charity on 1st February 2008. We are governed by the Home-Start Wyre Forest Memorandum and Articles of Association.

HOME-START WYRE FOREST REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The Charity has procedures for the recruitment and appointment of Trustees. The Trustee Board has a wide range of experience both from professionals working with children and members with business experience. In addition, there is volunteer representation on the committee.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the Charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the Charity are set out under Volunteer Expenses in our accounts.

Organisational structure



Risk Management

All major risks have been identified and procedures are in place to minimise risks. There is an annual review of the level of funding required to operate the scheme to cover potential financial risks. Our Organisational Risk assessment was discussed at the February Board meeting and reviewed and adopted remotely in March 2022.

Financial Review

This has again been a difficult year with the ending of the Covid-19 restrictions being swiftly followed by the Ukraine conflict and its impact on the cost of living crisis affecting our charity throughout the year. As a charity we have managed to return support for our families to mainly face-to face meetings, having supported remotely via Zoom and telephone during the Covid period. Our donors were, once again, very supportive, and many gave us additional funds to cope with the difficulties.

Income decreased by 2% over last year, which was a record year. In total, income was £327K compared to £334K last year. Unrestricted income decreased from £45K to £36K, largely due to the cessation of donations specifically for Covid-19 additional support.

Expenditure decreased from £324K to £298K, largely as a result of the decreased Covid support for families following the lifting of the Covid-19 restrictions in February 2022. This resulted in a surplus of £30K compared with a surplus last year of £10K.

Principal Funding Sources

Our major donors were the Big Lottery, BBC Children in Need, Wyre Forest District Council, Lottery Access all Areas with Covid-19 support, the Community Fund, Garfield Weston, MK Rose, Eveson Charitable Trust, Severn Trent Community Fund and DY10 HBG Big Local continued their involvement enabling community issues to be supported. Numerous other donors supported us for which we are very grateful.

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

Reserves

We have a formal Reserves Policy. Home-Start Wyre Forest have identified Reserves set at a minimum of three months running costs plus redundancy payments for all current staff. The Board of Trustees meets regularly to review up to date figures and thus exercise control over financial matters. Our current reserve of £118,253 contains £18,000 designated for the funding of the Swap Shop during 2023 and the balance is estimated to cover four months costs plus redundancy and closure payments. Our objective is to increase this reserve annually to cover increases in costs.

Investment Policy

Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year most of the Charity's funds are to be spent in the short term so there is little opportunity for long term investment. Funds required to ensure compliance with the Scheme's Reserves Policy (see previous paragraph) are held in an interest-bearing charity deposit account until so needed. The provider of this account is authorised and regulated by The Financial Conduct Authority.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees should follow best practice and are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then 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; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that 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 in the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Independent Financial Examiners

Lancaster Haskins Chartered Accountants were re-appointed during the year as the charitable company's accountants and have expressed their willingness to continue to do so.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the board of Trustees on 23 November 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Mrs M Weaver – Chair to the Board of Trustees

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOME-START WYRE FOREST**

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Home-Start Wyre Forest ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th September 2022, which are set out on pages 7 to 25.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's report

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those accounting records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- (4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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24 November 2022

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	35,926	-	35,926	44,394
Charitable Activities	5				
Children & parents		-	290,809	290,809	289,938
Other Trading Activities	3	540	-	540	93
Investment Income	4	146	-	146	48
Total		36,612	290,809	327,420	334,473
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	6				
Children & parents		12,842	284,846	297,687	324,218
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE		23,770	5,963	29,733	10,255
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		109,367	3,824	113,191	102,936
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		133,137	9,787	142,924	113,191

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
BALANCE SHEET
AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS	12	149	-	149	297
Tangible assets					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	-	1,287	1,287	1,483
Cash at bank and in hand		134,499	22,121	156,619	145,678
		<u>134,499</u>	<u>23,408</u>	<u>157,906</u>	<u>147,161</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(1,510)	(13,621)	(15,131)	(34,267)
		<u>132,989</u>	<u>9,787</u>	<u>142,775</u>	<u>112,894</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>133,137</u>	<u>9,787</u>	<u>142,924</u>	<u>113,191</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>133,137</u>	<u>9,787</u>	<u>142,924</u>	<u>113,191</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>133,137</u>	<u>9,787</u>	<u>142,924</u>	<u>113,191</u>
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				133,137	109,367
Restricted funds				<u>9,787</u>	<u>3,824</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>142,924</u>	<u>113,191</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30th September 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 23rd November 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mrs M Weaver – Trustee



Mr B Price – Trustee

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are to the nearest £.

INCOME

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

EXPENDITURE

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

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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

Fixtures and fittings - 25% on cost

TAXATION

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

FUND ACCOUNTING

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

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

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

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued

REDUNDANCY

The Charity recognises a liability for termination benefits at the point when the Charity is committed to making the payment in return for the employee redundancy.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets are offset, with the net amounts presented in the accounts where there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic Financial Assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financial transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Basic Financial Liabilities

Basic Financial Liabilities, including trade and other payables, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of future receipts, discounted at a market rate of interest. Debt instruments are subsequently carried at an amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Basic Financial Liabilities

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods and services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of the operations from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction costs.

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	35,723	40,985
Other Income	<u>203</u>	<u>3,409</u>
	<u>35,926</u>	<u>44,394</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fundraising events	<u>540</u>	<u>93</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>146</u>	<u>48</u>

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE EVENTS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Grants	<u>290,809</u>	<u>289,938</u>

Activity
Children &
parents

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5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES -
Continued

	2022	2021
	£	£
Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:		
Garfield Weston	6,650	13,350
BBC Children in Need	33,412	56,323
Community Fund – Awards For All	9,984	9,984
WFDC – Covid Support	20,500	20,000
Severn Trent Community Fund	19,000	-
Home-Start – Caring For Families Grant	-	4,129
Lottery Access All Areas – Covid Support	-	20,000
Young Solutions Community Fund	-	3,400
Arnold Clarke Community Fund	-	1,000
Eveson Trust	31,000	-
DY10 HBG Big Local	63,435	92,536
MK Rose Charitable Trust	5,000	3,000
Worcestershire Community Foundation	10,000	-
Big Lottery	77,158	61,803
Baron Davenport	-	1,000
Kidderminster Aid in Sickness Fund	-	125
Tampon Tax Fund	-	2,222
Western Power Distribution	2,500	1,066
Pears R&R Fund	9,120	-
NHS Herefordshire – Autism Fund	3,050	-
	<u>290,809</u>	<u>289,938</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs (See note 7) £	Totals £
Children and parents	<u>297,687</u>	<u>324,218</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

7. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	2022	2021
	£	£
Staff costs	187,019	194,566
Staff expenses	3,133	3,250
Staff recruitment	138	2,551
Volunteer expenses	4,300	1,652
Volunteer recruitment	558	1,693
MCM expenses	308	102
Printing, Postage and stationery	5,926	7,372
Advertising and publicity	830	3,993
Telephone	5,796	5,422
Rent	3,575	2,383
Rates	787	777
Office cleaning	8	23
Electricity	1,398	943
Insurance	1,252	1,662
Fees to Home-Start UK	4,572	3,786
Subscriptions	30	30
iT support	2,801	2,045
Family Group support	30,687	8,410
AGM expenses	576	599
General expenses	2,237	1,715
Staff training costs	2,140	933
Prep courses	813	879
Depreciation	149	212
Room hire	5,805	427
KFG materials	416	122
KFG refreshments	1,334	111
Professional fees	23,218	37,280
Repairs and maintenance	302	197
Events and Packages	5,060	38,803
Independent examination	2,520	2,280
	297,687	324,218

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	2022	2021
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation – owned assets	<u>149</u>	<u>212</u>

9. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There was no trustees' remuneration nor other benefits for both the year ended 30 September 2022 and the year ended 30 September 2021.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

An amount of £Nil (2021 - £Nil) was paid to the Trustees for the year ended 30 September 2022.

10. STAFF COSTS	2022	2021
The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:	7	5
Staff costs for the year are as follows:		
	2022	2021
	£	£
Manager, secretary and co-ordinators	134,980	137,486
Community Staff (DY10)	45,777	52,412
Redundancy pay	-	-
Pension costs	<u>6,262</u>	<u>4,668</u>
	<u>187,019</u>	<u>194,566</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED
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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	44,394	-	44,394
Charitable activities			
Children and parents	-	289,938	289,938
Other trading activities	93	-	93
Investment income	48	-	48
	<u>44,535</u>	<u>289,938</u>	<u>334,473</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Children and parents	<u>6,123</u>	<u>318,095</u>	<u>324,218</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>38,412</u>	<u>(28,157)</u>	<u>10,255</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>70,955</u>	<u>31,981</u>	<u>102,936</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>109,367</u>	<u>3,824</u>	<u>113,191</u>

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		Fixtures and fittings £
COST		
At 1 October 2021		6,172
Additions		<u>-</u>
At 30 September 2022		<u>6,172</u>
DEPRECIATION		
At 1 October 2021		5,875
Charge for year		<u>148</u>
At 30 September 2022		<u>6,023</u>
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 30 September 2022		<u>149</u>
At 30 September 2021		<u>297</u>
 13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>1,287</u>	<u>1,483</u>
 14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2022	2021
	£	£
Accrued expenses and deferred income	<u>15,131</u>	<u>34,267</u>
 15. LEASING AGREEMENTS	2022	2021
	£	£
Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:		
Within one year	7,380	3,085
Between one and five years	<u>2,665</u>	<u>5,220</u>
	<u>10,045</u>	<u>9,025</u>

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.10.21 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.09.22 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	9,260	23,624	(18,000)	14,884
Designated fund	<u>100,107</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>18,000</u>	<u>118,253</u>
	109,367	23,770	-	133,137
Restricted funds				
Garfield Weston	30	(102)	-	(72)
BBC Children in Need	-	2,357	-	2,357
Lloyds Bank	-	-	-	-
Eveson Trust	-	-	-	-
Big Lottery – Awards For All	-	7,714	-	7,714
DY10 HBG Big Local	1,661	(5,351)	-	(3,690)
MK Rose Charitable Trust	597	4,403	-	5,000
Groundwork UK	-	-	-	-
Big Lottery	1,535	(946)	-	589
Kidderminster Aid in Sickness Fund	-	-	-	-
Tampon Tax Fund	-	-	-	-
Western Power Distribution	-	-	-	-
Pears R&R Fund	-	-	-	-
NHS Herefordshire – Autism Fund	-	-	-	-
Baron Davenport	-	-	-	-
Community Fund – Awards For All	-	-	-	-
WFDC – Covid Support	-	-	-	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	-	-	-	-
Home-Start – Caring For Families Grant	-	(2,111)	-	(2,111)
Lottery Access All Areas – Covid Support	-	-	-	-
Young Solutions Community Fund	-	-	-	-
Arnold Clarke Community Fund	-	-	-	-
	<u>3,824</u>	<u>5,963</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,787</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>113,191</u>	<u>29,733</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>142,924</u>

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued	Incoming Resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:			
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	36,466	(12,842)	23,624
Designated Fund	146	-	146
Restricted funds			
Garfield Weston	6,650	(6,752)	(102)
BBC Children in Need	33,412	(31,055)	2,357
Lloyds Bank	-	-	-
Eveson Trust	31,000	(31,000)	-
Big Lottery – Awards For All	9,984	(2,270)	7,714
DY10 HBG Big Local	63,435	(68,786)	(5,351)
MK Rose Charitable Trust	5,000	(597)	4,403
Groundwork UK	-	-	-
Big Lottery	77,158	(78,104)	(946)
Kidderminster Aid in Sickness Fund	-	-	-
Tampon Tax Fund	-	-	-
Western Power Distribution	2,500	(2,500)	-
Pears R&R Fund	9,120	(9,120)	-
NHS Herefordshire – Autism Fund	3,050	(3,050)	-
Baron Davenport	-	-	-
Community Fund – Awards For All	-	-	-
WFDC – Covid Support	10,000	(10,000)	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	20,500	(20,500)	-
Home-Start – Caring For Families Grant	19,000	(21,111)	(2,111)
Lottery Access All Areas – Covid Support	-	-	-
Young Solutions Community Fund	-	-	-
Arnold Clarke Community Fund	-	-	-
	<u>290,809</u>	<u>(284,846)</u>	<u>(5,963)</u>
TOTAL MOVEMENT	<u>327,420</u>	<u>(297,687)</u>	<u>29,733</u>

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.10.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.09.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	25,895	38,365	(55,000)	9,260
Designated fund	45,060	48	55,000	100,108
	70,955	38,413	-	109,368
Restricted funds				
Garfield Weston	-	30	-	30
BBC Children in Need	1,244	(1,244)	-	-
Lloyds Bank MN	-	-	-	-
Eveson Trust	-	-	-	-
Big Lottery – Awards For All	2,048	(2,048)	-	-
DY10 HBG Big Local	10,888	(9,227)	-	1,661
MK Rose Charitable Trust	3,000	(2,403)	-	597
Groundwork UK	-	-	-	-
Big Lottery	13,229	(11,694)	-	1,535
Kidderminster Aid in Sickness Fund	-	-	-	-
Tampon Tax Fund	1,140	(1,140)	-	-
Western Power Distribution	-	-	-	-
Midcounties Cooperative	-	-	-	-
Worcestershire Community Foundation	-	-	-	-
WCC – ESF	-	-	-	-
Baron Davenport	432	(432)	-	-
Community Funds – Awards For All	-	-	-	-
WFDC – Covid Support	-	-	-	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	-	-	-	-
Home Start – Caring For Families Grant	-	-	-	-
Lottery Access All Areas – Covid Support	-	-	-	-
Young Solutions Community Fund	-	-	-	-
Arnold Clarke Community Fund	-	-	-	-
	31,981	(28,158)	-	3,823
TOTAL FUNDS	102,936	10,255	-	113,191

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:			
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	44,487	(6,122)	38,365
Designated Funds	48	-	48
Restricted funds			
Garfield Weston	13,350	(13,320)	30
BBC Children in Need	56,323	(57,566)	(1,244)
Lloyds Bank MN	-	-	-
Eveson Trust	-	-	-
Big Lottery – Awards For All	-	(2,048)	(2,048)
DY10 HBG Big Local	92,536	(101,762)	(9,227)
MK Rose Charitable Trust	3,000	(5,403)	(2,403)
Groundwork UK	-	-	-
Big Lottery	61,803	(73,497)	(11,694)
Kidderminster Aid in Sickness Fund	125	(125)	-
Tampon Tax Fund	2,222	(3,362)	(1,140)
Western Power Distribution	1,066	(1,066)	-
Midcounties Co-operative	-	-	-
Worcestershire Community Foundation	-	-	-
WCC – ESF	-	-	-
Baron Davenport	1,000	(1,432)	(432)
Community Funds – Awards For All	9,984	(9,984)	-
WFDC – Covid Support	20,000	(20,000)	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	-	-	-
Home Start – Caring For Families Grant	4,129	(4,129)	-
Lottery Access All Areas – Covid Support	20,000	(20,000)	-
Young Solutions Community Fund	3,400	(3,400)	-
Arnold Clarke Community Fund	1,000	(1,000)	-
	<u>289,938</u>	<u>(318,096)</u>	<u>(28,158)</u>
TOTAL MOVEMENT	<u>334,473</u>	<u>(324,218)</u>	<u>10,255</u>

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued	At 01.10.20	Net Movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 30.09.22
A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds				
General fund	25,895	61,989	(73,000)	14,884
Designated fund	45,060	193	73,000	118,253
	70,955	62,182	-	133,137
Restricted Funds				
Garfield Weston	-	(72)	-	(72)
BBC Children in Need	1,244	1,113	-	-
Eveson Trust	-	-	-	-
Big Lottery – Awards For All	2,048	5,666	-	-
DY10 HBG Big Local	10,888	(14,577)	-	1,661
MK Rose Charitable Trust	3,000	2,000	-	597
Big Lottery	13,229	(12,640)	-	1,535
Kidderminster Aid in Sickness Fund	-	-	-	-
Tampon Tax Fund	1,140	(1,140)	-	-
Western Power Distribution	-	-	-	-
Pears R&R Fund	-	-	-	-
NHS Herefordshire – Autism Fund	-	-	-	-
Baron Davenport	432	(432)	-	-
Community Fund – Awards For All	-	-	-	-
WFDC – Covid Support	-	-	-	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	-	(2,111)	-	-
Home-Start – Caring For Families Grant	-	-	-	-
Lottery Access All Areas – Covid Support	-	-	-	-
Young Solutions Community Fund	-	-	-	-
Arnold Clarke Community Fund	-	-	-	-
	31,981	(22,194)	-	9,787
TOTAL FUNDS	102,936	39,989	-	142,924

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued	Incoming Resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:			
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	81,146	(18,964)	62,182
Restricted funds			
Garfield Weston	20,000	(20,072)	(72)
BBC Children in Need	89,735	(88,622)	1,113
Eveson Trust	31,000	(31,000)	-
Big Lottery – Awards For All	9,984	(4,318)	5,666
DY10 HBG Big Local	155,971	(170,548)	(14,577)
MK Rose Charitable Trust	8,000	(6,000)	2,000
Big Lottery	138,961	(151,601)	(12,640)
Kidderminster Aid in Sickness Fund	125	(125)	-
Tampon Tax Fund	2,222	(3,362)	(1,140)
Western Power Distribution	3,566	(3,566)	-
Pears R&R Fund	9,120	(9,120)	-
NHS Herefordshire – Autism Fund	3,050	(3,050)	-
Baron Davenport	1,000	(1,432)	(432)
Community Fund – Awards For All	19,984	(19,984)	-
WFDC – Covid Support	40,500	(40,500)	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	19,000	(21,111)	(2,111)
Home-Start – Caring For Families Grant	4,129	(4,129)	-
Lottery Access All Areas – Covid Support	20,000	(20,000)	-
Young Solutions Community Fund	3,400	(3,400)	-
Arnold Clarke Community Fund	1,000	(1,000)	-
	<u>580,747</u>	<u>(602,941)</u>	<u>(22,194)</u>
TOTAL MOVEMENT	<u>661,893</u>	<u>(621,905)</u>	<u>39,989</u>

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued

Unrestricted

General Fund

The policy of the committee is to endeavour to increase the value of the General Fund, the general fund is to be used for the day to day running of the charity as the trustees deem appropriate.

Designated Fund

The purpose of the Designated Fund is to provide for a minimum of three months running costs and redundancy payments should the Scheme have to close because of a failure of funding or for any other reason. The scheme established and maintains this Reserve in compliance with a recommendation from Home-Start UK. The balance at 30 September 2022 is £118,253.

Restricted Funds

BBC Children in Need

Grants were received from this Charity to cover part of the Co-ordinators' salary costs. The balance at 30 September 2022 is £2,357.

DY10 HBG Big Local

Grants were received to cover the costs of running family groups, volunteer training costs and provide HR services to a community project, this includes salary costs, room hire, volunteer expenses and other administrative services. The balance at 30 September 2022 is £(3,690).

Community Awards For All

This grant was received to cover management costs. The balance at 30 September 2022 is £7,714.

Kidderminster Aid in Sickness Fund

Grants were received to cover the costs for families.

MK Rose Charitable Trust

Grants were received to cover our Swap Shop project costs. The balance at 30 September 2022 is £5,000.

Garfield Weston

Grants were received to contribute to the running costs of the photocopier, rent, and general utilities.

Big Lottery

Grants were received to cover the majority of the costs of providing bespoke therapy to adults or children along with family support and to enable the training and development of staff to continue the level of support in the future. The costs include salary costs for the Project Manager, Project Secretary, Project Co-ordinator and sessional psychologists, training and overheads. The balance at 30 September 2022 is £589.

Eveson Trust

Grants were received to contribute to the core running costs including staff and utilities.

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued

Western Power Distribution

Grants were received to cover family welfare support.

Wyre Forest District Council Grants

Grants were received to support food and welfare costs for families.

Severn Trent Community Fund

Grants were received to part cover staff and costs for our Swap Shop project. The balance at 30 September 2022 is £(2,111).

Pears R&R Fund

Grants were received to cover core costs including staff and utilities.

NHS Herefordshire – Autism Fund

Grants were received to purchase resources for autistic adults and children.

Transfers

A transfer of £18,000 has been made from the General fund to the Designated fund to increase the balance to £118,253 at 30 September 2022 (2021: £108,108).

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30th September 2022.

18. LEGAL STATUS

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

19. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

The fees for the independent examination for the year ended 30 September 2022 amounted to £2,520 (2021: £2,280).

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2022

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations and legacies		
Donations	35,723	40,985
Other Income	203	3,409
	<u>35,926</u>	<u>44,394</u>
Other Trading Activities		
Fundraising events	540	93
Investment Income		
Deposit account interest	145	48
Charitable activities		
Grants	290,809	289,938
Total Incoming Resources	<u>327,420</u>	<u>334,473</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable Activities		
Staff salaries	180,757	189,898
Pensions	6,262	4,668
Staff expenses	3,133	3,250
Staff recruitment	138	2,551
Volunteer expenses	4,300	1,652
Volunteer recruitment	558	1,693
MCM expenses	308	102
Printing, postage & stationery	5,926	7,372
Advertising and publicity	830	3,993
Telephone	5,796	5,422
Rent	3,575	2,383
Rates	787	777
Office cleaning	8	23
Electricity	1,398	943
Insurance	1,252	1,662
Fees to Home-Start UK	4,572	3,786
Subscriptions	30	30
IT support	2,801	2,045
Family group support	30,687	8,410
AGM expenses	576	599
General expenses	2,237	1,715
Staff Training costs	2,140	934
Prep courses	813	879
Depreciation	149	212
Room hire	5,805	427
KFG materials	416	122
KFG refreshments	1,334	111
Professional fees	23,218	37,280
Repairs and maintenance	302	197
Events & Packages	5,060	38,803
Independent examination	2,520	2,280
Total resources expended	<u>297,687</u>	<u>324,218</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>29,733</u>	<u>10,255</u>

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05419029 (England and Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1120436

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

FOR

HOME-START WYRE FOREST

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**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

TRUSTEES	Mrs B Hughes Mrs M Weaver (Chair) Mrs L Small (Vice Chair) Mr R Bourne Mr B Price (Treasurer) Mrs J Acton Mr S Guille Mrs S Morgan (Appointed 03.12.20)
REGISTERED OFFICE	MCF Complex 60 New Road Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 1AQ
REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER	05419029 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER	1120436
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Lancaster Haskins Limited Granville House 2 Tettenhall Road Wolverhampton West Midlands WV1 4SB
BANKERS	National Westminster Bank Plc 24 High Street Kidderminster Worcestershire DY10 2DL Scottish Widows Bank P O Box 12757 67 Morrison Street Edinburgh EH3 8YJ

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Aims and Objectives

Our purposes as set out in the objects contained in the Home-Start Wyre Forest Memorandum of Association are to:

- benefit the public by promoting the welfare of families with at least one child under five years of age
- offer support to those parents experiencing difficulties within the Wyre Forest District of Worcestershire.

The aims of the Charity are to provide practical and emotional support to local parents to enable them to identify strategies to cope with their difficulties and improve the outcomes for themselves and their children.

Our aims fully reflect the purposes that the Charity was set up to further.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months, the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help.

We have referred to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The focus of our work

Our main objectives for the year continued to be the promotion and provision of family support to reduce the risk of family breakdown and to safeguard the most vulnerable children in our community. This included continuing our delivery to parents with children aged 0-18 years. This extension of our befriending support service from only families with children under five years of age took place in 2015, under the project heading Home-Start Plus. The strategies we used to meet these objectives included:

- Providing a range of support services which are reflective of quality standards and address the problems arising from the stress of family life and external difficulties for the family unit
- Working in partnership with other agencies in our community to provide the most effective and appropriate support for service users

How our activities deliver public benefit

Our main activities and who we try to help are described below. All our charitable activities focus on the support of families and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Who used and benefitted from our service?

Our objectives and funding restrict the service we provide to parents or main carers of a child under 18 years of age (including unborn) who are resident in the Wyre Forest District of Worcestershire. Services are provided free to service users. Our funding limits those we can help.

In the period 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021, we supported 296 children in 158 families.

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Equal access to our service is important and our current monitoring reflects a diverse service user group (age, gender, disability, ethnic background, socio-economic groups) and our open referral routes ensure families can access support directly or through a third party (referrer).

Home-visiting Family Support

Our service runs from a central scheme office, but our core work is delivered in service users' homes all over the district 52 weeks of the year. During the restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 Pandemic during this financial year, we delivered our services for some of the time on a remote basis, using video and telephone calls to support those who were in lockdown, self-isolating or Covid anxious.

Staff agree a user-lead focus for support with referred families and introduce a suitable trained volunteer to offer support.

Volunteers offer regular (2-3 hours once a week) home visiting support, friendship and practical help to the family, helping to reduce stress, promote confidence and participation and to prevent family breakdown. The support is free to the families, not time limited and confidential, with the exception of child protection concerns.

Additional activities/minimal support

We have been delivering Group services since August 2015 funded by DY10 HBG Big Local.

During 2020/21 we were unable to hold group sessions because of Covid-19 restrictions.

We continue to offer a signposting service to those families who, on referral, during or following support, feel they need additional specialist help from other organisations.

Key achievements in the year

During this accounting period we have been able to continue the employment of our staff team of five and to maintain a proportionate delivery of service. In April 2019 we began a five-year Community Fund supported project, Safe & Strong, which continues to be delivered to families we support, who have been able to access psychological services remotely and face-to-face, alongside our core family support.

During this accounting period we have achieved:

- Continuation of service to opened Home-Start families.
- Accepting referrals for families with children aged 0 to 18 years.
- Family Groups did not take place during the year because of Covid-19 restrictions.
- Continued our Charity Partnership with Midcounties Cooperative into the fourth year and secured a fifth year (2022) based on our past partnership performance.
- Delivered 1-2-1 psychology services to adults and children in receipt of HSWF support to improve their mental health and secured funds to extend the project by a further six months (to April 2024).
- We have trained 19 new home visiting volunteers.
- Secured funds to set up and expand a donation/Swap Shop project to enable local families to have free, good quality children's clothes and equipment.
- Secured funds to provide families with food and welfare support during the Pandemic.
- Responded to the Pandemic and resulting restrictions, ensuring we remained fully operational throughout and supported our families in a safe, socially distanced, but effective way.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Home-Start Wyre Forest is a registered Charity and was founded in 1995. We became a Company limited by guarantee and transferred all assets and liabilities from the unincorporated Charity to the incorporated Charity on 1st February 2008. We are governed by the Home-Start Wyre Forest Memorandum and Articles of Association.

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Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The Charity has procedures for the recruitment and appointment of Trustees. The Trustee Board has a wide range of experience both from professionals working with children and members with business experience. In addition, there is volunteer representation on the committee.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the Charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the Charity are set out under Volunteer Expenses in our accounts.

Organisational structure



Risk Management

All major risks have been identified and procedures are in place to minimise risks. There is an annual review of the level of funding required to operate the scheme to cover potential financial risks. Organisational Risk was assessed at the Board Meeting in January 2020, after which a more robust assessment process was introduced.

Financial Review

This has again been a difficult year with the continuation of Covid-19 restrictions affecting our charity throughout the year. As a charity we have managed to maintain support for our families through a combination of face-to-face meetings, telephone support and Zoom remote support. Our donors were, once again, very supportive, and many gave us additional funds without us asking for them.

Income increased by 11% over last year, which was in itself a record year. In total, income was £334K compared to £301K last year. Unrestricted income increased from £39K to £45K, largely through donations specifically for Covid-19 additional support.

Expenditure increased from £277K to £324K, largely as a result of the increased support for families during the Covid-19 restrictions. This resulted in a surplus of £10K compared with a surplus last year of £24K.

Principal Funding Sources

Our major donors were the Big Lottery, BBC Children in Need, Wyre Forest District Council with Covid-19 support, Lottery Access all Areas with Covid-19 support, the Community Fund, Garfield Weston, MK Rose and DY10 HBG Big Local continued their involvement enabling community issues to be supported. Numerous other donors supported us for which we are very grateful.

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Reserves

We have a formal Reserves Policy. Home-Start Wyre Forest have identified Reserves set at a minimum of three months running costs plus redundancy payments for all current staff. The Board of Trustees meets regularly to review up to date figures and thus exercise control over financial matters. Our current reserve of £100,108 is estimated to cover three months costs plus redundancy and closure payments. Our objective is to increase this reserve annually to cover increases in costs.

Investment Policy

Aside from retaining a prudent amount in reserves each year most of the Charity's funds are to be spent in the short term so there is little opportunity for long term investment. Funds required to ensure compliance with the Scheme's Reserves Policy (see previous paragraph) are held in an interest-bearing charity deposit account until so needed. The provider of this account is authorised and regulated by The Financial Conduct Authority.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual 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 which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees should follow best practice and are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then 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; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that 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 in the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Independent Financial Examiners

Lancaster Haskins Chartered Accountants were re-appointed during the year as the charitable company's accountants and have expressed their willingness to continue to do so.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the board of Trustees on 9th February 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Mrs M Weaver – Chair to the Board of Trustees

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF HOME-START WYRE FOREST**

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Home-Start Wyre Forest ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th September 2021, which are set out on pages 7 to 25.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the '2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's report

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those accounting records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- (4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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9 February 2022

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(INCORPORATING AN INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
INCOME & ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	44,394	-	44,394	19,539
Charitable Activities	5				
Children & parents		-	289,938	289,938	261,406
Other Trading Activities	3	93	-	93	19,671
Investment Income	4	48	-	48	35
Total		<u>44,535</u>	<u>289,938</u>	<u>334,473</u>	<u>300,651</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	6				
Children & parents		<u>6,122</u>	<u>318,096</u>	<u>324,218</u>	<u>276,838</u>
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE		38,413	(28,158)	10,255	23,813
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		70,955	31,981	102,936	79,123
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>109,368</u>	<u>3,823</u>	<u>113,191</u>	<u>102,936</u>

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
BALANCE SHEET
AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
FIXED ASSETS	12	297	-	297	509
Tangible assets					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	-	1,483	1,483	5,511
Cash at bank and in hand		110,809	34,869	145,678	127,559
		110,809	36,352	147,161	133,070
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(1,738)	(32,529)	(34,267)	(30,643)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		109,071	3,823	112,894	102,427
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		109,368	3,823	113,191	102,936
NET ASSETS		109,368	3,823	113,191	102,936
FUNDS	16				
Unrestricted funds				109,368	70,955
Restricted funds				3,823	31,981
TOTAL FUNDS				113,191	102,936

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30th September 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) Ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) Preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

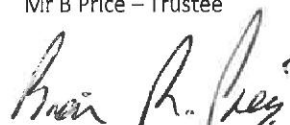
These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 9th February 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mrs M Weaver – Trustee



Mr B Price – Trustee



**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are to the nearest £.

INCOME

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

EXPENDITURE

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

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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

Fixtures and fittings - 25% on cost

TAXATION

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

FUND ACCOUNTING

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

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS

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

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued

REDUNDANCY

The Charity recognises a liability for termination benefits at the point when the Charity is committed to making the payment in return for the employee redundancy.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basis Financial instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets are offset, with the net amounts presented in the accounts where there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic Financial Assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financial transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Basic Financial Liabilities

Basic Financial Liabilities, including trade and other payables, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of future receipts, discounted at a market rate of interest. Debt instruments are subsequently carried an amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Basic Financial Liabilities

Trade payable are obligations to pay for goods and services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of the operations from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction costs.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations	40,985	12,640
Other Income	<u>3,409</u>	<u>6,899</u>
	<u>44,394</u>	<u>19,539</u>

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Fundraising events	<u>93</u>	<u>19,671</u>

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>48</u>	<u>35</u>

**5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE
EVENTS**

	2021	2020
	£	£
Grants	<u>289,938</u>	<u>261,406</u>

Activity
Children &
parents

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5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES -
Continued

	2021 £	2020 £
Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:		
Garfield Weston	13,350	-
BBC Children in Need	56,323	33,940
Community Fund – Awards For All	9,984	-
WFDC – Covid Support	20,000	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	-	-
Home-Start – Caring For Families Grant	4,129	-
Lottery Access All Areas – Covid Support	20,000	-
Young Solutions Community Fund	3,400	-
Arnold Clarke Community Fund	1,000	-
Eveson Trust	-	-
Big Lottery – Awards For All	-	4,322
WCC – ESF	-	9,964
Groundwork UK	-	500
DY10 HBG Big Local	92,536	101,740
MK Rose Charitable Trust	3,000	3,000
Worcestershire Community Foundation	-	2,412
Big Lottery	61,803	90,770
Warburtons	-	-
Kidderminster Aid in Sickness Fund	125	3,066
Tampon Tax Fund	2,222	6,678
Western Power Distribution	1,066	3,884
Midcounties Cooperative	-	130
Baron Davenport	1,000	1,000
	289,938	261,406

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct costs (See note 7) £	Totals £
Children and parents	324,218	276,838

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7. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	2021	2020
	£	£
Staff costs	194,566	185,286
Staff expenses	3,250	3,909
Staff recruitment	2,551	104
Volunteer expenses	1,652	1,668
Volunteer recruitment	1,693	744
MCM expenses	102	-
Printing, Postage and stationery	7,372	7,400
Advertising and publicity	3,993	2,851
Telephone	5,422	4,228
Rent	2,383	1,192
Rates	777	1,160
Office cleaning	23	317
Electricity	943	779
Insurance	1,662	1,478
Fees to Home-Start UK	3,786	3,786
Subscriptions	30	30
IT support	2,045	2,150
Family Group support	8,410	3,066
AGM expenses	599	1,012
General expenses	1,715	1,213
Staff training costs	933	671
Prep courses	879	-
Depreciation	212	372
Room hire	427	1,365
KFG materials	122	724
KFG refreshments	111	682
Professional fees	37,280	26,723
Repairs and maintenance	197	-
Covid 19	-	9,680
Events and Packages	38,803	11,969
Independent examination	2,280	2,280
	324,218	276,838

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	2021	2020
	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation – owned assets	<u>212</u>	<u>372</u>

9. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There was no trustees' remuneration nor other benefits for both the year ended 30 September 2021 and the year ended 30 September 2020.

TRUSTEES' EXPENSES

An amount of £Nil (2020 - £Nil) was paid to the Trustees for the year ended 30 September 2021.

10. STAFF COSTS	2021	2020
The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:	5	5

Staff costs for the year are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Manager, secretary and co-ordinators	137,486	129,364
Community Staff (DY10)	52,412	52,747
Redundancy pay	-	-
Pension costs	<u>4,668</u>	<u>3,175</u>
	<u>194,566</u>	<u>185,286</u>

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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11. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	19,539	-	19,539
Charitable activities			
Children and parents	-	261,406	261,406
Other trading activities	19,671	-	19,671
Investment income	35	-	35
	<u>39,245</u>	<u>261,406</u>	<u>300,651</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Children and parents	<u>7,469</u>	<u>269,369</u>	<u>276,838</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	<u>31,776</u>	<u>(7,963)</u>	<u>23,813</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>39,179</u>	<u>39,944</u>	<u>79,123</u>
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>70,955</u>	<u>31,981</u>	<u>102,936</u>

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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12. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 October 2020	6,172
Additions	<u>-</u>
At 30 September 2021	<u>6,172</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 October 2020	5,663
Charge for year	<u>212</u>
At 30 September 2021	<u>5,875</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 September 2021	<u>297</u>
At 30 September 2020	<u>509</u>

13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>1,483</u>	<u>5,511</u>

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Accrued expenses and deferred income	<u>34,267</u>	<u>30,643</u>

15. LEASING AGREEMENTS

	2021 £	2020 £
Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:		
Within one year	<u>3,805</u>	2,725
Between one and five years	<u>5,220</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>9,025</u>	<u>2,725</u>

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.10.20 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.09.21 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	25,895	38,365	(55,000)	9,260
Designated fund	45,060	48	55,000	100,108
	70,955	38,413	-	109,368
Restricted funds				
Garfield Weston	-	30	-	30
BBC Children in Need	1,244	(1,244)	-	-
Lloyds Bank	-	-	-	-
Eveson Trust	-	-	-	-
Big Lottery – Awards For All	2,048	(2,048)	-	-
DY10 HBG Big Local	10,888	(9,227)	-	1,661
MK Rose Charitable Trust	3,000	(2,403)	-	597
Groundwork UK	-	-	-	-
Big Lottery	13,229	(11,694)	-	1,535
Kidderminster Aid in Sickness Fund	-	-	-	-
Tampon Tax Fund	1,140	(1,140)	-	-
Western Power Distribution	-	-	-	-
Midcounties Cooperative	-	-	-	-
Worcestershire Community Foundation	-	-	-	-
WCC - ESF	-	-	-	-
Baron Davenport	432	(432)	-	-
Community Fund – Awards For All	-	-	-	-
WFDC – Covid Support	-	-	-	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	-	-	-	-
Home-Start – Caring For Families Grant	-	-	-	-
Lottery Access All Areas – Covid Support	-	-	-	-
Young Solutions Community Fund	-	-	-	-
Arnold Clarke Community Fund	-	-	-	-
	31,981	(28,158)	-	3,823
TOTAL FUNDS	102,936	10,255	-	113,191

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:			
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	44,487	(6,122)	38,365
Designated Fund	48	-	48
Restricted funds			
Garfield Weston	13,350	(13,320)	30
BBC Children in Need	56,323	(57,566)	(1,244)
Lloyds Bank	-	-	-
Eveson Trust	-	-	-
Big Lottery – Awards For All	-	(2,048)	(2,048)
DY10 HBG Big Local	92,536	(101,762)	(9,227)
MK Rose Charitable Trust	3,000	(5,403)	(2,403)
Groundwork UK	-	-	-
Big Lottery	61,803	(73,497)	(11,694)
Kidderminster Aid in Sickness Fund	125	(125)	-
Tampon Tax Fund	2,222	(3,362)	(1,140)
Western Power Distribution	1,066	(1,066)	-
Midcounties Cooperative	-	-	-
Worcestershire Community Foundation	-	-	-
WCC - ESF	-	-	-
Baron Davenport	1,000	(1,432)	(432)
Community Fund – Awards For All	9,984	(9,984)	-
WFDC – Covid Support	20,000	(20,000)	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	-	-	-
Home-Start – Caring For Families Grant	4,129	(4,129)	-
Lottery Access All Areas – Covid Support	20,000	(20,000)	-
Young Solutions Community Fund	3,400	(3,400)	-
Arnold Clarke Community Fund	1,000	(1,000)	-
	<u>289,938</u>	<u>(318,096)</u>	<u>(28,158)</u>
TOTAL MOVEMENT	<u>334,473</u>	<u>(324,218)</u>	<u>10,255</u>

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.10.19 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 30.09.20 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	4,154	31,741	(10,000)	25,895
Designated fund	35,025	35	10,000	45,060
	39,179	31,776	-	70,955
Restricted funds				
Garfield Weston	10,000	(10,000)	-	-
BBC Children in Need	1,701	(457)	-	1,244
Lloyds Bank MN	1,779	(1,779)	-	-
Eveson Trust	2,727	(2,727)	-	-
Big Lottery – Awards For All	2,287	(239)	-	2,048
DY10 HBG Big Local	19,987	(9,099)	-	10,888
MK Rose Charitable Trust	1,400	1,600	-	3,000
Groundwork UK	-	-	-	-
Big Lottery	63	13,166	-	13,229
Kidderminster Aid in Sickness Fund	-	-	-	-
Tampon Tax Fund	-	1,140	-	1,140
Western Power Distribution	-	-	-	-
Midcounties Cooperative	-	-	-	-
Worcestershire Community Foundation	-	-	-	-
WCC – ESF	-	-	-	-
Baron Davenport	-	432	-	432
	39,944	(7,963)	-	31,981
TOTAL FUNDS	79,123	23,813	-	102,936

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:			
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	39,210	(7,469)	31,741
Designated Funds	35	-	35
Restricted funds			
Garfield Weston	-	(10,000)	(10,000)
BBC Children in Need	33,930	(34,397)	(457)
Lloyds Bank MN	-	(1,779)	(1,779)
Eveson Trust	-	(2,727)	(2,727)
Big Lottery – Awards For All	4,322	(4,561)	(239)
DY10 HBG Big Local	101,740	(110,839)	(9,099)
MK Rose Charitable Trust	3,000	(1,400)	1,600
Groundwork UK	500	(500)	-
Big Lottery	90,770	(77,604)	13,166
Kidderminster Aid in Sickness Fund	3,066	(3,066)	-
Tampon Tax Fund	6,678	(5,538)	1,140
Western Power Distribution	3,884	(3,884)	-
Midcounties Co-operative	130	(130)	-
Worcestershire Community Foundation	2,412	(2,412)	-
WCC – ESF	9,964	(9,964)	-
Baron Davenport	1,000	(568)	432
	<u>261,406</u>	<u>(269,369)</u>	<u>(7,963)</u>
TOTAL MOVEMENT	<u>300,651</u>	<u>(276,838)</u>	<u>23,813</u>

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued	At 01.10.19	Net Movement in funds	Transfers between funds	At 30.09.21
A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds				
General fund	4,154	70,106	(65,000)	9,260
Designated fund	35,025	83	65,000	100,108
	39,179	70,189	-	109,368
Restricted Funds				
Garfield Weston	10,000	(9,970)	-	30
BBC Children in Need	1,701	(1,701)	-	-
Lloyds Bank	1,779	(1,779)	-	-
Eveson Trust	2,727	(2,727)	-	-
Big Lottery – Awards For All	2,287	(2,287)	-	-
DY10 HBG Big Local	19,987	(18,326)	-	1,661
MK Rose Charitable Trust	1,400	(803)	-	597
Groundwork UK	-	-	-	-
Big Lottery	63	1,472	-	1,535
Kidderminster Aid in Sickness Fund	-	-	-	-
Tampon Tax Fund	-	-	-	-
Western Power Distribution	-	-	-	-
Midcounties Cooperative	-	-	-	-
Worcestershire Community Foundation	-	-	-	-
WCC – ESF	-	-	-	-
Baron Davenport	-	-	-	-
Community Fund – Awards For All	-	-	-	-
WFDC – Covid Support	-	-	-	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	-	-	-	-
Home-Start – Caring For Families Grant	-	-	-	-
Lottery Access All Areas – Covid Support	-	-	-	-
Young Solutions Community Fund	-	-	-	-
Arnold Clarke Community Fund	-	-	-	-
	39,944	(36,121)	-	3,823
TOTAL FUNDS	79,123	34,068	-	113,191

HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued	Incoming Resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:			
Unrestricted funds			
General Fund	83,780	(13,591)	70,189
Restricted funds			
Garfield Weston	13,350	(23,320)	(9,970)
BBC Children in Need	90,263	(91,964)	(1,701)
Lloyds Bank	-	(1,779)	(1,779)
Eveson Trust	-	(2,727)	(2,727)
Big Lottery – Awards For All	4,322	(6,609)	(2,287)
DY10 HBG Big Local	194,276	(212,600)	(18,326)
MK Rose Charitable Trust	6,000	(6,803)	(803)
Groundwork UK	500	(500)	-
Big Lottery	152,573	(151,101)	1,472
Kidderminster Aid in Sickness Fund	3,191	(3,191)	-
Tampon Tax Fund	8,900	(8,900)	-
Western Power Distribution	4,950	(4,950)	-
Midcounties Cooperative	130	(130)	-
Worcestershire Community Foundation	2,412	(2,412)	-
WCC - ESF	9,964	(9,964)	-
Baron Davenport	2,000	(2,000)	-
Community Fund – Awards For All	9,984	(9,984)	-
WFDC – Covid Support	20,000	(20,000)	-
Severn Trent Community Fund	-	-	-
Home-Start – Caring For Families Grant	4,129	(4,129)	-
Lottery Access All Areas – Covid Support	20,000	(20,000)	-
Young Solutions Community Fund	3,400	(3,400)	-
Arnold Clarke Community Fund	1,000	(1,000)	-
	<u>551,344</u>	<u>(587,465)</u>	<u>(36,121)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>635,124</u>	<u>(601,056)</u>	<u>34,068</u>

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued

Unrestricted

General Fund

The policy of the committee is to endeavour to increase the value of the General Fund, the general fund is to be used for the day to day running of the charity as the trustees deem appropriate.

Designated Fund

The purpose of the Designated Fund is to provide for a minimum of three months running costs and redundancy payments should the Scheme have to close because of a failure of funding or for any other reason. The scheme established and maintains this Reserve in compliance with a recommendation from Home-Start UK. The balance at 30 September 2021 is £100,108.

Restricted Funds

BBC Children in Need

Grants were received from this Charity to cover part of the Co-ordinators salary costs.

DY10 HBG Big Local

Grants were received to cover the costs of running family groups, volunteer training costs and provide HR services to a community project, this includes salary costs, room hire, volunteer expenses and other administrative services. The balance at 30 September 2021 is £1,661.

Community Awards For All

Two grants were received during the financial year from this fund.

The first grant was received to cover the costs of rebranding our publicity supplies.

The second grant was received to cover management costs.

Kidderminster Aid in Sickness Fund

Grants were received to cover the costs for families.

MK Rose Charitable Trust

Grants were received to cover our Swap Shop project costs. The balance at 30 September 2021 is £597.

Garfield Weston

Grants were received to contribute to the running costs of the photocopier, rent, and general utilities. The balance at 30 September 2021 is £30.

Big Lottery

Grants were received to cover the majority of the costs of providing bespoke therapy to adults or children along with family support and to enable the training and development of staff to continue the level of support in the future. The costs include salary costs for the Project Manager, Project Secretary, Project Co-ordinator and sessional psychologists, training and overheads. The balance at 30 September 2021 is £1,535.

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – Continued

Tampon Tax Fund

Grants were received to cover the This Is Me confidence building project for women under 50 years old who are out of work or education.

Western Power Distribution

Grants were received to cover COVID-19 essentials.

Baron Davenport

Grants were received to cover Home-Start's 25 Anniversary Arts Project.

Wyre Forest District Council Covid Grants

Grants were received to support food and welfare costs for families during the Pandemic.

Severn Trent Community Fund

Grants were received to part cover staff and costs for our Swap Shop project.

Home-Start UK Caring For Families Grant

Grants were received to provide welfare and activity for families during the Pandemic.

Lottery Access All Areas Covid Grants

Grants were received to support core costs during the Pandemic.

Young Solutions Community Fund

Grants were received to support family food and welfare costs resulting from the Pandemic.

Arnold Clarke Community Fund

Grants were received to support core costs.

Transfers

A transfer of £55,000 has been made from the General fund to the Designated fund to increase the balance to £100,108 at 30 September 2021 (2020: £45,060).

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30th September 2021.

18. LEGAL STATUS

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

19. INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

The fees for the independent examination for the year ended 30 September 2021 amounted to £2,280 (2020: £2,280).

**HOME-START WYRE FOREST
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations and legacies		
Donations	40,985	12,640
Other Income	3,409	6,899
	<u>44,394</u>	<u>19,539</u>
Other Trading Activities		
Fundraising events	93	19,671
Investment Income		
Deposit account interest	48	35
Charitable activities		
Grants	289,938	261,406
Total Incoming Resources	<u>334,473</u>	<u>300,651</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable Activities		
Staff salaries	189,898	182,111
Pensions	4,668	3,175
Staff expenses	3,250	3,909
Staff recruitment	2,551	104
Volunteer expenses	1,652	1,668
Volunteer recruitment	1,693	744
MCM expenses	102	-
Printing, postage & stationery	7,372	7,400
Advertising and publicity	3,993	2,851
Telephone	5,422	4,228
Rent	2,383	1,192
Rates	777	1,160
Office cleaning	23	317
Electricity	943	779
Insurance	1,662	1,478
Fees to Home-Start UK	3,786	3,786
Subscriptions	30	30
Filing Fees	-	-
IT support	2,045	2,150
Family group support	8,410	3,066
AGM expenses	599	1,012
General expenses	1,715	1,213
Staff Training costs	934	671
Prep courses	879	-
Depreciation	212	372
Room hire	427	1,365
KFG materials	122	724
KFG refreshments	111	682
Professional fees	37,280	26,723
Repairs and maintenance	197	-
Covid 19	-	9,680
Events & Packages	38,803	11,969
Independent examination	2,280	2,280
Total resources expended	<u>324,218</u>	<u>276,838</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>10,255</u>	<u>23,813</u>

