

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 05419029 (England and Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1120436

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025

FOR

HOME-START WYRE FOREST

**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)
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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
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**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		24,464	188,962	213,426	270,539
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	6				
Children & parents		45,137	185,386	230,523	281,924
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		106,518	6,676	113,194	130,291

**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>

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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

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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

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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	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>

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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
	<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>

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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>

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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>

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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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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).

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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	-	-
	<u>22,184</u>	<u>45,856</u>
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	<u>213,426</u>	<u>270,539</u>
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	<u>230,523</u>	<u>281,924</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>(17,097)</u>	<u>(11,385)</u>

