HOME-START WANDSWORTH LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 1124109

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	06278007
Registered	2008-05-17
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: 1 TO SAFEGUARD, PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE GOOD HEALTH, BOTH MENTAL AND PHYSICAL OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS OF CHILDREN2 TO PREVENT CRUELTY TO OR MALTREATMENT OF CHILDREN3 TO RELIEVE SICKNESS, POVERTY AND NEED AMONGST CHILDREN AND PARENTS OF CHILDREN, AND4 TO PROMOTE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN BETTER STANDARDS OF CHILD CARE

Activities: Home-Start Wandsworth provides support for local families who are struggling for a variety of reasons including poverty, poor housing, mental and physical illness or disability, bereavement and/or social isolation.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, WANDSWORTH.
- Wandsworth

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£372,515	£269,888	-	-
2024-06-30	£307,938	£308,059	-	-
2023-06-30	£187,298	£274,092	-	-
2022-06-30	£258,849	£298,301	-	-
2021-06-30	£159,491	£238,931	-	-
2020-06-30	£255,400	£222,953	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Angela Helen Blenkinsop		2023-11-01
Bryony Susan Rustad		2025-01-01
Dr Nicola Jill Salt		2024-09-17
Emma Bowman		2024-09-17
Holly Stilgoe		2015-04-28
Jamie Fergusson		2015-09-08
Jeremy Leung		2021-12-07
Roland Tamas Seregi		2026-02-10
Shelley Twitchin		2024-09-17
Tutu Kamara		2024-09-17

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Accounts

Company Registration Number: 06278007
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Home-Start Wandsworth Limited

Financial Statements

For the Year Ending

30 June 2025

JANE ASCROFT ACCOUNTANCY LIMITED
Chartered accountants
Enterprise House
Harmire Enterprise Park
Barnard Castle
County Durham
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Home-Start Wandsworth Limited

Financial Statements

Year Ended 30 June 2025

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Review of 2024-25

The past year has been one of both significant challenge and meaningful progress for Home-Start Wandsworth. Demand for our services has remained high as families across the borough continue to face rising financial pressures, isolation and increasing mental health challenges. Against this backdrop, we have remained focused on our mission: supporting families with young children to build resilience, confidence and brighter futures.

During the year, we supported 118 families and gave 202 children a brighter start in life through a combination of home-visiting support, group activities and targeted early years interventions. We received 166 new referrals, reflecting the growing level of need locally. Our dedicated volunteers provided home-visiting support and a range of group activities, ensuring families felt less isolated and better able to cope. Encouragingly, outcomes show significant improvements in parental confidence, children's development and overall family wellbeing.

This year has been a period of transition for the organisation, particularly within the management team. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our staff team for their professionalism, resilience and commitment during this time. Their focus on maintaining high-quality support for families throughout a period of change has been outstanding. We are equally grateful to our volunteers, whose compassion, dedication and practical support continue to be the foundation of our work.

We would also like to express our heartfelt thanks to our funders and grant providers, including the National Lottery Community Fund, Garfield Weston Foundation, Henry Smith Foundation, Wimbledon Foundation, The Childhood Trust, City Bridge Foundation, Cadent, The Wandsworth GP Federation and the Mayor of Wandsworth. Their generosity enables us to continue delivering vital services to families who need them most.

Our work has been strengthened by the collaboration and generosity of our charity and community partners, including Enable, Open Air Fit, Battersea Arts Centre, John Lewis Partnership, Rampton Baseley, Savills and many others who have contributed time, expertise and resources.

Financial Review

Our total income for the year was £372,515 (2024 - £307,938), split into unrestricted income of £211,482 (2024 - £203,737) and restricted income of £161,033(2024 - £104,201).

Our reserves increased by £68,460 (2024 - £121) to £144,758 (2024 - £76,298). The main expenditure, £201,690 (2024 - £206,469), relates to personnel costs.

Net assets at the year end totalled £178,925 (2024 - £76,298) of which £34,167 (2024 - Nil) were restricted funds and £144,758 (2024 - £76,298) were unrestricted funds.

Reserves Policy
The charity aims to retain a level of total reserves of between 6 and 9 months of expenditure to cover the risk, activity and commitments of the organisation. The current level of reserves falls within this range.

Going Concern
After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the next 12 months. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Risks
The charity Trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which Home-Start Wandsworth is exposed and have satisfied ourselves that systems and procedures have been established in order to manage these risks.

Since Home-Start Wandsworth works with vulnerable children and families, we consider safeguarding/ child protection the greatest area of inherent risk with our work. Home-Start Wandsworth has developed a comprehensive framework of consents, controls, policies and reviews to ensure we are able to fulfil our safeguarding and child protection responsibilities and deal with any concerns rapidly and sensitively.

Our risk register is grouped under four key areas; Strategic, Reputational, Operational and Financial. The major risks in each of these categories are:

Strategic - a safeguarding or child protection issue results in harm to individuals, and loss of trust and reputation amongst key stakeholders.

Reputational - an inability to respond to the sector challenges around diversity and inclusion leaves Home-Start Wandsworth vulnerable to external criticism.

Operational - our staff are unable to deliver our ambitions because of capacity, lack of skills, poor wellbeing, or disengagement.

Financial - an inability to secure future income in line with plans with funders, supporters and partners.

Plans for Future Periods

In 25/26 we want to consolidate and strengthen the progress we have made this year to expand our community fundraising efforts and improve our financial sustainability. With the increased competition and higher barriers to grant funding, we have identified improved community donations as our priority for income growth to be able to strengthen our service and benefit more families who need our support in Wandsworth.

In June 2025 we experimented with a summer party format that is repeatable annually - rather than the previous biennial ball - to improve the consistency and predictability of our income year on year. This was a success and will be repeated in 2026 year with more time for planning and building on fund raising opportunities identified in its initial year. We also plan to strengthen our relationships with local schools and businesses and regularise our applications to Big Give to further increase the impact of our donations. We intend to trial new fundraising formats to help attract new supporters and donors and increase our profile in the borough.

With the arrival of a new MD in July 2025, we will be able to strengthen the team's strategic development and use it to hone our future grant applications in the hope of continued success. It also gives us an opportunity to develop our operational effectiveness and leverage stronger partnerships in the borough with other charities and services to further strengthen our impact."

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee. The company is constituted under its Memorandum and Articles Of Association and is a registered charity, number 1124109.

Organisation

The Trustees oversee the work of the organisation to ensure that it is efficient, equitable and provides a quality service to all vulnerable families and children supported. We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what was achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups we are set up to help. The review also ensures our aims, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes. We refer to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Method Of Appointment Or Election Of Trustees

The Management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and coopted under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles Of Association.

Trustees serving more than 10 years

The board's policy is that trustees should normally serve a maximum of three, three-year terms. Two trustees (Holly Stilgoe and Jamie Fergusson) have now served on the board for more than nine years. The board agreed that in the interest of continuity, given board and management changes during the year, it was in the interests of the charity and the board for both trustees to be permitted to serve a further 3-year term.

Management committee
The charity has a Management committee made up of the Trustees who meet every 6 to 8 weeks and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity.

The Managing Director is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and that the key performance indicators are met. The Managing Director has responsibility for the day to day operational management of service delivery, volunteer engagement and supervision of all staff.

All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. The Management Committee meets its legal and financial responsibilities to ensure it is efficient, reviews its policies, undertakes relevant governance training and supports and supervises the workforce to ensure a high quality of service is delivered. In so far as it is complementary to the charity's objectives, the charity is guided by both local and national policy.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that policies and systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the Home-Start Wandsworth office. Quality Assurance is self assessed on a quarterly basis with the subject and timetable set by HSUK, and subject to a full review by HSUK as and when they decide it is appropriate.

Information On Fundraising Practices
The charity is actively involved in fundraising activities either through donations from individuals and corporations or at fundraising events. Members of the public are only approached if the charity has had previous contact with them. In our Fundraising Strategy we confirm we will abide by the standards of the Fundraising Regulator.

During the year ended 30 June 2025 the charity did not receive any complaints about its fundraising activities and practices.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name	Home-Start Wandsworth Limited
Charity registration number	1124109
Company registration number	06278007
Principal office and registered office	Battersea Methodist Church 20-22 York Road 2nd Floor London SW11 3QA

The Trustees

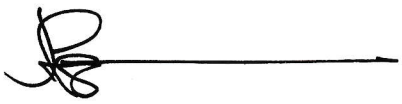
H Blenkinsop	
J Fergusson	
T Harris	(Resigned 20 June 2025)
J Leung	
S Robertson	(Resigned 30 December 2024)
H Stilgoe	
J Yuksel	
E Bowman	(Appointed 17 September 2024)
N Salt	(Appointed 17 September 2024)
S Twitchin	(Appointed 17 September 2024)
T Tynan	(Appointed 17 September 2024)
T Kamara	(Appointed 17 September 2024)
B Rustad	(Appointed 1 January 2025)
Appointed since the year end	
R Seregi	(Appointed 10 February 2026)

Company Secretary	T Kamara (from 17/9/24)
Independent Examiner	Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab) Enterprise House Harmire Enterprise Park Barnard Castle County Durham DL12 8XT

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on ...30 MAR 2026... and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



J Fergusson
Trustee



Because tomorrow starts today

Impact report 2024-2025

HOME START Wandsworth



“The main difference Home-Start made to our lives was making us feel connected and part of the community. Often in our circumstances you can feel like you are living on the edge of society unseen, but everyone at Home-Start made us feel seen and heard.”

Our mission

We work with families to create an environment where young children can thrive.

Our vision

Our vision is a society where all children have the support they need from their parent/caregiver for a positive, nurturing start in life, and families have resilience and hope for the future.

Our services

Home-visiting: one-to-one weekly support from a carefully matched, trained volunteer, providing practical help, guidance and emotional support.

Bump to Baby: one-to-one weekly support during pregnancy and the newborn stage from a volunteer trained in perinatal mental health and bonding and attachment.

Group activities: weekly structured meet ups for families to come together in a safe and welcoming environment. The activities help reduce isolation, boost social confidence and strengthen the ability to cope with family pressures. Day trips give children experiences they wouldn't otherwise have and topic-focused workshops give parents the chance to build their skills and knowledge.

Introduction

"The support I received from my volunteer has been extremely valuable. She showed an interest in us, when even my own family didn't. When my confidence was lacking, she always sought to reassure me. I now know what it means when you say, 'It takes a village' to raise a child."

At Home-Start Wandsworth, we understand the power of community and that by coming together to support the most vulnerable children in our society, we can create a brighter, better future for everyone.

We work with local families with children, from pregnancy up to the age of five, who may be struggling with poor mental or physical health, isolation, financial hardship and post-natal depression. These families lack the crucial support networks that many of us take for granted and are often on the verge of crisis. We seek to build on parent's strengths, empowering them to stand on their own two feet, giving them the confidence and resources to tackle their challenges. Trained volunteers offer a listening ear and a helping hand, and our group activities create a sense of belonging helping families feel less isolated and more connected to their community.

Today, families in Wandsworth face more pressures than ever. Wandsworth has one of the highest rates of mental illness in the UK and is seeing a rise in poverty with 1 in 4 children living below the poverty line*. This means that thousands of children in our local community are going hungry and are without a warm home or everyday essentials.

Early childhood fundamentally shapes our whole lives and it is during these critical years that children need nurturing care from their parents, and a safe and happy environment, to thrive. If children experience severe adversity during their early years, there is an increased risk of physical and mental health problems, behavioural issues, and poor social outcomes later in life. Our staff and trained volunteers provide practical and emotional support to parents, preventing them from slipping into crisis and ensuring that they are more attuned and involved in their child's development. The bond and attachment between children and their parents is especially powerful in laying the foundations for future learning, health, behaviour and relationships.

They say it takes a village to raise a child but today the village which was once a staple in our community has all but disintegrated. We strive to rebuild the 'village', offering support and resources to help parents navigate the challenges of raising young children, ensuring that more children have the best possible start in life.

*Trust for London https://trustforlondon.org.uk/data/boroughs/wandsworth-poverty-and-inequality-indicators/

giving **202** children a brighter future



118 families supported



137 group activities



28 bump to baby families



86 trained volunteers



166 new referrals



*Data based 1 July 2024-30June 2025



Jake's story*

"My volunteer, James, has helped me and my son a lot over the six months. We would go to the park, have picnics and James would let me talk about how I felt. He really helped my confidence as a dad grow, and I think just having James around took the pressure off me. My son and I have grown together step by step and I will always be grateful for the help Home-Start has given me and my son."

Overnight, Jake's world was turned upside down when he became a single parent to his son, Peter. Peter had been placed in the care of his father by social services. Forced to give up work to care for Peter and move into temporary accommodation, Jake felt completely overwhelmed and isolated.

The trauma of his early childhood was causing Peter to exhibit challenging behaviour and emotion dysregulation which made caring for him exceptionally difficult. Jake was at rock bottom when he was referred to Home-Start Wandsworth, he was desperate to help his son but did not know how best to support him. Keeping on top of paperwork and advocating for his son was also made more difficult by Jake's own learning difficulties.

Jake was matched with James, a Home-Start volunteer. He was a listening ear, providing much needed emotional support and reassurance. James was instrumental in helping Jake keep on top of things, supporting him with family court proceedings and domestic tasks like meal planning and cooking. He would also accompany the family on trips to the park, often being an extra pair of hands and support during one of Peter's emotional meltdowns.

Over the course of six months, the transformation in Peter has been remarkable. He has formed a strong bond with James, learning to trust him and other adults within the wider support team. Now that he is in a loving, secure home environment, he is able to communicate his needs more clearly and the meltdowns are less frequent. Peter loves going to the park and his social skills have improved enabling him to play alongside others and form new friendships.

Jake's mental health and confidence in his parenting ability has also improved. He is now enjoying parenthood rather than just surviving it. His overall outlook is much more positive and he is more attuned to Peter's needs and being the best advocate for him. With renewed confidence and sense of worth Jake is looking forward to returning to work when Peter starts school in September.

*Names have been changed

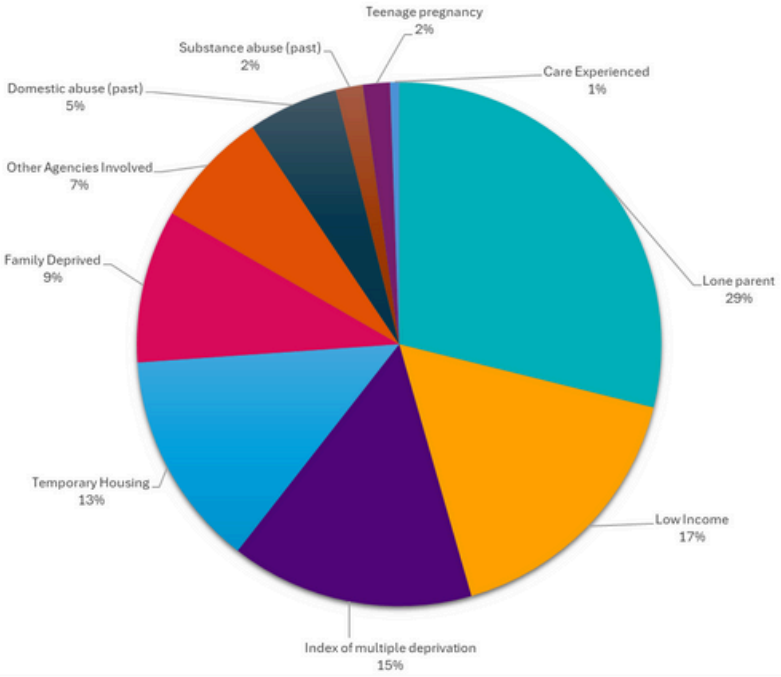
Families need support

71% need practical and emotional support

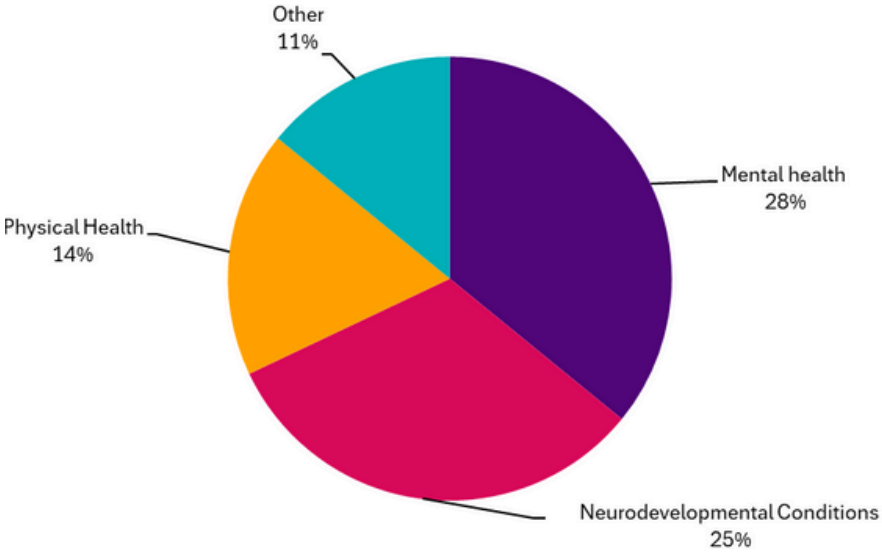
58% need support with housing

46% need support with their mental health

Family circumstances



Disability and health



*Survey sent to families February-April 2025

*Data 1 July 2024-30June 2025



"Home-Start has been a place of respite for me, among people who get the physical and mental struggles of motherhood, especially when facing what feels like overwhelming other worries. They have created so many happy moments for my children and have been a safe space that has kept me from spiralling as I try to take back control of my life, find myself again, and look to the future."



Parents feel overwhelmed, anxious and isolated

Being a parent has never been easy but for parents facing disadvantage, it can be particularly difficult. Research conducted in partnership with Home-Start London**, presents a stark picture of the financial and emotional strain that families living in Wandsworth are under. For single parent households and families with a disability the pressures are even greater. Families are feeling overwhelmed, anxious and concerned about their family's future.

- **65% of families feel overwhelmed**
- **60% of families feel anxious**
- **67% of families feel isolated**
- **Families are most worried about housing (60%), their mental health (50%) and their child's health and development (50%)**

"As a new mother with previous mental health issues and with no family support nearby, I often felt overwhelmed and isolated. Home-Start was there for me and they made me feel seen, understood and less alone. The support was crucial for my mental health, helping me build confidence as a parent and find joy in the little moments."

**Survey sent to families February-April 2025

Money worries are making parenting harder

Making ends meet is a constant source of stress and anxiety for Home-Start Wandsworth families, with many having to make difficult choices like skipping meals or cutting back on children's activities. Single parents often face even greater financial pressure.

46% of Home-Start families are reliant on food banks, 42% are cutting back on heating and 38% are visiting families less.

Financial insecurity can further exacerbate mental illness, compounding emotional stress and isolation.

We aim to build resilience so parents are better equipped to deal with their financial challenges, signposting them to specialist support services such as the Citizens Advice Bureau, housing, food and baby banks.

79%

of parents agree money worries are making parenting harder

"Attending group events has been a lifeline to me. I look forward to the social contact and supportive environment. The diverse range of events have exposed the children and I to activities that I would not have had the opportunity or courage to try alone."



"Home-Start Wandsworth has been my rock, keeping me going through the tough times. The support was unparalleled. The entire team is just incredible, and their dedication is what makes Home-Start such an amazing service. They truly caught me before I could fall."

Home-Start's support makes a difference

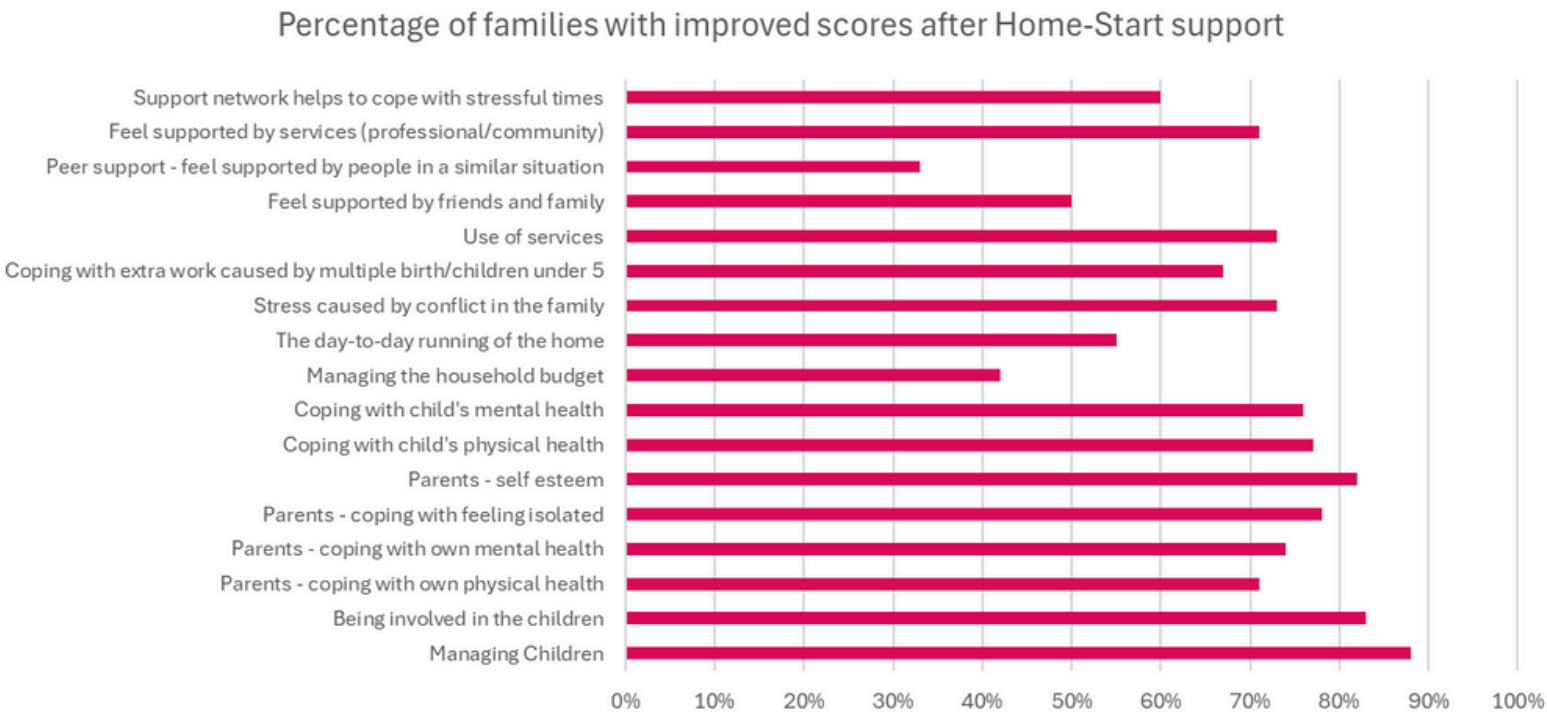


78%
families felt less isolated

We measure the impact of our work for by evaluating families on a coping scale from 1-5 (1 being the lowest level of coping and 5 being the highest) at different stages of Home-Start support. The chart below shows the improvement in coping scores between initial and subsequent visits.

It is clear that Home-Start's support in the home and group activities makes a big difference to families. The outcomes that saw the biggest improvement were **managing their children (88%), being involved in their children's development (83%)** and **improved self-esteem (82%).**

Our tailored support aims to build self-esteem and help families engage with local services. Home-Start staff and volunteers liaise with other health care professionals and partners to put in place support networks to help families improve their circumstances. Families feel better supported as a result (71%) and are more likely to utilise other services (73%).



*Data 1 July 2024-30June 2025

Because childhood can’t wait



The chart below shows the improvement in children’s coping scores following Home-Start support. The outcomes that saw the biggest improvement were **opportunities to play with other children (79%)**, **improved opportunities to play outside (68%)** and **improved child’s physical development (67%)**.

The crucial role of play in children’s daily lives has become widely recognised. Play in early childhood has been shown to influence the way a child’s brain develops.

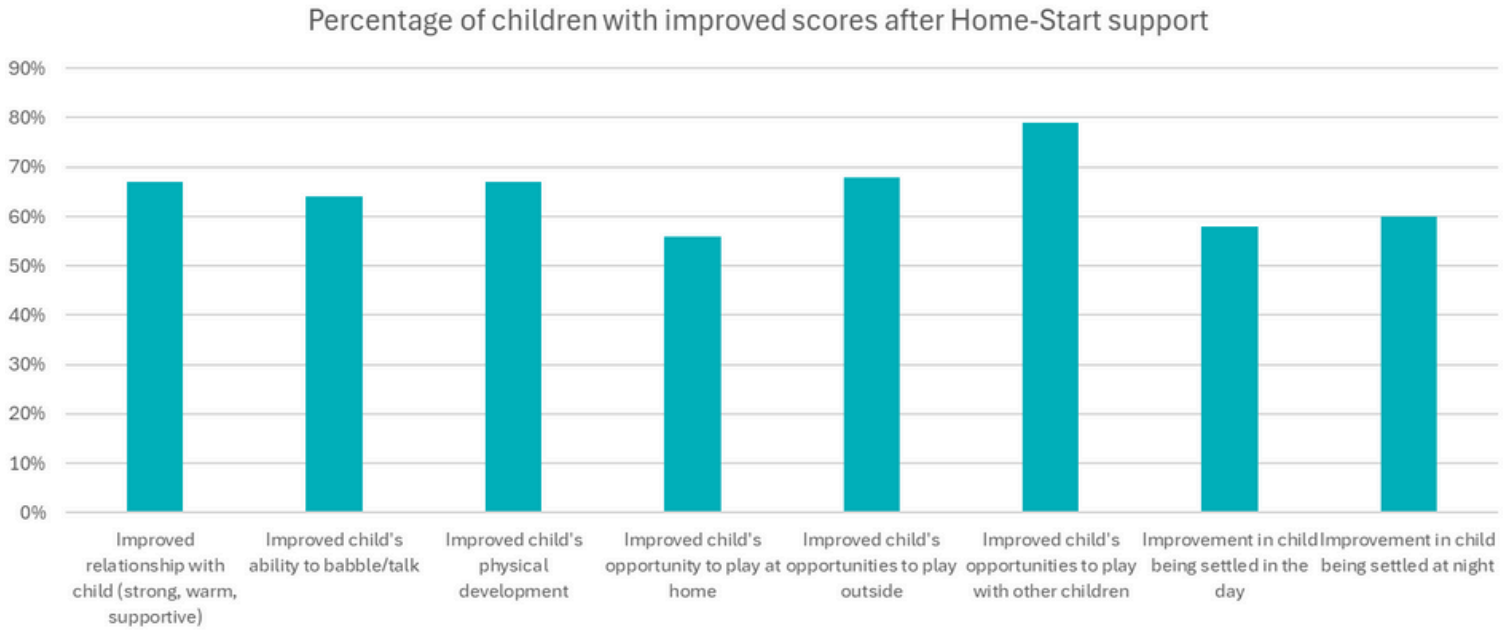
The way in which parents play with their young children has also been shown to have an effect on their behaviour. Active play in early childhood helps build strong bones, muscle strength and lung capacity, helping them develop improved physical skills.

Our weekly stay and play sessions provide a structured environment for children to interact, learn to share, take turns, and develop problem-solving skills. Through play, children also build confidence, resilience, and learn valuable social skills like empathy and cooperation.

79%

of children had more opportunity to play with other children

Family fun days in partnership with Open Air Fit, day trips to Kew Gardens and weekly gardening sessions, provide children with the opportunity to run, climb, and explore new environments, which is vital for children’s physical and mental health.



*Data based on 25 families 1 July 2024-30June 2025

Our volunteers

The number of families we've helped is thanks to the tireless passion, dedication and commitment of our volunteers. The work we do simply wouldn't be possible without their experience, knowledge and skills, they are the bedrock of Home-Start Wandsworth.

This year we have run two Volunteer Preparation training courses, recruiting **27 new** volunteers which brings our volunteer cohort to **86**.

We hear time and time again that Home-Start volunteers are quite literally lifelines, offering compassion and empathy, getting families through some of their most difficult times.



"My Home-Start volunteer is the best thing in my week. She's a consistent anchor, who is always objective. Her support is amazing."

Over 7,330 home-visiting hours

Over 500 hours at groups

Mayor's charity

We were absolutely delighted to have been chosen as one of the Mayoral charities of the Year.

Thank you to Sana and her team for their support and outstanding fundraising efforts.

"Home-Start Wandsworth is a charity I'm really proud to support; their fantastic and vital work with vulnerable families in Wandsworth, through tailored services including one to one home visiting and group activities, makes a lasting difference and ensures all babies and children are given the best possible chance to thrive."
- Mayor of Wandsworth, Cllr Sana Jafri



Our community partners

We are incredibly grateful to have the generous support of our funders, donors and corporate partners who enable us to continue our vital work in the local community. Whether it be sponsoring one of our fundraising events, donating raffle and auction prizes, fundraising for us, volunteering or donating much needed funds, our partners help to improve the lives of families living in Wandsworth and give more children the chance of a brighter future.

We're also hugely thankful to our corporate volunteers who give up their valuable time to support our families.

- Ethos Farm at Battersea Power Station for volunteering at our family Christmas party.
- Gate One for hosting a family day out at the local zoo.
- Rampton Baseley for hosting a fundraising day for us, raising over £16,000.
- Savills for serving refreshments during our Carol Service.
- Enable for providing entertainment and games at our annual summer picnic.
- Naval Mair for providing osteopathy services to our families.
- Finton House School for hosting our weekly gardening club at Trinity Fields gardens.

"The team at Rampton Baseley got so much out of this enriching exercise, we will most certainly be partnering up again and we hope that this year was the beginning of a long-standing symbiotic collaboration. I would like to thank everybody at Home-Start for their passionate and meaningful contribution to this unbelievably effective grassroots charity."
- Joel Baseley Company Director



A special thank you to: Ascension Church - Battersea Arts Centre - Belleville Wix School - Bellevue Law - Cadent - Chalkboard - Chocolate Films - City Bridge Foundation - Enable - Ethos Farm - Finton House School - Garfield Weston Foundation - Gate One - GC Gibson Charitable - Give it Away Ltd - Henry Smith Foundation - Home Community Café - John Lewis Partnership - Killik & Co - Learn to Love to Read - Macquarie - Mayor of Wandsworth - National Lottery Community Fund - Open Air Fit - Prospect House School - Rampton Baseley - Savills - St Anne's Church - St Barnabas' Church - St Luke's Church Battersea - Studio V&C - The Childhood Trust - The Miles Trust - Victoria Convalescent Trust - Wandsworth GP Federation - Wimbledon Foundation

Partner with us today because childhood can't wait

To find out more about partnering with us, please get in touch:

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Charity number: 1124109 Company number: 06278007

HOME START Wandsworth

Home-Start Wandsworth Limited

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Home-Start Wandsworth Limited

Year Ended 30 June 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Home-Start Wandsworth Limited ('the charity') for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements 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 the 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 Statement

Since the charity'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 charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3. the financial statements 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 financial statements 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).

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Home-Start Wandsworth Limited ***(continued)***

Year Ended 30 June 2025

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.



Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
Independent Examiner

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Home-Start Wandsworth Limited

Statement of Financial Activities
(including income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 30 June 2025

	Note	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 **Total funds** £	2024 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	**5**	146,666	161,033	307,699	170,429
Other trading activities	**6**	64,574	–	64,574	136,116
Investment income	**7**	242	–	242	1,393
Total income		211,482	161,033	372,515	307,938
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of other trading activities	**8**	18,415	–	18,415	63,088
Expenditure on charitable activities	**9,10**	124,607	126,866	251,473	244,971
Total expenditure		143,022	126,866	269,888	308,059
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds		68,460	34,167	102,627	(121)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		76,298	–	76,298	76,419
Total funds carried forward		144,758	34,167	178,925	76,298

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 26 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

Home-Start Wandsworth Limited

Statement of Financial Position

30 June 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current Assets			
Debtors	14	4,150	1,400
Cash at bank and in hand		184,406	85,850
		188,556	87,250
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	9,631	10,952
Net Current Assets		178,925	76,298
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		178,925	76,298
Net Assets		178,925	76,298
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds		34,167	–
Unrestricted funds		144,758	76,298
Total charity funds	17	178,925	76,298

For the year ending 30 June 2025 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

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

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 30 MAY 2026 and are signed on behalf of the board by:

J Fergusson
Trustee

The notes on pages 13 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

Home-Start Wandsworth Limited

Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net income/(expenditure)	102,627	(121)
Adjustments for:		
Other interest receivable and similar income	(242)	(1,393)
Accrued expenses/(income)	160	(1,030)
Changes in:		
Trade and other debtors	(2,750)	(1,000)
Trade and other creditors	(1,481)	1,520
Cash generated from operations	98,314	(2,024)
Interest received	242	1,393
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities	98,556	(631)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	98,556	(631)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	85,850	86,481
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	184,406	85,850

The notes on pages 26 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Battersea Methodist Church, 20-22 York Road, 2nd Floor, London, SW11 3QA.

2. Statement of Compliance

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

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity’s ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Defined Contribution Plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

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

4. Limited by Guarantee

The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

5. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2025 £**
Donations - 2025			
Donations	71,335	–	71,335
The Big Give	42,055	–	42,055
Donations from churches	12,822	–	12,822
Grants - 2025			
The National Lottery Community Fund	–	32,108	32,108
The Henry Smith Charity	–	52,500	52,500
The Childhood Trust	10,000	–	10,000
City Bridge Foundation	–	48,500	48,500
Charities Trust	1,950	–	1,950
Enable	–	1,000	1,000
Benevity	5,292	–	5,292
G C Gibson Trust	3,000	–	3,000
Cadent	–	7,375	7,375
Garfield Weston Foundation	–	15,000	15,000
Wandsworth GP Federation	–	4,000	4,000
Other grants <£1,000	212	550	762
	146,666	161,033	307,699

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations - 2024			
Donations	41,825	–	41,825
Gift aid	12,071	–	12,071
The Big Give	1,032	–	1,032
Donations from churches	4,800	–	4,800
Grants - 2024			
The National Lottery Community Fund	–	31,173	31,173
The Henry Smith Charity	–	35,000	35,000
Wimbledon Foundation	–	10,000	10,000
Pears Breathing Space	–	8,800	8,800
The Miles Trust	–	1,340	1,340
Enable	–	1,000	1,000
G C Gibson Trust	3,000	–	3,000
Cadent	–	2,188	2,188
Garfield Weston Foundation	–	15,000	15,000
Land Securities	2,000	–	2,000
Barratt	1,500	–	1,500
Other grants <£1,000	–	(300)	(300)
	66,228	104,201	170,429

6. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	**Total Funds 2025**	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	**£**	£	£
May Ball	4,614	4,614	98,637	98,637
Annual Quiz	17,663	17,663	19,752	19,752
Carol Service	18,209	18,209	12,014	12,014
Sponsored Events	140	140	5,708	5,708
Midsummer Party	23,928	23,928	–	–
Other events	20	20	5	5
	64,574	64,574	136,116	136,116

7. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds	**Total Funds 2025**	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	**£**	£	£
Bank interest receivable	242	242	1,393	1,393

8. Costs of Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds	**Total Funds 2025**	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	**£**	£	£
Fundraising costs	18,415	18,415	63,088	63,088

9. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	**Total Funds 2025**
	£	£	**£**
Costs of charitable activities	122,627	126,866	249,493
Support costs	1,980	–	1,980
	124,607	126,866	251,473

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Costs of charitable activities	138,104	104,201	242,305
Support costs	2,666	–	2,666
	140,770	104,201	244,971

10. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	**Total funds 2025**	Total fund 2024
	£	£	**£**	£
Costs of charitable activities	249,493	–	249,493	242,305
Governance costs	–	1,980	1,980	2,666
	249,493	1,980	251,473	244,971

11. Independent Examination Fees

	2025	2024
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	1,380	1,320

12. Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	183,399	186,789
Social security costs	6,694	7,769
Employer contributions to pension plans	11,597	11,911
	201,690	206,469

The average head count of employees during the year was 10 (2024: 10). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
Other staff	6	6

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £16,592 (2024:£34,203).

13. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No trustees received any remuneration or expenses in the current or previous year.

14. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,000	1,400
Prepayments and accrued income	3,150	–
	4,150	1,400

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	5,023	4,730
Accruals and deferred income	1,980	1,820
Social security and other taxes	1,099	2,594
Other creditors	1,529	1,808
	9,631	10,952

16. Pensions and Other Post Retirement Benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £11,597 (2024: £11,911).

17. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 July 2024	Income	Expenditure	**At 30 June 2025**
	£	£	£	£
General funds	76,298	211,482	(143,022)	144,758

	At 1 July 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	76,419	203,737	(203,858)	76,298

Restricted funds

	At 1 July 2024	Income	Expenditure	**At 30 June 2025**
	£	£	£	£
National Lottery Community Fund	–	32,108	(32,108)	–
Henry Smith Charity	–	52,500	(23,333)	29,167
Enable	–	1,000	–	1,000
Garfield Weston	–	15,000	(15,000)	–
Cadent	–	7,375	(4,375)	3,000
City Bridge	–	48,500	(48,500)	–
Victoria Convalescent Trust	–	550	(550)	–
Wandsworth GP Foundation	–	4,000	(3,000)	1,000
	–	161,033	(126,866)	34,167

	At 1 July 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£
National Lottery Community Fund	–	31,173	(31,173)	–
Henry Smith Charity	–	35,000	(35,000)	–
Wimbledon Foundation	–	10,000	(10,000)	–
Pears Breathing Space	–	8,800	(8,800)	–
The Miles Trust	–	1,340	(1,340)	–
Roehampton University Play Based Measures	–	(300)	300	–
Enable	–	1,000	(1,000)	–
Garfield Weston	–	15,000	(15,000)	–
Cadent	–	2,188	(2,188)	–
	–	104,201	(104,201)	–

17. Analysis of Charitable Funds *(continued)*

The restricted grants were for the following purposes:

The National Lottery Community Fund
Family groups support.

The Henry Smith Charity
Family support and home visiting.

Enable
£1,000 to cover the cost of the coach hire for Home-Start Wandsworth beach trip on 19th August 2025 to West Wittering.

Garfield Weston
Family support and home visiting.

Cadent
Centre for Warmth Programme - Support for families - Energy efficiency and safety equipment distribution and related costs.

City Bridge Foundation
Project Costs including Senior Coordinator and part of MD salary plus proportionate costs for Training, Volunteer support and staff wellbeing.

Victoria Convalescent Trust
Grant to fund the Home-Start Wandsworth Festive Celebration which provides respite to families (£250) and to fund the visit to the soft play centre at the Army Museum in Chelsea in February 2025 (£300).

Wandsworth GP Federation
Groups - specifically 240 places at Connect at Home lunch clubs over 4 months.

18. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2025 £**
Current assets	154,389	34,167	188,556
Creditors less than 1 year	(9,631)	–	(9,631)
Net assets	144,758	34,167	178,925

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Current assets	87,250	–	87,250
Creditors less than 1 year	(10,952)	–	(10,952)
Net assets	76,298	–	76,298

19. Analysis of Changes in Net Debt

	At 1 Jul 2024	Cash flows	**At 30 Jun 2025**
	£	£	**£**
Cash at bank and in hand	85,850	98,556	184,406

20. Related Parties

During the year, total donations of £1,920 (2024 - £3,520) were received from 4 (2024 - 4) Trustees.

The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Financial Statements.

Home-Start Wandsworth Limited

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	71,335	41,825
Gift aid	–	12,071
The Big Give	42,055	1,032
Donations from churches	12,822	4,800
The National Lottery Community Fund	32,108	31,173
The Henry Smith Charity	52,500	35,000
Wimbledon Foundation	–	10,000
Pears Breathing Space	–	8,800
The Miles Trust	–	1,340
The Childhood Trust	10,000	–
City Bridge Foundation	48,500	–
Charities Trust	1,950	–
Enable	1,000	1,000
Benevity	5,292	–
G C Gibson Trust	3,000	3,000
Cadent	7,375	2,188
Garfield Weston Foundation	15,000	15,000
Land Securities	–	2,000
Barratt	–	1,500
Wandsworth GP Federation	4,000	–
Other grants <£1,000	762	(300)
	307,699	170,429
Other trading activities		
May Ball	4,614	98,637
Annual Quiz	17,663	19,752
Carol Service	18,209	12,014
Sponsored Events	140	5,708
Midsummer Party	23,928	–
Other events	20	5
	64,574	136,116
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	242	1,393
Total income	372,515	307,938

	2025	2024
	£	£
Expenditure		
Fundraising costs		
Midsummer Party costs	8,561	–
May ball costs	1,135	53,076
Quiz costs	4,665	6,189
Carol Service costs	1,454	1,182
Other fundraising costs	2,600	2,641
Costs of other trading activities	18,415	63,088
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Costs of charitable activities		
Wages & salaries	183,399	186,789
Employer's NIC	6,694	7,769
Pension costs	11,597	11,911
Rent	14,243	12,866
Small equipment	423	191
Insurance	1,239	1,090
Hubs	6,310	6,284
Membership fees	10,111	1,188
Telephone & internet	2,947	2,369
IT software & consumables	2,627	2,446
Recruitment, training & DBS checks	4,108	6,384
Volunteer and Family Support	1,443	357
Other expenses	4,352	2,661
	249,493	242,305
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	1,980	2,666
Expenditure on charitable activities	251,473	244,971
Total expenditure	269,888	308,059
Net income/(expenditure)	102,627	(121)

HOME-START WANDSWORTH LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1124109

Accounts

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Home-Start Wandsworth Limited

Financial Statements

For the Year Ending

30 June 2024

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Home-Start Wandsworth Limited

Financial Statements

Year Ended 30 June 2024

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Home-Start Wandsworth Limited

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Directors' Report)

Year Ended 30 June 2024

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Objectives

The charity provides support for local families and has several charitable objectives:

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

There has been no change in these objectives during the year.

What We Do
Home-Start Wandsworth offers non-judgmental peer support to local parents with at least one child under 5 or who are expecting a baby. We offer a family-centred service which improves the life chances of vulnerable children by reducing isolation, improving family wellbeing, and helping parents build the skills and confidence to support their children's development.

We work with families at risk of crisis who are often not currently engaging with other services, and generally not receiving support anywhere else. Each family we work with is facing a different combination of issues, including lone parenting, poverty, disability, addiction or a history of domestic abuse, but what they all share is the difficulty of trying to bring up young children in challenging circumstances. We offer three key areas of support with families able to access one, a combination, or all, according to their individual needs and preferences:

- Home-Visiting: we match each family with a trained volunteer who visits them at home for 2-4 hours every week to provide practical help, guidance and emotional support.
- Bump to Baby: specialised home visiting support during pregnancy and the new-born stage from a volunteer trained in perinatal mental health and bonding and attachment.
- Groups: structured weekly group activities for families.

Review of 2023-24

Against the difficult backdrop of higher living costs, increased pressure on families within the borough and a more challenging landscape for fundraising and charities generally, Home-Start Wandsworth emerged from the 2023/24 year in a similar financial position to the start of the year, but having accomplished much and having secured important future grant funding.

During the 2023/24 year, Home-Start Wandsworth supported 106 families with a total of 192 children through our three main areas of activity. Home visiting remains the core service we provide to most families but we have been encouraged by the continued growth and enthusiasm for our groups and Bump to Baby services. This year we ran over eighty well-attended, group activities including weekly Connect@Home sessions providing families with a cooked meal. These weekly sessions at the Home Community Café create a real sense of community and belonging. These strengthened social support networks are important in promoting positive mental and physical wellbeing.

We also ran Walk and Talks on Wandsworth Common, encouraging families to get out together in the fresh air; an early literacy programme to help children develop important language skills with our charity partners, Learn to Love to Read; and a new parenting course, 'Time Out for Parents', helping parents navigate the early years with confidence. Children have been encouraged to participate in creative sessions, explore new environments and take part in sporting activities run in partnership with Open Air Fit and Enable. We worked with Bags of Taste to develop our families' cookery skills, and have also run workshops on first aid, maternal journalling, managing finances and post-natal depression. The programme structure during 2023/24 included:

- A weekly craft/reading/play session on a Tuesday at Battersea Arts Centre
- Our weekly lunch club at Connect@Home focusing on wellbeing and social connections
- One advice/information session a term
- Outdoor play sessions and outings in the spring/summer holidays

We were also able to organise four family outings with two day trips to Kew Gardens, one to West Wittering beach, and one to the soft play centre at the National Army Museum all of which were well attended and enjoyed by families and volunteers alike.

Volunteers & Staff Team

Our dedicated staff team coped well with a mid-year change of Managing Director as well as a short period at the start of the year when we were obliged to pause referrals due to difficulties in matching families to trained volunteers following on from the disruptions in training because of Covid. The team proved both resilient and determined to make sure that the service to the families we were supporting did not falter and worked hard to train and match volunteers so that from August we were able to re-start referrals. During the year the team was supported by a total of 62 volunteers, with 27 new volunteers being trained at our spring and autumn Volunteer Preparation Courses. We remain hugely grateful to our staff and volunteer teams for their time, care and support for the families we look after.

Grants and Donations

The impact of Covid and the front-end loading of grant paying charities in response to higher inflation and living costs, made for a more challenging environment for charities who rely on grant funding to support their work. We are grateful for the multi-year funding we receive from The National Lottery through their Community Fund and to The Henry Smith Charity for their grant supporting our core costs, during the year we were fortunate to have been successful in our applications to Wimbledon Foundation and The Pears Foundation (via HSUK) as well as receiving continued support from Garfield Weston, Enable, the Miles Trust and Childhood Trust. We depend on grants and donations to fund our work with vulnerable families and would like to express our gratitude to all those that helped keep our work going - we are very grateful for your support.

Events - fundraising should be fun...
We were pleased with the success of our annual Quiz and Christmas Carol Service which proved more popular than ever, and also with our Summer Ball at the Battersea Arts Centre which was a great success. We would like to thank all those who came, celebrated, and enjoyed these events with us for their generosity and support, but would also like to thank the members of staff, volunteers and trustees for their effort and energy in organising these events.

The Mayor's Charity
In May, we were delighted to have been selected by Sana Jafri, the 2024/25 Mayor of Wandsworth as one of her three chosen charities. We are grateful to the Mayor and her team and see this as a valuable opportunity to shine a spotlight on the incredible work we do within the borough.

We continue to be hugely grateful to the many other individuals, companies and local organisations who support us through their generous donations. Your support is so valuable to us and is very much appreciated.

Please read our Impact Report for a more detailed overview of what Home-Start Wandsworth has achieved this year. In the meantime, we must thank every part of our organisation from staff and volunteers, to donors and supporters, each of whom has played a key role in supporting our families. In another challenging and uncertain year, we are proud of what we have achieved and we look forward with enthusiasm to the coming year.

Financial Review

Our total income for the year was £307,938 (2023 - £191,231), split into unrestricted income of £203,737 (2023 - £124,187) and restricted income of £104,201 (2023 - £67,044).

Our reserves decreased by £121 (2023 - £86,794) to £76,298 (2023 - £76,419). The main expenditure, £206,469 (2023 - £222,006), relates to personnel costs.

All reserves held at the year end are represented by unrestricted funds.

Reserves Policy

The charity aims to retain a level of total reserves of between 6 and 9 months of expenditure to cover the risk, activity and commitments of the organisation. The Trustees are aware that the current level of reserves fall short of this aim, but are confident that steps to optimise the charity's performance over the next 12 months will result in the reserves policy being met again in the foreseeable future.

Going Concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the next 12 months. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Risks

The charity Trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which Home-Start Wandsworth is exposed and have satisfied ourselves that systems and procedures have been established in order to manage these risks.

Since Home-Start Wandsworth works with vulnerable children and families, we consider safeguarding/ child protection the greatest area of inherent risk with our work. Home-Start Wandsworth has developed a comprehensive framework of consents, controls, policies and reviews to ensure we are able to fulfil our safeguarding and child protection responsibilities and deal with any concerns rapidly and sensitively.

Our risk register is grouped under four key areas; Strategic, Reputational, Operational and Financial. The major risks in each of these categories are:

Strategic - a safeguarding or child protection issue results in harm to individuals, and loss of trust and reputation amongst key stakeholders.

Reputational - an inability to respond to the sector challenges around diversity and inclusion leaves Home-Start Wandsworth vulnerable to external criticism.

Operational - our staff are unable to deliver our ambitions because of capacity, lack of skills, poor wellbeing, or disengagement.

Financial - an inability to secure future income in line with plans with funders, supporters and partners.

Plans for Future Periods

In the current year, the emphasis will be on regularising and expanding our services where possible. Beyond that we aim to focus on our longer term sustainability both financially and strategically.

Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee. The company is constituted under its Memorandum and Articles Of Association and is a registered charity, number 1124109.

Organisation

The Trustees oversee the work of the organisation to ensure that it is efficient, equitable and provides a quality service to all vulnerable families and children supported. We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what was achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups we are set up to help. The review also ensures our aims, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes. We refer to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Method Of Appointment Or Election Of Trustees

The Management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and coopted under the terms of the Memorandum and Articles Of Association.

Management committee

The charity has a Management committee made up of the Trustees who meet every 6 to 8 weeks and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. The Secretary, Linda Hayllar was also a Trustee up to her resignation on the 25th June 2024.

The Managing Director is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and that the key performance indicators are met. The Managing Director has responsibility for the day to day operational management of service delivery, volunteer engagement and supervision of all staff.

All members of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. The Management Committee meets its legal and financial responsibilities to ensure it is efficient, reviews its policies, undertakes relevant governance training and supports and supervises the workforce to ensure a high quality of service is delivered. In so far as it is complementary to the charity's objectives, the charity is guided by both local and national policy.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that policies and systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the Home-Start Wandsworth office. Quality Assurance is reviewed on an annual basis by Home-Start Wandsworth and by Home-Start UK every 3-4 years.

Information On Fundraising Practices

The charity is actively involved in fundraising activities either through donations from individuals and corporations or at fundraising events. Members of the public are only approached if the charity has had previous contact with them. In our Fundraising Strategy we confirm we will abide by the standards of the Fundraising Regulator.

During the year ended 30 June 2024 the charity did not receive any complaints about its fundraising activities and practices.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered charity name	Home-Start Wandsworth Limited
Charity registration number	1124109
Company registration number	06278007
Principal office and registered office	Battersea Methodist Church 20-22 York Road 2nd Floor London SW11 3QA

The Trustees

H Blenkinsop	(Appointed 1 November 2023)
P Chauhan	(Resigned 9 February 2024)
J Fergusson	
T Harris	(Appointed 1 November 2023)
L Hayllar	(Resigned 25 June 2024)
M Kinsella	(Resigned 1 November 2023)
J Leung	
S Robertson	
H Stilgoe	
K Vetch	(Resigned 18 April 2024)
S Wemyss	(Resigned 24 May 2024)
J Yuksel	(Appointed 1 November 2023)
Appointed since the year end	
B Rustad	(Appointed 1 January 2025)
E Bowman	(Appointed 17 September 2024)
N Salt	(Appointed 17 September 2024)
S Twitchin	(Appointed 17 September 2024)
T Tynan	(Appointed 17 September 2024)
T Kamara	(Appointed 17 September 2024)

Company Secretary	L Hayllar (to 25/6/24); T Kamara (from 17/9/24)
Independent Examiner	Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab) Enterprise House Harmire Enterprise Park Barnard Castle County Durham DL12 8XP

Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 29 MAR 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



J Fergusson
Trustee



It takes a village

Impact report 2023/2024

HOME START
Wandsworth



Our mission

We work with families to create an environment where young children can thrive.

Early intervention

Early childhood, the time from pregnancy to five, is fundamental in laying down the foundations for healthy development. 90% of a child's brain develops by the age of five. During these critical years, children need nurturing and care from their parents and caregivers and a safe and happy environment to thrive. The quality of the relationships that surround children and their experiences will determine their longer term outcomes. Exposure to stressors and adversity can impair a child's physical, cognitive, emotional and social growth.

A key component of Home-Start Wandsworth's support services is to provide preventative, early support, before problems escalate and families slip into crisis.

'Early intervention can help children and young people to develop the skills they need to live happy, healthy and successful lives. It can improve the quality of children's home lives and family relationships, increase educational attainment and support good mental health.' - Early Intervention Foundation

Failing to intervene at an early stage can lead to a multitude of negative consequences and damaging problems that affect children later in life, including: mental health problems, poor school attainment, unemployment and juvenile crime.

These problems become more serious, more damaging and more difficult to address once a person reaches adolescence or adulthood and cost society billions of pounds every year.

We cannot simply stand by and wait for problems to get worse before we intervene. Please help us to support vulnerable families and make sure that no child's future is limited.



"Thanks to my volunteer's and Home-Start's guidance and support, I've overcome challenges I never thought possible. I'm so grateful for the positive changes in my life. Home-Start was there when I had no motivation to live and I'm now achieving and dreaming about a brighter future."

It takes a village

Parents today are facing unprecedented challenges and many are at breaking point. As cited in a recent article published in The Guardian* - 49% of parents of under-fours said they had felt overwhelmed all or a lot of the time, 43% felt anxious, 36% unsupported and 26% lonely.

One of the greatest stressors for families today is money, with even parents well above the poverty line being forced to make difficult economic choices.

However, it is not just economic stressors that take their toll, parenting is intrinsically stressful and many parents are isolated from the support of friends or family that is so vitally needed to raise children. Today, 'the village', which was once a staple in our community has all but disintegrated.

Here at Home-Start Wandsworth we understand the power of community and that by coming together to support our children, we can create a better, brighter future for everyone.

Home-Start Wandsworth provides tailored, practical and emotional support to vulnerable families with children under the age of five, so that they can give their children the best possible start in life. We work with families who may be struggling with poor mental or physical health, isolation, financial hardship and post-natal depression.

Our staff and trained volunteers work alongside parents to ensure that they have more happy days with their children and are more attuned and involved in their child's development. We help to rebuild confidence and self-esteem, enabling parents to acquire expertise and resilience that they can use in the future.

Through our one-to-one home visiting service, our staff and trained volunteers help families to build vital social connections within the local community.

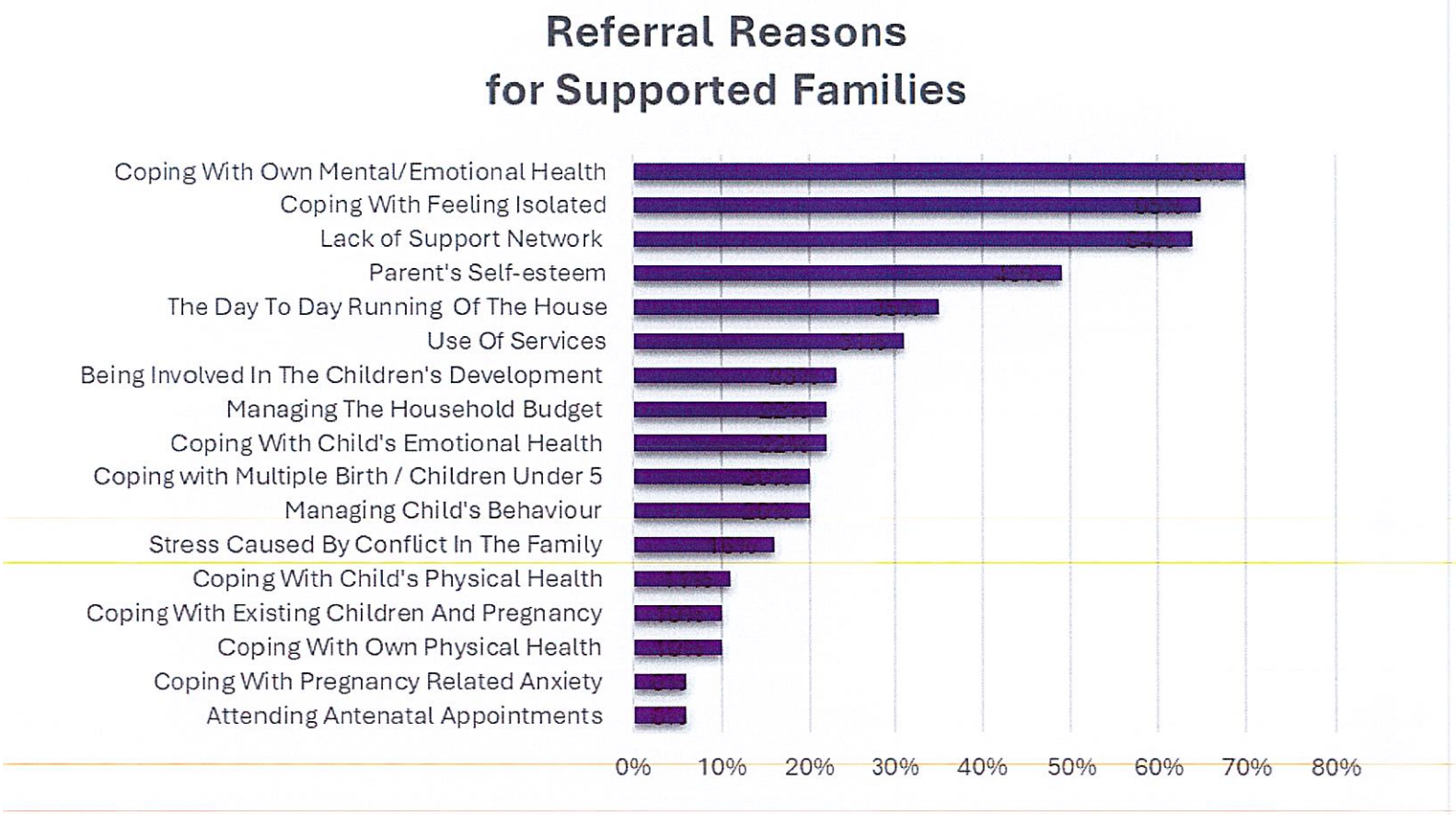
Our programme of group activities, alleviate isolation and improve mental wellbeing by providing a safe environment for families to come together, creating a sense of community and belonging.

We aim to prevent families slipping into crisis and improve children's life chances.

*https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2024/sep/15/parents-are-anxious-lonely-overwhelmingly-stressed-and-their-crisis-affects-everyone

Issues facing families

The chart below highlights the families' difficulties cited by referrers at the time of referral to Home-Start Wandsworth.



Data: 1 July 2023- 30 June 2024

We are seeing more and more parents needing support because they are struggling with:

Mental health & wellbeing

70% of families

Loneliness & isolation

65% of families



"I am happy where I am now. My husband had knocked all my confidence and self-esteem but I now feel like I have found myself again."

Fatima's story

Fleeing from an abusive partner, Fatima and her young child were forced to leave their family home. Plagued by low moods and self-esteem, terrified to leave her Uncle's house, and struggling to financially support herself and her son, Fatima was in desperate need of Home-Start support.

She was matched with Home-Start volunteer, Sienna. Sienna helped Fatima with practical tasks like accessing emergency benefits, visa applications, attending appointments for her son, who had suspected ASD, and a housing application, all of which she found too overwhelming to do on her own.

Although crippled with anxiety, Fatima desperately wanted to get out into the community for her own mental wellbeing and also for her son. With Sienna's support, Fatima started to take her son to the local park, and on day trips to a local farm. As Fatima's confidence increased, she started to attend Home-Start group activities on her own and they soon became part of her weekly routine. The peer support at Home-Start groups was fundamental in helping Fatima combat the loneliness she was facing as a single parent.

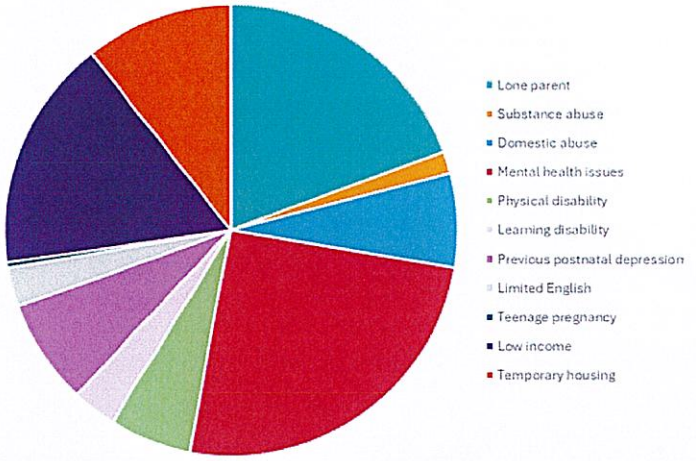
"Going to Home-Start Wandsworth events has had such a positive effect on us. These events have distracted me from my constant negative thoughts and experiences. I now try to live in the present day and I am able to think about goals for my future."

The extensive practical help given was vital, but it goes hand in hand with the emotional support that Fatima also needed. Sienna was a listening ear and helped Fatima rebuild her confidence and self-esteem.

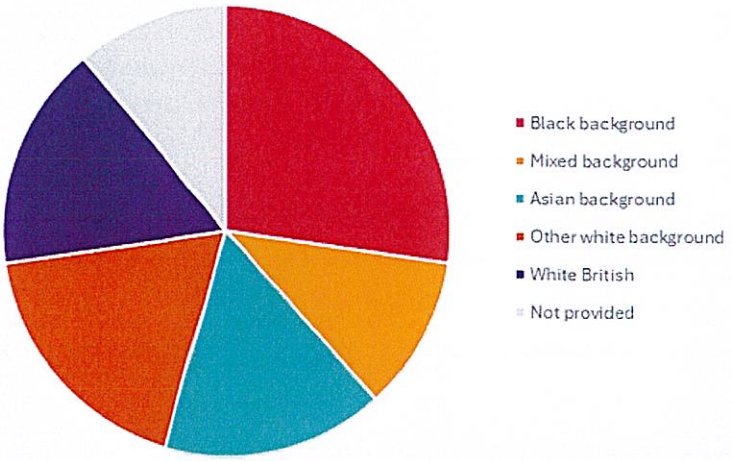
Fatima's son is thriving at nursery and she feels better equipped to support him following an ASD diagnosis. Fatima is studying from home. Her confidence has soared and she continues to engage with support services independently.

Support in numbers

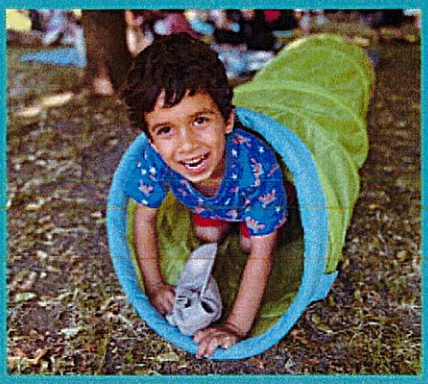
Family circumstances



Ethnic background



106 families supported



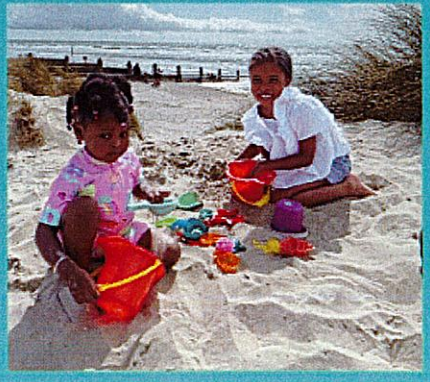
62 trained volunteers

Giving **192** children a brighter future



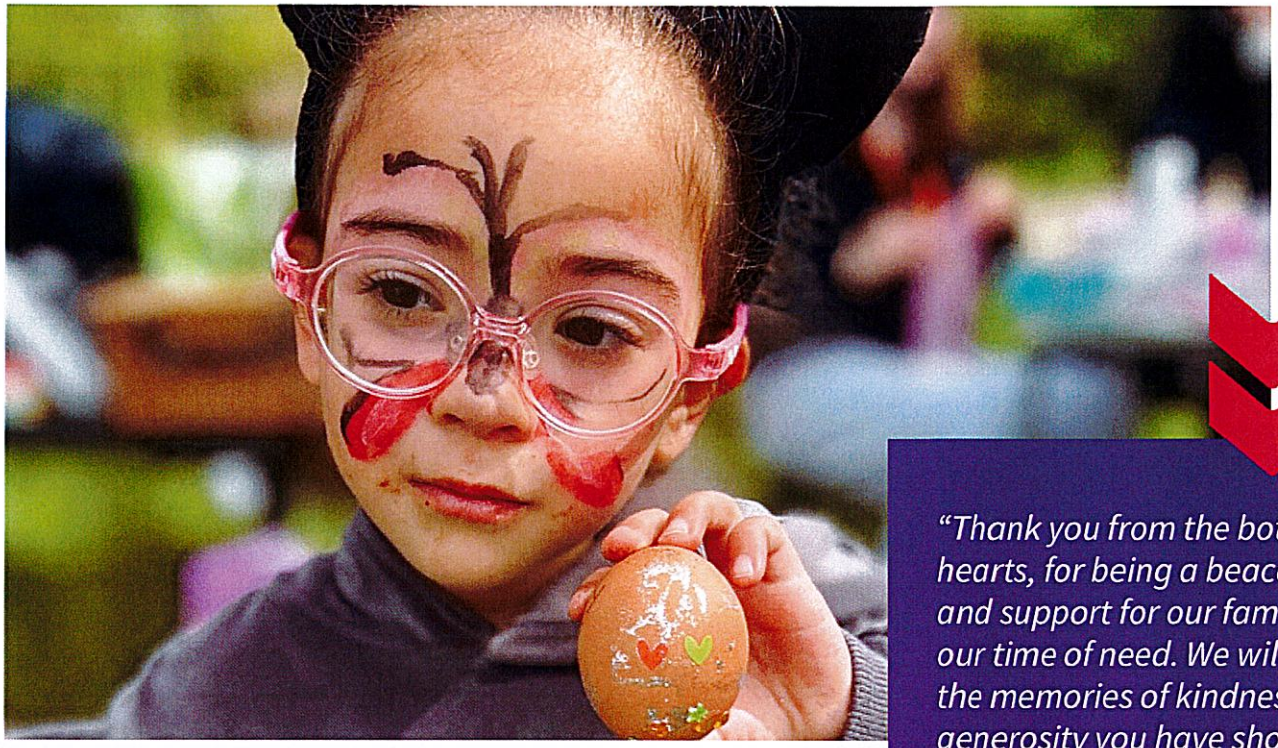
81 group activities

103 new referrals received



75 families accessed hubs (group support)

Data: 1 July 2023- 30 June 2024



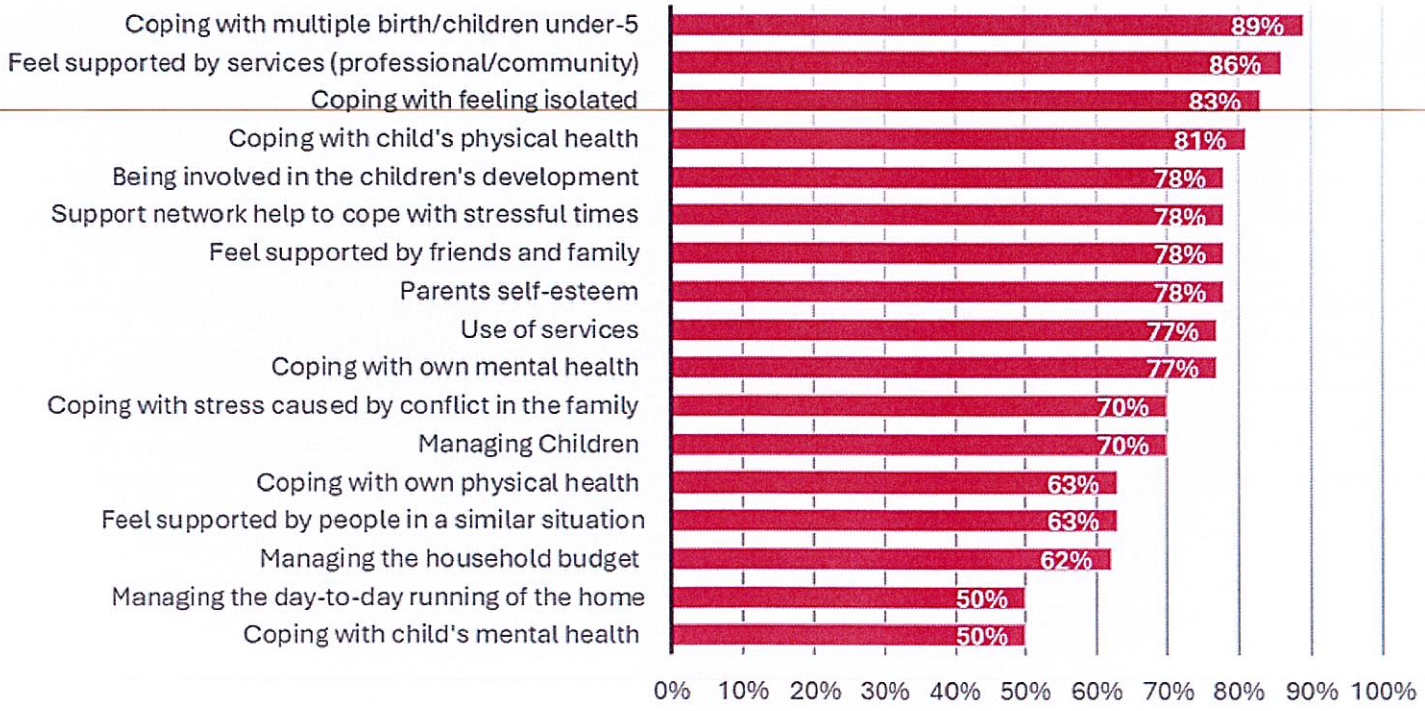
"Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, for being a beacon of hope and support for our family during our time of need. We will cherish the memories of kindness and generosity you have shown us."

Our impact

We measure the impact of our work for every family we support. Families are evaluated on a coping scale from 1-5 (1 being the lowest level of coping and 5 being the highest) at three stages (initial visit, review visit and at the end of Home-Start support).

The chart below shows the improvement in coping scores between the initial and last visit. The issues that saw the biggest improvement were '**coping with multiple children**', '**feeling supported by services**' and '**coping with isolation**.'

Percentage of families with improved scores after Home-Start support



Data: 1 July 2023- 30 June 2024

"Being referred to Home-Start was the best thing that could have happened to me. I have met incredible and caring volunteers and have loved all the groups, activities and sessions that Home-Start provides. They have made a real difference to mine and my daughter's life. I feel much less isolated now that I am part of such a wonderful community. My confidence has grown and my baby has had so much fun and made so many new friends."



Cara's story

Lonely and isolated after leaving friends and family in Brazil, to relocate to the UK, Cara was struggling with her mental health, which was exacerbated following the birth of her son.

After a referral from the perinatal mental health team to Home-Start Wandsworth's hubs programme, Cara started attending weekly group activities. Finding the confidence to attend a day trip with her baby to Kew Gardens, without the support of her partner, was a huge step forward for Cara.

Home-Start's tailored, responsive support has been a lifeline to Cara, helping her regain her confidence and alleviate the isolation that often comes with being a new mum. Cara relished the opportunity that Home-Start gave her to connect with other local parents through weekly meetups at Home Community Café.

She also attended a Home-Start parenting course which helped her confidence enormously as she could see the strength of the bond that she had created with her daughter. To boost her mental wellbeing, Cara also regularly attended Home-Start walk and talk sessions with one of our trained volunteers.

Cara is such an advocate for Home-Start groups that she has started to lead play and stay sessions for other Home-Start families.

63% of families were referred to Home-Start because they did not have a support network

Building supportive relationships

The first five years of a child's life are the most important in laying the foundations for learning, health, behaviour and relationships. The bond and attachment between babies and their parents is especially powerful.

Our tailored support aims to foster positive parent-child relations by helping parents to be more attuned to and involved in their child's development.

Through practical and emotional support, our Home-Start volunteers help parents build vital connections with their children and encourage a supportive, home environment in which children can thrive.

Our volunteers work alongside families, instilling confidence and self-esteem. Parents feel better equipped to deal with life stressors as a result, and acquire expertise and resilience that they can use in the future.

Our warm and welcoming groups give parents the space and time to relax and reconnect with themselves and their children.



78%

of families felt more involved in their child's development

"Attending hub events has been a lifeline to me. I am so lucky my boys are healthy, but they are physically and mentally exhausting and with no opportunity to ever step away from caring for them. I look forward to hub events for the social contact and supportive environment.

Carey and Clare are wonderful at making you feel welcome and helping you connect with other parents in a friendly low pressure space. The diverse events have exposed me and the children to activities I would not have had the opportunity or courage to try alone, and grown their confidence and mine."

83%

of families felt less isolated

Loneliness & isolation

Loneliness and isolation is a huge problem for many Home-Start families. For some families they may not have friends and family nearby or their mental health may make it difficult to leave their house and form new relationships.

Home-Start Wandsworth connects families with volunteers, who support families to venture out into the community and build vital social connections.

Our weekly structured meetups enable families to come together, chat and relax. The warm and welcoming environment helps families to feel less isolated, more confident around new people and better able to cope. As well as our regular meetups, we also organise day trips and host topic-focussed workshops, which give our parents the chance to build their skills and confidence. 95% of families feel that attending Home-Start groups has made them feel less lonely and isolated.

Mental health

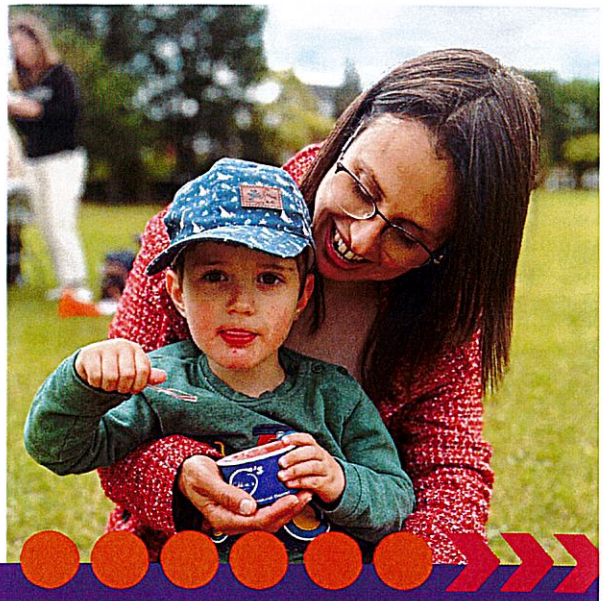
"Home-Start brought hope to my life, it made me feel I was welcomed and belonged somewhere. I lost interest in life but these activities made me look forward to the next day."

Mental health problems are especially common during pregnancy and in the months after birth (estimated 20% of women and 10% of men).

It is believed that children of parents with a mental illness experience greater levels of emotional, psychological and behavioural problems than their peers.

70% of the parents we work with are trying to cope with a range of mental health difficulties including post-natal depression, isolation and anxiety.

Home-Start is there for parents, providing emotional support, helping to build their confidence and self-esteem and connecting them with other specialist local services e.g. perinatal mental health team, Talk Wandsworth and Cedar House, when necessary.



77%

of parents felt they could cope better with their own mental health

Improving family circumstances

26% of children* in Wandsworth are living in poverty. Financial hardship in a child's early years can have lifelong consequences, negatively impacting their early learning and development. Sadly many never catch up.

64% of Home-Start families are believed to be living in poverty (defined as anyone living with low income/receiving Universal Credit or living in temporary accommodation).

In our recent Cost of Living Survey, 100% of the families who responded said that they had been impacted by the COL crisis and 54% agreed significantly. 1 in 4 mums said they could not afford to buy essential items like food, formula and nappies for their children. Through the winter months, many of the families we support are having to make decisions between heating and eating.

Nearly half of mums said they were skipping meals so that their children did not have to. For many families the COL crisis has negatively impacted their mental health, increasing feelings of stress and anxiety.

We aim to build resilience, so parents are better equipped to deal with their financial and practical challenges; to signpost to specialist support services such as the Citizens Advice Bureau, housing, food banks and baby banks; to boost self-esteem, build confidence and improve mental health.

After Home-Start support, families feel better able to manage their household budget (62%) and feel supported by professional / community services (86%).

"Your unwavering dedication to helping those in need has truly made a significant impact on our lives. Through your generosity and kindness you have brought hope, light and positivity into our lives when we needed it the most."

*https://trustforlondon.org.uk/data/boroughs/wandsworth-poverty-and-inequality-indicators/

Our community

We work in partnership with a number of charities and organisations to tackle the issues together that are important to families and communities. We were delighted that many were able to join us for our Community Day.

We are incredibly lucky to have the generous support of funders, donors and corporate partners who enable us to continue our vital work in the local community. Whether it be sponsoring one of our fundraising events, donating raffle and auction prizes, volunteering on one of our family trips or donating much needed funds, our partners help to improve the lives of families living in Wandsworth.

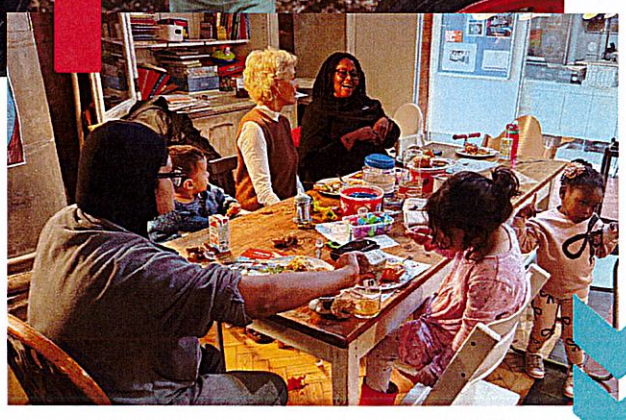
A special thank you to the following:

Ascension Church Balham
Bags of Taste
Battersea Arts Centre
Bellevue Law
Cadent
GC Gibson Charitable Trust
Crew Energy
Daisy First Aid
Enable
Garfield Weston Foundation
Give it Away
Henry Smith
Home Community Café
Intellimation AI
John Lewis & Partners
Landsec Futures
Learn to Love to Read
Kew Gardens
National Lottery Community Fund
Open Air Fit
Papa Johns London
Pears Foundation
Savills
SDS London
St Anne's Church Wandsworth
St Barnabas Church, Clapham
St Luke's Church Battersea
The Childhood Trust
The Miles Trust
Thomson Tyndall
Victoria Convalescent Trust
Wimbledon Foundation
White Stuff
Yoga Forever









Trips and outings

Many of the families we work with never get the chance for a break. Time together as a family away from the day-to-day stresses at home can create precious memories and strengthen bonds.

Thank you to Enable who funded our annual trip to West Wittering, and Kew Gardens for welcoming Home-Start Wandsworth families during the school half-term.

We are also grateful to Battersea Arts Centre for providing space on a Tuesday morning for our weekly meetups and Home Community Café for cooking a delicious meal for families at our Connect sessions.

Mayor's charity



In May, we were delighted to have been selected as one of Sana Jafri, Mayor of Wandsworth's three chosen charities. We see this as a hugely valuable opportunity to shine a spotlight on the incredible work we do and look forward to embarking on this journey alongside Sana and collaborating with Tooting Community Kitchen and Rackets Cubed.

We will be hosting two fundraising events this year in the Autumn and Spring in partnership with the Mayor's charities.

Our volunteers

A special thank you to our wonderful Home-Start volunteers who are at the heart of everything we do. Their dedication and compassion is unrivalled.

Through our Spring and Autumn Volunteer Preparation courses we trained 27 new volunteers. We also hosted training sessions covering safeguarding, peer support and child-centred outcomes. In June, we hosted a day of celebration to thank our volunteers.





And finally, a special thank you to our staff and Board of trustees who go above and beyond to ensure that Home-Start Wandsworth's vital works continues.

"The support we received from our volunteer was invaluable. She offered me support in ways that no family member or friend was able to. She was kind, thoughtful and always made us feel comfortable like she was part of the family."

GET IN TOUCH

To find out more about the work that we do, fundraising, volunteering or partnering with us, please get in touch.

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HOME START Wandsworth

Home-Start Wandsworth Limited

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Home-Start Wandsworth Limited

Year Ended 30 June 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Home-Start Wandsworth Limited ('the charity') for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements 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 the 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 Statement

Since the charity'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:

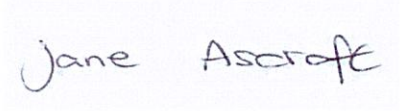
1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3. the financial statements 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 financial statements 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.



Jane Ascroft FCA MA (Cantab)
Independent Examiner

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Home-Start Wandsworth Limited

Statement of Financial Activities
(including income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 30 June 2024

	Note	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	66,228	104,201	170,429	150,759
Other trading activities	6	136,116	–	136,116	41,110
Investment income	7	1,393	–	1,393	(638)
Total income		203,737	104,201	307,938	191,231
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of other trading activities	8	63,088	–	63,088	9,534
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	140,770	104,201	244,971	268,491
Total expenditure		203,858	104,201	308,059	278,025
Net expenditure and net movement in funds		(121)	–	(121)	(86,794)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		76,419	–	76,419	163,213
Total funds carried forward		76,298	–	76,298	76,419

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 25 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

Home-Start Wandsworth Limited

Statement of Financial Position

30 June 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current Assets			
Debtors	**14**	1,400	400
Cash at bank and in hand		85,850	86,481
		87,250	86,881
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**15**	10,952	10,462
Net Current Assets		76,298	76,419
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		76,298	76,419
Net Assets		76,298	76,419
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds		76,298	76,419
Total charity funds	**17**	76,298	76,419

For the year ending 30 June 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

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

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 29 MAR 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

J Fergusson
Trustee

The notes on pages 25 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

Home-Start Wandsworth Limited

Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended 30 June 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net expenditure	(121)	(86,794)
Adjustments for:		
Other interest receivable and similar income	(1,393)	638
Accrued (income)/expenses	(1,030)	2,850
Changes in:		
Trade and other debtors	(1,000)	(400)
Trade and other creditors	1,520	7,612
Cash generated from operations	(2,024)	(76,094)
Interest received	1,393	(638)
Net cash used in operating activities	(631)	(76,732)
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(631)	(76,732)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	86,481	–
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	85,850	(76,732)

The notes on pages 25 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

1. General Information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Battersea Methodist Church, 20-22 York Road, 2nd Floor, London, SW11 3QA.

2. Statement of Compliance

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

3. Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going Concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The trustees consider that there are no significant estimates or judgements affecting these financial statements.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Income

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

3. Accounting Policies *(continued)*

Defined Contribution Plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Accrued income and tax recoverable is included at the best estimate of the amounts receivable at the balance sheet date.

Cash at Bank and in Hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Taxation

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

4. Limited by Guarantee

The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

5. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**
Donations			
Donations	46,625	–	46,625
Gift aid	12,071	–	12,071
Grants			
National Lottery Community Fund	–	31,173	31,173
Henry Smith Charity	–	35,000	35,000
Wimbledon Foundation	–	10,000	10,000
Pears Breathing Space	–	8,800	8,800
The Miles Trust	–	1,340	1,340
Roehampton University Play Based Measures	–	(300)	(300)
Enable	–	1,000	1,000
G C Gibson Trust	3,000	–	3,000
Cadent	–	2,188	2,188
Garfield Weston	–	15,000	15,000
Land Securities	2,000	–	2,000
Barratt	1,500	–	1,500
The Big Give	1,032	–	1,032
	66,228	104,201	170,429

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations	79,715	–	79,715
Grants			
National Lottery Community Fund	–	25,356	25,356
Henry Smith Charity	–	35,000	35,000
Wimbledon Foundation	–	–	–
Pears Breathing Space	–	–	–
The Miles Trust	–	1,200	1,200
White Stuff via HSUK	–	1,000	1,000
Roehampton University Play Based Measures	–	1,300	1,300
Enable	–	1,000	1,000
The London Community Foundation	1,000	–	1,000
G C Gibson Trust	3,000	–	3,000
Cadent	–	2,188	2,188
	83,715	67,044	150,759

6. Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
May Ball	98,637	98,637	4,003	4,003
Annual Quiz	19,752	19,752	19,998	19,998
Carol Service	12,014	12,014	9,079	9,079
Sponsored Events	5,708	5,708	7,935	7,935
Other events	5	5	95	95
	136,116	136,116	41,110	41,110

7. Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	1,393	1,393	(638)	(638)

8. Costs of Other Trading Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fundraising costs	63,088	63,088	9,534	9,534

9. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2024 £**
Costs of charitable activities	138,104	104,201	242,305
Support costs	2,666	–	2,666
	140,770	104,201	244,971

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Costs of charitable activities	197,439	67,044	264,483
Support costs	4,008	–	4,008
	201,447	67,044	268,491

10. Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Activity Type

	Activities undertaken directly	Support costs	**Total funds 2024**	Total fund 2023
	£	£	**£**	£
Costs of charitable activities	242,305	–	242,305	264,483
Governance costs	–	2,666	2,666	4,008
	242,305	2,666	244,971	268,491

11. Independent Examination Fees

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	1,320	4,008

12. Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	186,789	201,326
Social security costs	7,769	9,188
Employer contributions to pension plans	11,911	11,492
	206,469	222,006

The average head count of employees during the year was 10 (2023: 10). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Other staff	6	10

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £34,203 (2023:£42,000).

13. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

No trustees received any remuneration or expenses in the current or previous year.

14. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,400	400

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	4,730	3,796
Accruals and deferred income	1,820	2,850
Social security and other taxes	2,594	2,001
Other creditors	1,808	1,815
	10,952	10,462

16. Pensions and Other Post Retirement Benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £11,911 (2023: £11,492).

17. Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 July 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	76,419	202,705	(202,826)	76,298
Big Give	–	1,032	(1,032)	–
	76,419	203,737	(203,858)	76,298

	At 1 July 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 30 June 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	163,213	124,187	(210,981)	76,419
	163,213	124,187	(210,981)	76,419

17. Analysis of Charitable Funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 July 2023	Income	Expenditure	At 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£
National Lottery Community Fund	–	31,173	(31,173)	–
Henry Smith Charity	–	35,000	(35,000)	–
Wimbledon Foundation	–	10,000	(10,000)	–
Pears Breathing Space	–	8,800	(8,800)	–
The Miles Trust	–	1,340	(1,340)	–
Roehampton University Play Based Measures	–	(300)	300	–
Enable	–	1,000	(1,000)	–
Garfield Weston	–	15,000	(15,000)	–
Cadent	–	2,188	(2,188)	–
	–	104,201	(104,201)	–

	At 1 July 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 30 June 2023
	£	£	£	£
National Lottery Community Fund	–	25,356	(25,356)	–
Henry Smith Charity	–	35,000	(35,000)	–
Wimbledon Foundation	–	–	–	–
Pears Breathing Space	–	–	–	–
The Miles Trust	–	1,200	(1,200)	–
White Stuff via HSUK	–	1,000	(1,000)	–
Roehampton University Play Based Measures	–	1,300	(1,300)	–
Enable	–	1,000	(1,000)	–
Cadent	–	2,188	(2,188)	–
	–	67,044	(67,044)	–

17. Analysis of Charitable Funds *(continued)*

National Lottery Fund
This represents funding for core activities and for use for our group work.

Henry Smith Charity
This grant represents the project "Improving Lives", which supports vulnerable families with at least one child under five years old in the London Borough of Wandsworth.

Wimbledon Foundation
The grant was applied for to fund our Bump to Baby work - this is specific individual support managed by one of our coordinators supporting mothers expecting babies, and who are likely to need our support after birth.

Miles Trust
We applied to the Miles Trust for a small grant for staff and volunteer training - specifically the costs of providing our Volunteer Preparation Course which all new and returning volunteers must attend before being matched to a beneficiary family. In 2023, the Miles Trust has also supported a Community Event.

Pears Breathing Space Fund
This was a grant for salary costs for general purposes and Bump to Baby coordinators for a period of two months

White Stuff via HSUK
This represents a grant for the provision of Warm Spaces.

Roehampton University
This source of income represents funding for the participation in a study into play-based measures.

Enable
This is funding for travel costs for summer volunteers and family trips.

Garfield Weston
This is funding for core costs.

Cadent
This is funding for the Warm Spaces project.

18. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	**Total Funds 2024**
	£	£
Current assets	87,250	87,250
Creditors less than 1 year	(10,952)	(10,952)
Net assets	76,298	76,298

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£
Current assets	86,881	86,881
Creditors less than 1 year	(10,462)	(10,462)
Net assets	76,419	76,419

19. Analysis of Changes in Net Debt

	At 1 Jul 2023	Cash flows	**At 30 Jun 2024**
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	86,481	(631)	85,850

20. Related Parties

During the year, total donations of £3,520 (2023: £35,477) were received from 4 (2023: 5) Trustees.

The Following Pages Do Not Form Part of the Financial Statements.

Home-Start Wandsworth Limited

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year Ended 30 June 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	46,625	79,715
Gift aid	12,071	–
National Lottery Community Fund	31,173	25,356
Henry Smith Charity	35,000	35,000
Wimbledon Foundation	10,000	–
Pears Breathing Space	8,800	–
The Miles Trust	1,340	1,200
White Stuff via HSUK	–	1,000
Roehampton University Play Based Measures	(300)	1,300
Enable	1,000	1,000
The London Community Foundation	–	1,000
G C Gibson Trust	3,000	3,000
Cadent	2,188	2,188
Garfield Weston	15,000	–
Land Securities	2,000	–
Barratt	1,500	–
The Big Give	1,032	–
	170,429	150,759
Other trading activities		
May Ball	98,637	4,003
Annual Quiz	19,752	19,998
Carol Service	12,014	9,079
Marathon	5,708	7,935
Other events	5	95
	136,116	41,110
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	1,393	(638)
Total income	307,938	191,231

Home-Start Wandsworth Limited

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year Ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Expenditure		
Fundraising costs		
May ball costs	53,076	1,000
Quiz costs	6,189	7,341
Carol Service costs	1,182	500
Other fundraising costs	2,641	693
	63,088	9,534
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Costs of charitable activities		
Wages & salaries	186,789	201,326
Employer's NIC	7,769	9,188
Pension costs	11,911	11,492
Rent	12,866	12,219
Small equipment	191	1,439
Insurance	1,090	1,284
Hubs	6,284	8,068
Membership & accountancy fees	1,188	3,000
Telephone & internet	2,369	3,024
IT software & consumables	2,446	3,627
Recruitment, training & DBS checks	5,932	6,075
Other expenses	3,470	3,741
	242,305	264,483
Governance costs		
Accountancy fees	2,666	4,008
Expenditure on charitable activities	244,971	268,491
Total expenditure	308,059	278,025
Net expenditure	(121)	(86,794)

Home-Start Wandsworth Limited

Statement of Financial Position

30 June 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current Assets			
Debtors	**14**	1,400	400
Cash at bank and in hand		85,850	86,481
		87,250	86,881
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**15**	10,952	10,462
Net Current Assets		76,298	76,419
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		76,298	76,419
Net Assets		76,298	76,419
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted funds		76,298	76,419
Total charity funds	**17**	76,298	76,419

For the year ending 30 June 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

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

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

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on ....., and are signed on behalf of the board by:

J Fergusson
Trustee

The notes on pages 25 to 34 form part of these financial statements.

HOME-START WANDSWORTH LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1124109

Accounts

Registered number: 06278007
Charity number: 1124109

HOME-START WANDSWORTH LIMITED

(A company limited by guarantee)

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

RPGCC
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor
40 Gracechurch Street
London
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HOME-START WANDSWORTH LIMITED
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HOME-START WANDSWORTH LIMITED

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Trustees	H Blenkinsop (appointed 1 November 2023) P Chauhan (resigned 9 February 2024) J Fergusson T Harris (appointed 1 November 2023) L Hayllar M Kinsella (resigned 1 November 2023) J Leung S Robertson H Stilgoe K Swinburn (resigned 10 March 2023) K Vetch S Wemyss J Yuksel (appointed 1 November 2023)
Company registered number	06278007
Charity registered number	1124109
Registered office	Battersea Methodist Church 20-22 York Road 2nd Floor London SW11 3QA
Company secretary	L Hayllar
Accountants	RPG Crouch Chapman LLP Chartered Accountants 40 Gracechurch Street London EC3V 0BT
Independent Examiner	Jeremy Tyrrell FCA 40 Gracechurch Street London EC3V 0BT

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charitable company, present their report for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The Annual report serves the purpose of both a Trustees' report and a Directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 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).

Since the company qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and larger companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

This was another challenging year for Home Start Wandsworth, demand for family support services grew at the same time as pressures on donors and grant paying organisations increased as a result of the increases in the cost of living.

The Home Start team continued to provide tailored support to meet the needs of our families, by seeking opportunities to address and improve the difficult circumstances many families are faced with. Our staff and volunteers have worked hard this year to support families with both one to one home visiting as well as bump to baby and hub based activities. As always, we owe huge thanks to our staff and volunteers who work so hard to deliver support where it is needed most.

In the last year Home Start Wandsworth continued to provide our one to one home visiting programme as well as group 'hub' events to help families and children get out of the home and meet and participate in a range of activities including day trips to Kew Gardens and to the South Coast which provide some much needed fun for both parents and their young children but are also so important to both socialisation and addressing the problems of isolation. Throughout the year we tried to enhance the quality of family life by delivering craft materials, books, sensory toys to promote wellbeing, learning and child development, as well as activities through our partnerships with Learn to Love to Read, Open Air Fit and Enable to encourage participation in creative sessions, exploring new environments and taking part in sporting activities.

During the year the high and rising cost of living has been a significant factor for many families. This has increased the pressure on our services, and at the same time reduced many of the other community services on offer, but also has a direct impact on the financial situations of many of the families we support. Rising costs disproportionately affect those on lower incomes and we have been increasingly aware of the problems this can cause. Families are faced with difficult practical choices including 'heating vs eating' but also face challenges around mental wellbeing and with the increased relationship pressures financial hardship can bring. Our staff and volunteers have worked hard this year to find practical ways to deliver social and emotional support the families we work with to help address and where possible to alleviate these problems.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Our focus during the year has been on continuing to provide excellent targeted support. The success of our efforts is evidenced by the noticeable improvement in 'Coping Scores' which assess families on a range of measures before and after Home Start's involvement. Details of these can be found in the Impact Report that accompanies this report.

Alongside the incredible work carried out by our staff and volunteers, there were a few other highlights during the year.

We were delighted and grateful to be supported by:

- The National Lottery through their Community Fund and Awards for All programmes.
- The Henry Smith Charity for their multi-year grant supporting our core costs.

2022/23 was also a strong year for events and sponsorships after several years where these had been affected by Covid restrictions:

- Our Annual Quiz Night at the Wandsworth Civic Suite in October was a great success and raised almost £20,000, certainly the highest amount raised in recent years.

- Our Carol Service, held in December 2022, well attended and we were thrilled to raise in excess of £9,000.

- Our runners in various sponsored challenges managed to raise almost £8,000.

We continue to be hugely grateful to the many other individuals, companies and local organisations who support us through their generous donations. Without your support we could not continue to look after the families in Wandsworth in the way in which we do. Your support is so valuable to us and is very much appreciated.

Please read the impact report below to read a complete overview of what Home Start Wandsworth has achieved this year. In the meantime, I must thank every part of our organisation from staff and volunteers, to donors and supporters each of whom has played a key role in supporting our families. In another challenging and uncertain year, we are proud of what we have achieved and we look forward with enthusiasm to the coming year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Our total income for the year was £187,298 (2022: £258,849), split into unrestricted income of £120,754 (2022: £222,892) and restricted income of £66,544 (2022: £35,957).

Our reserves decreased by £86,794 (2022: £39,452) to £76,419 (2022: £163,213). The main expenditure, £222,006 (2022: £199,112), relates to personnel costs.

All reserves held at the year end are represented by unrestricted funds.

RESERVES POLICY

The charity aims to retain a level of total reserves of between 6 and 9 months of expenditure to cover the risk, activity and commitments of the organisation. The Trustees are aware that the current level of reserves fall short of this aim, but are confident that steps to optimise the charity's performance over the next 12 months will result in the reserves policy being met again in the foreseeable future.

GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the next 12 months. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

RISKS

The charity Trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which Home Start Wandsworth is exposed and have satisfied ourselves that systems and procedures have been established in order to manage these risks.

Since Home-Start Wandsworth works with vulnerable children and families, we consider safeguarding/ child protection the greatest area of inherent risk with our work. Home-Start Wandsworth has developed a comprehensive framework of consents, controls, policies and reviews to ensure we are able to fulfil our safeguarding and child protection responsibilities and deal with any concerns rapidly and sensitively.

Our risk register is grouped under four key areas; Strategic, Reputational, Operational and Financial. The major risks in each of these categories are:

Strategic – a safeguarding or child protection issue results in harm to individuals, and loss of trust and reputation amongst key stakeholders.

Reputational – an inability to respond to the sector challenges around diversity and inclusion leaves Home-Start Wandsworth vulnerable to external criticism.

Operational – our staff are unable to deliver our ambitions because of capacity, lack of skills, poor wellbeing, or disengagement.

Financial – an inability to secure future income in line with plans with funders, supporters and partners.

Structure, governance and management

CONSTITUTION

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee. The company is constituted under a Trust deed and is a registered charity, number 1124109.

The charity provides support for local families and has several charitable objectives:

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

There has been no change in these objectives during the year.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

The Trustees oversee the work of the organisation to ensure that it is efficient, equitable and provides a quality service to all vulnerable families and children supported. We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what was achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups we are set up to help. The review also ensures our aims, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes. We refer to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The Management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and coopted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Management committee

The charity has a Management committee made up of the Trustees who meet every 6 to 8 weeks and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. The Secretary, Linda Hayllar is also a Trustee.

The Scheme Manager, Michelle Cook, was responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and that the key performance indicators are met. The Scheme Manager has responsibility for the day to day operational management of the volunteer preparation courses and supervision of all staff.

All members of the Management committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. The Management committee meets its legal and financial responsibilities to ensure it is efficient, reviews its policies, undertakes relevant governance training and supports and supervises the workforce to ensure a high quality of service is delivered. In so far as it is complementary to the charity's objectives, the charity is guided by both local and national policy.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that policies and systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the HomeStart Wandsworth office. Quality Assurance is reviewed on an annual basis by HomeStart Wandsworth and by HomeStart UK every 3-4 years.

INFORMATION ON FUNDRAISING PRACTICES

The charity is actively involved in fundraising activities either through donations from individuals and corporations or at fundraising events. Members of the public are only approached if the charity has had previous contact with them. In our Fundraising Strategy we confirm we will abide by the standards of the Fundraising Regulator.

During the year ended 30 June 2023 the charity did not receive any complaints about its fundraising activities and practices.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

In the current year, the emphasis will be on regularising and expanding our services where possible. Beyond that we aim to focus on our longerterm sustainability both financially and strategically.

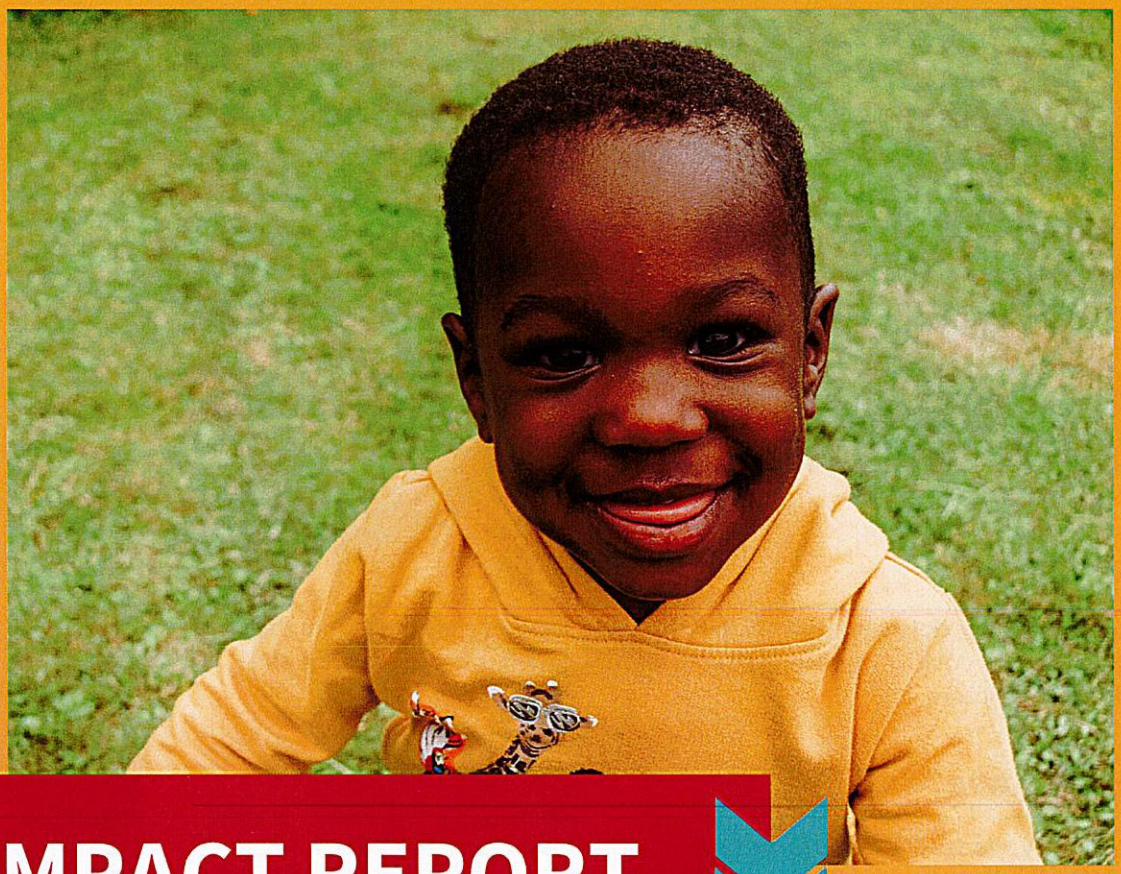
TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

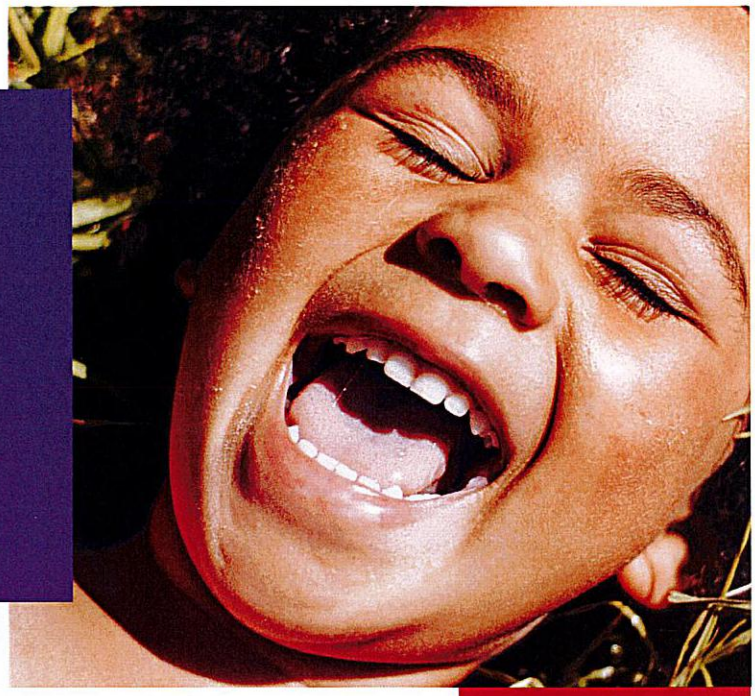
The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies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



IMPACT REPORT

2022-2023

HOME START Wandsworth



Our mission

We work with families to create an environment where young children can thrive.

Our vision

Our vision is a society where all children have the support they need from their caregiver for a positive, nurturing start in life, and families have resilience and hope for the future.

Our values

Humanity: we see the families we support as individual people, and our approach is based on the fundamental human qualities of relationship, inclusion, kindness and compassion.

Humility: we know that it takes a village to raise a child. We seek to work in partnership as peers to build on the inherent strengths and capabilities in people, families, communities and organisations.

Humour: in the face of challenges in life, we approach our relationships with an aim to finding joy, playfulness and fulfilment from our connected journey.

Our services

Our services focus on providing whole family support and include:

Home-visiting: one-to-one weekly support from a carefully matched, trained volunteer, providing practical help, guidance and emotional support.

Bump to Baby: one-to-one weekly support during pregnancy and the newborn stage from a volunteer trained in perinatal mental health and bonding and attachment.

Group activities: weekly structured meet-ups enable families to come together, chat and relax in a safe space. The warm and welcoming environment helps families to feel less isolated, more confident around new people and better able to cope. As well as our regular meetups we also organise day trips and host topic-focused workshops including first-aid, budgeting advice and early literacy, which give our parents the chance to build their parenting skills and confidence.



"Our early childhoods, the time from pregnancy to five, fundamentally shape our whole lives." Royal Foundation Centre for Early Childhood

Making the early years count

Home-Start Wandsworth believes that every child has the right to the best possible start in life, and we work with families to create an environment in which young children can thrive.

Extensive research shows that children who are raised in a stable, loving, family environment are more likely to have a positive and healthy future. Many factors including inadequate housing, mental and physical health issues and lack of support services can have a negative impact upon family relationships.

We believe that early intervention is the most effective support we can offer families and better than the alternative of spending '£17 billion per year on addressing the damaging problems that affect children and young people', later in life. (source: EIF)

Our Home-Start volunteers work alongside families, helping them to learn to cope, establish routines and instil confidence in their parenting ability. Parental involvement in early learning has one of the greatest impacts on children's wellbeing and achievement. The bond and attachment between children and their parents are especially powerful in laying the foundations for future learning, health, behaviour and relationships.

We work in partnership with a number of organisations to help parents feel more attuned and involved in their child's development. Through our partnership with **Learn to Love to Read**, early literacy sessions are made accessible to families and a lifelong love of reading is nurtured. Our group activities are also designed to enhance children's mental and physical health. Children are encouraged to participate in creative sessions, explore new environments and take part in sporting activities run in partnership with **Open Air Fit** and **Enable**.



133 families supported



86 group sessions



Giving 220 children a brighter future

Data: 1 July 2022- 30 June 2023



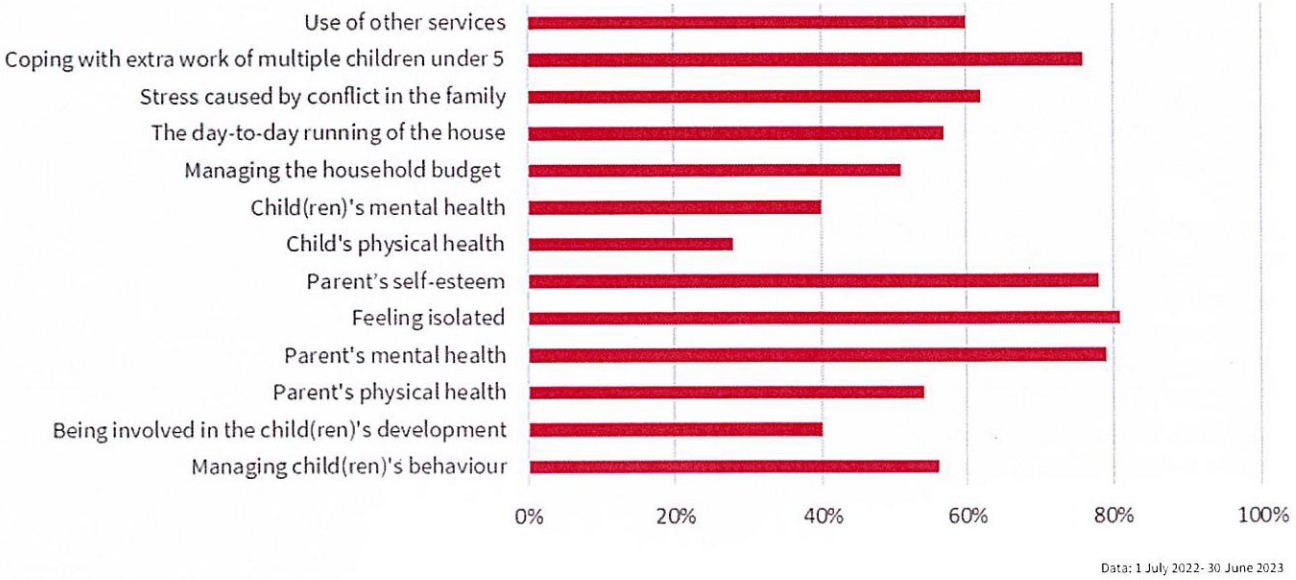
"I now know what it means when you hear the saying, 'It takes a village to raise a child.' I really felt that from all of the team at Home-Start Wandsworth."

Issues facing families

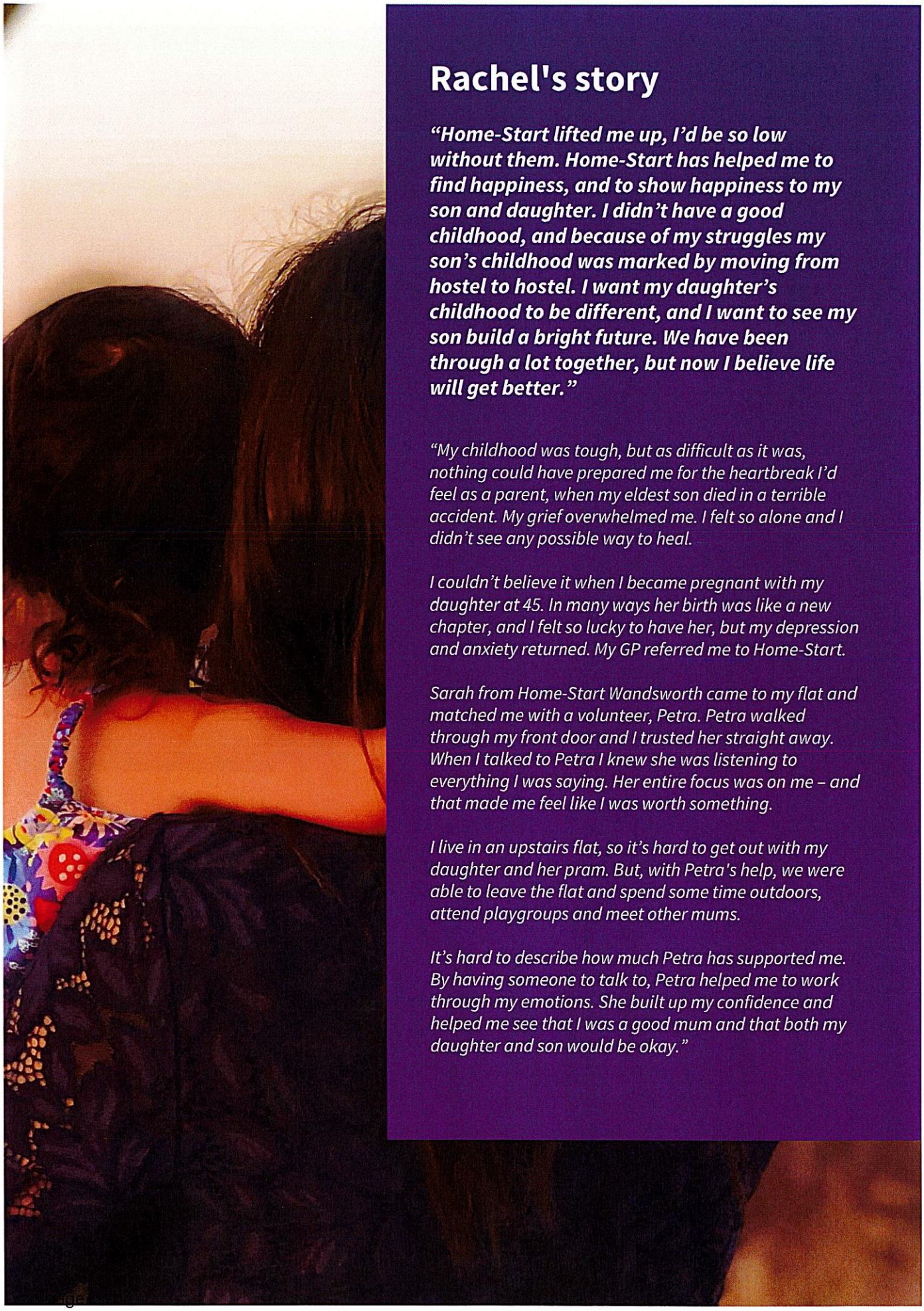
We measure the impact of our work for every family we support. Families are evaluated on a coping scale from 1-5 (1 being the lowest level of coping and 5 being the highest) at three stages (initial visit, review visit and at the end of Home-Start support).

The chart below highlights the issues that families are experiencing at the time of referral to Home-Start Wandsworth. It shows that families are struggling with **isolation** (81%), **poor mental health** (79%) and **low self-esteem** (78%). Being a parent has never been easy, but the pandemic and current cost of living crisis have turned families' lives upside down, creating added anxiety and increased financial pressure.

Percentage of families with low coping scores (1-3) at initial visit



Data: 1 July 2022- 30 June 2023



Rachel's story

"Home-Start lifted me up, I'd be so low without them. Home-Start has helped me to find happiness, and to show happiness to my son and daughter. I didn't have a good childhood, and because of my struggles my son's childhood was marked by moving from hostel to hostel. I want my daughter's childhood to be different, and I want to see my son build a bright future. We have been through a lot together, but now I believe life will get better."

"My childhood was tough, but as difficult as it was, nothing could have prepared me for the heartbreak I'd feel as a parent, when my eldest son died in a terrible accident. My grief overwhelmed me. I felt so alone and I didn't see any possible way to heal.

I couldn't believe it when I became pregnant with my daughter at 45. In many ways her birth was like a new chapter, and I felt so lucky to have her, but my depression and anxiety returned. My GP referred me to Home-Start.

Sarah from Home-Start Wandsworth came to my flat and matched me with a volunteer, Petra. Petra walked through my front door and I trusted her straight away. When I talked to Petra I knew she was listening to everything I was saying. Her entire focus was on me – and that made me feel like I was worth something.

I live in an upstairs flat, so it's hard to get out with my daughter and her pram. But, with Petra's help, we were able to leave the flat and spend some time outdoors, attend playgroups and meet other mums.

It's hard to describe how much Petra has supported me. By having someone to talk to, Petra helped me to work through my emotions. She built up my confidence and helped me see that I was a good mum and that both my daughter and son would be okay."

Our impact

The chart below shows the improvement in coping scores between the initial and last visit. The issues that saw the biggest improvement were '**use of services**', '**isolation**' and '**children's physical health**'.

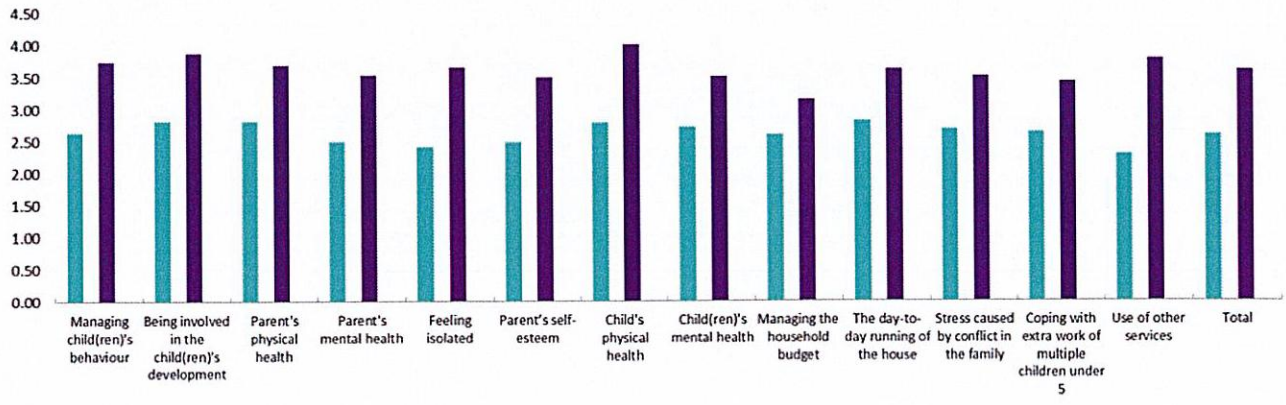
Our volunteers and experienced staff help families engage with local services and liaise with other professionals and partners to put in place support networks where needed. They work alongside families to identify the level and type of support needed to help them improve their circumstances.

A weekly programme of group activities, day trips and family fun days helps to reduce isolation and improve children's wellbeing through physical exercise.

The improved scores below show very clearly how families are benefitting from the services of Home-Start Wandsworth and where they would be without that support.

The areas with the lowest improvement scores were '**managing the household budget**' and '**child's mental health**.' These results are not surprising given that the pandemic has negatively affected children's mental health across the general population. The cost of living crisis has made managing household budgets especially challenging, with families struggling to put food on the table, pay utility bills and buy essential items like nappies. A survey carried out by Home-Start London[1] showed that 62% of families are cutting down on food and 23% said that their children were not getting enough nutritious food. We are seeing first-hand more and more families relying on charitable donations and food banks.

Average coping scores before and after Home-Start support



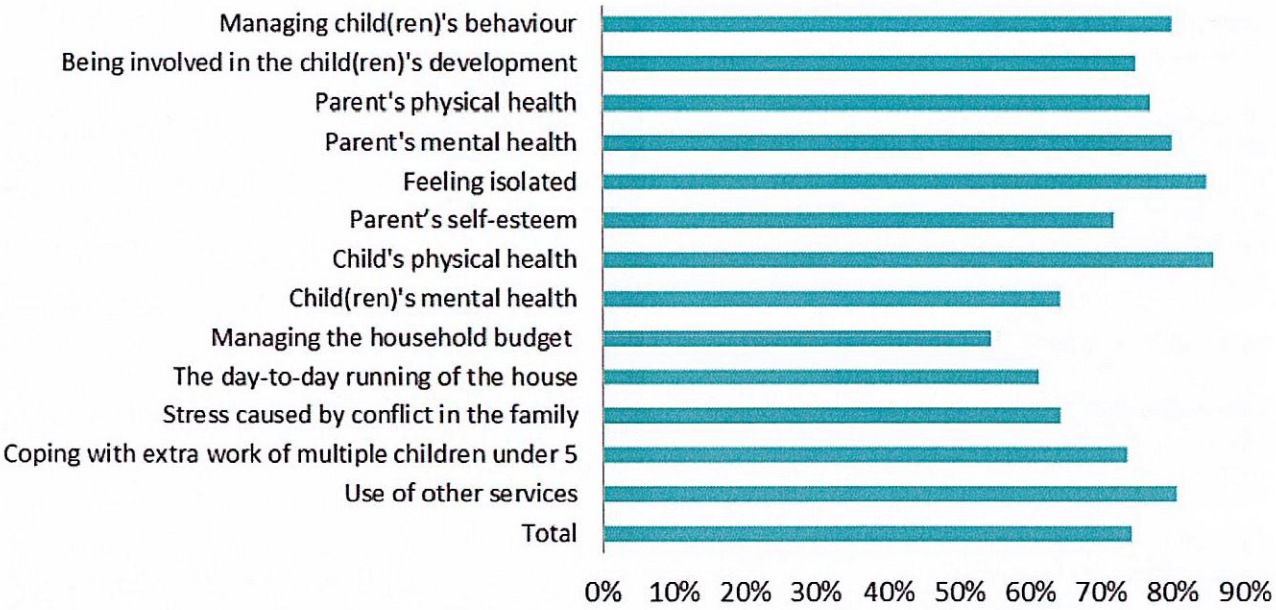
Data: 1 July 2022- 30 June 2023

[1]Home-Start London Cost of living survey October 2022



"My Home-Start volunteer is the best thing in my week. She's a consistent anchor, who is always objective. Her support is amazing."

Percentage of families with improved scores after Home-Start support



85%
of families feel less isolated

4 in 5
parents see improvements in their mental health

3 out of 4
families feel more involved in their child's development

Data: 1 July 2022- 30 June 2023



We support

Being a parent has never been easy and all parents struggle at one time or another. That is why Home-Start Wandsworth's network of trained volunteers and experienced staff team are here to support families through their most difficult times.

By providing practical and emotional support, our volunteers help parents build vital connections with their children and encourage a supportive, nurturing home environment in which children can thrive.

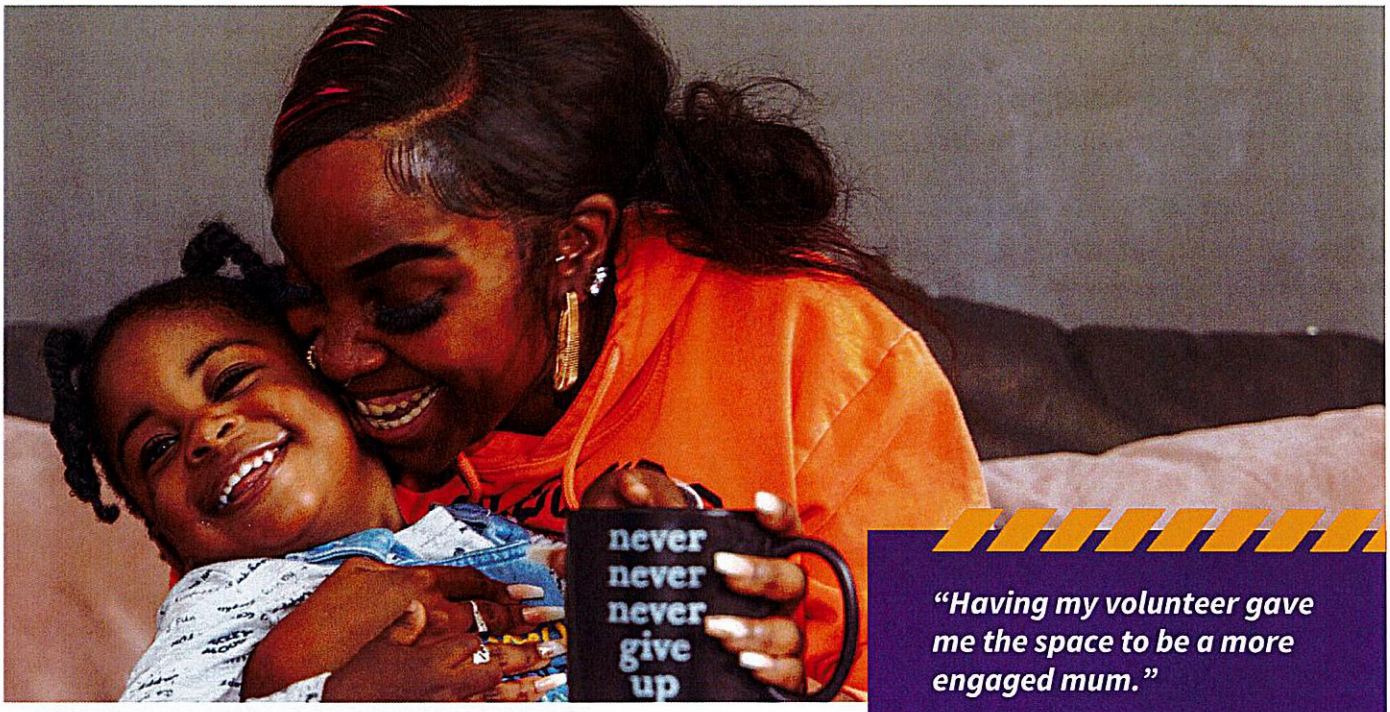
Our volunteers offer no judgement, just compassionate, confidential help and support tailored to the individual needs of the family.

Parents tell us that the amount of time and understanding they get from Home-Start Wandsworth, sets us apart from other organisations.

"Home-Start has been an invaluable part of the care of our service users, playing an integral role in our support plans. The presence of dedicated volunteers, both individually and in group settings, has made a significant difference in the lives of our patients. The women we work with express a deep appreciation for the support they receive from Home-Start volunteers, as it validates their experiences and provides them with much-needed companionship. They particularly value the flexibility of Home-Start's approach, which allows for tailored support to meet each woman's unique needs.

Additionally, Home-Start's group activities have been highly regarded among our perinatal mental health service users. The women feel truly listened to and heard, creating a safe and supportive environment for sharing their journeys. This sense of validation and understanding has been instrumental in promoting their wellbeing and fostering a sense of empowerment."

Dr Heba Mohammed, Perinatal Psychiatry Consultant, South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust



"Having my volunteer gave me the space to be a more engaged mum."

Tatiana's story

"My second son, Khamani was born during the pandemic. He was an exceptionally clingy baby and I think I knew deep down that something wasn't quite right. When he was 7 months old Khamani was diagnosed with a rare eye disorder, and we were told that he had already lost 80 percent of his sight. Suddenly we were thrust into a world of medical appointments. Khamani had two operations back-to-back to save the remaining 20 percent of his vision.

Khamani's disability makes life harder to manage and affects all of us. Getting out with the kids, keeping on top of the housework, managing Khamani's appointments, cooking meals or spending time with my older son Micai, 6, when Khamani refuses to be put down is tough. Most of the time Micai would go to our bedroom where he'd sit on his tablet for hours as all my focus was on Khamani. I felt so guilty.

My relationship with the boys' father broke down and I was left on my own, struggling to cope. I didn't want to burden friends and family, so I put on a mask, pretending to the outside world that I was coping when in fact I was desperately lonely, isolated and crippled with anxiety. We were referred to Home-Start Wandsworth, and I was matched with a Home-Start volunteer, Cynthia, who immediately put me at ease.

Cynthia is a rainbow in our life. With her help, we are able to leave the flat and go to the park, and even go on family day trips. When Cynthia visits, I have time to catch up on household chores and I can play a game or read with Micai while Cynthia plays with Khamani. For the first time, I can spend quality time with Micai knowing that Khamani is happy playing with Cynthia; she has built a brilliant bond with him.

We are so lucky to have Cynthia in our life. The difference she makes to my family is huge. I can be having a bad week and then I'll think Cynthia will be here on Wednesday and my anxiety goes down. She takes the pressure off and that makes me a more engaged and happy mum. The boys now have a mum who feels more confident and independent, less stressed and anxious.

I wouldn't be where I am today without Home-Start. By the time they got involved I'd lost all confidence in myself. I was struggling with Khamani's disability and I was still coming to terms with being a single parent. I was feeling very low. When I look back I can't believe how far I've come. I no longer feel guilty the children are missing out because they now have everything they need and more."



We connect

In this digital age, the need for real human connection has never been more important. Having a strong support system with close relationships with those around us is key to maintaining a positive state of mental wellbeing.

Home-Start helps families to build confidence and self-esteem as well as signposting to specialist support services where necessary. 81% of families feel more confident using other services following Home-Start support. Families are significantly better off when engaging with their community or local support networks.

Our weekly programme of group activities and day trips helps to reduce isolation by bringing families together and building social and community links. Parents feel more confident and better able to cope after attending the warm and welcoming group sessions. Weekly Connect sessions at Home Community Café create a real sense of community and belonging. Parenting workshops, designed to help parents navigate the early years with confidence, provide a safe and supportive environment for learning, and relaxed conversation.

These strengthened social support networks are instrumental in promoting positive mental and physical wellbeing.

Diagnosed with post-natal depression, Alloy was referred to Home-Start Wandsworth following the birth of her third baby. She was matched with Home-Start volunteer Sarah, a mum of five and a retired nurse. The two soon became firm friends and Alloy credits Sarah with helping her to regain her confidence and connection to the world outside.

"Last year was wonderful in that I had my baby, but it also became one of the darkest times in my life. After giving birth to my third child I was feeling low and I withdrew from everyone and everything. It was a time for me to be happy, but for some reason every thought was negative.

For months I was in a very dark place and felt so isolated. Despite being a nurse, I initially failed to pick up on the signs straight away as I thought I was having the baby blues. I felt so lonely and that the whole world was against me.

I was prescribed medications, had cognitive behavioural therapy, but the thing that made the biggest difference was the support and friendship of Sarah.

Whether I felt like crying or ranting she was there. Just having her there made me feel connected, and encouraged me to be positive. As for the children, they absolutely love Sarah and really look forward to her visits."

"The work of Home-Start's volunteers is very special, and they make an extraordinary difference to the lives of some of the most vulnerable families in our community. That's why we are proud supporters, especially now when the need is greatest."

Florence Brocklesby, Founder, Bellevue Law

Thank you for your support

We feel incredibly lucky to have the generous support of so many funders, donors, partners and supporters. Thank you to our event sponsors, **Savills**, **Bellevue Law** and **Metis Wealth**, who make our Quiz Night and Carol Service the success that they are.

We would also like to thank the Wandsworth community, whose kindness continues to overwhelm and inspire us. Without the extraordinary generosity of individuals, families, churches, schools and businesses we simply would not be able to help families today and in the future.

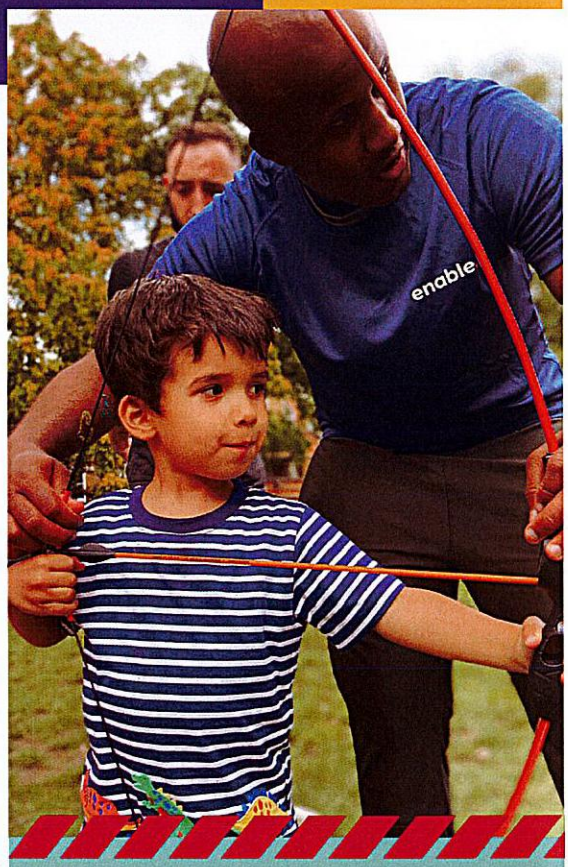
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Thanks to the generosity of our corporate partners, **White Stuff**, **BT** and **John Lewis,** Christmas was an especially magical time of year for Home-Start families.

"*Our Christmas dinner was going to be whatever we could get from a food bank. But the thing that was stressing me out most was how to explain to my daughter why Santa missed our home. Money is so tight at the moment I couldn't figure out how to get her, or my son, a small gift to open. Thank you Home-Start.*"

We would also like to thank our partner **Enable** for continuously supporting our day trips and family events.



We would like to thank our network of 65 volunteers for everything that they do for Home-Start and the countless hours of their time they give to supporting families.

Our volunteers are at the heart of Home-Start. The work that we do would simply not be possible without their continued commitment, knowledge and expertise.

We are also grateful to our staff team and Board of Trustees who work tirelessly to support families, preventing them from reaching crisis point.

CAN YOU HELP?

If this report has inspired you there are several ways you can support our vital work.

- Make a donation **online** or scan the **QR code**
- Become a **regular giver**
- **Volunteer**
- Follow us on social media

GET IN TOUCH

To find out more about the work that we do, fundraising, volunteering or partnering with us, please get in touch.

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HOME START Wandsworth

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



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Mr James Fergusson
Treasurer and Trustees
Date: 26 March 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Home-Start Wandsworth Limited ('the company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the company (and 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 the company's accounts 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 Statement

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 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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

This report is made solely to the company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:  Dated: 27 March 2024

Jeremy Tyrrell FCA

RPG Crouch Chapman LLP
Chartered Accountants
40 Gracechurch Street
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HOME-START WANDSWORTH LIMITED
(A company limited by guarantee)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	4	92,150	66,544	158,694	99,624
Fundraising Events	5	29,242	-	29,242	157,524
Investments	6	(638)	-	(638)	1,236
Other income	7	-	-	-	465
Total income		120,754	66,544	187,298	258,849
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	8	4,401	-	4,401	56,166
Charitable activities	9	203,147	66,544	269,691	242,135
Total expenditure		207,548	66,544	274,092	298,301
Net movement in funds		(86,794)	-	(86,794)	(39,452)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		163,213	-	163,213	202,665
Net movement in funds		(86,794)	-	(86,794)	(39,452)
Total funds carried forward		76,419	-	76,419	163,213

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 24 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

HOME-START WANDSWORTH LIMITED
(A company limited by guarantee)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 06278007

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	Note		2023 £		2022 £
Current assets					
Debtors	13	400		2,578	
Cash at bank and in hand		86,481		168,561	
		86,881		171,139	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(10,462)		(7,926)	
Net current assets			76,419		163,213
Total assets less current liabilities			76,419		163,213
Total net assets			76,419		163,213
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	15		-		-
Unrestricted funds	15		76,419		163,213
Total funds			76,419		163,213

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr James Fergusson
Trustee
Date: 26 March 2024

The notes on pages 24 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

1. General information

Home-Start Wandsworth Limited is a private company limited by guarantee, company number 06278007. Its registered office and principal place of business is Battersea Methodist Church, 20-22 York Road, London, SW11 3QA. The principal activity of the company remained the support of disadvantaged families.

The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Home-Start Wandsworth Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements have been prepared in GBP and all amounts are rounded to the nearest £.

2.2 Going concern

The Trustees are of the opinion that the charity's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the charity's needs. The Trustees are also of the opinion that their plans for future action(s) required to enable the charity to continue as a going concern are feasible. They have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements.

2.3 Income

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

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Income (continued)

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.9 Financial instruments

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.10Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

2.11Cash flow exemption

The financial statements do not include a Statement of Cash Flows because the charitable company, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under the provisions of FRS 102 (SORP 2015).

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results, however, the Trustees are of the opinion that there are no estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

4. Income from donations and legacies

	Un-restricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	79,674	-	79,674
Grants	12,476	66,544	79,020
	92,150	66,544	158,694

	Un-restricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations	38,560	-	38,560
Grants	25,107	35,957	61,064
	63,667	35,957	99,624

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5. Income from other trading activities

Income from fundraising events

	Un-restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
May Ball	70	70
Annual Quiz	19,998	19,998
Carol Concert	9,079	9,079
Other Events	95	95
	29,242	29,242

	Un-restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
May Ball	146,793	146,793
Annual Quiz	1,090	1,090
Carol Concert	5,486	5,486
Other Events	4,155	4,155
	157,524	157,524

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6. Investment income

	Un-restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Interest received	(638)	(638)

	Un-restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Interest received	1,236	1,236

7. Other incoming resources

	Total funds 2023 £
Other income	-

	Un-restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Other income	465	465

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8. Expenditure on raising funds

Direct costs of events

	Un-restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Fundraising expenditure	4,401	4,401

	Un-restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Fundraising expenditure	56,166	56,166

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9. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Un-restricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Direct costs	203,147	66,544	269,691

	Un-restricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Direct costs	206,178	35,957	242,135

Summary by expenditure type

	Staff costs 2023 £	Other costs 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Direct costs	222,006	47,685	269,691

	Staff costs 2022 £	Other costs 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Direct costs	199,112	43,023	242,135

10. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Direct costs	269,691	269,691

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Direct costs	242,135	242,135

Analysis of direct costs

	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Staff costs	222,006	199,112
Marketing & Comms	745	1,860
Membership & Accountancy Fees	7,008	5,914
Bank charges	355	285
DBS checks	1,219	2,598
Other expenses	1,974	2,674
Evaluation	1,200	-
Hubs	8,068	3,797
Insurance	1,284	1,091
IT Software & Consumables	3,627	4,555
Occupancy	12,219	13,505
Recruitment & Temp Staff	4,856	1,277
Telephone & Internet	3,024	3,206
Volunteer & Family Support	667	844
Small Equipment	1,439	1,417
	269,691	242,135

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11. Staff costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	201,326	180,263
Social security costs	9,188	8,064
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	11,492	10,785
	222,006	199,112

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Directors	13	10
Other employees	10	9
	23	19

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

Apart from the Trustees, key management comprised the charity director. During the year key management remuneration amounted to £42,000 (2022: £34,969).

12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

During the year ended 30 June 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022 - £).

13. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	400	355
Prepayments and accrued income	-	2,223
	400	2,578

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	3,796	3,871
Other taxation and social security	2,001	-
Other creditors	1,815	41
Accruals and deferred income	2,850	4,014
	10,462	7,926

15. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 July 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 June 2023 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted Fund	163,213	120,754	(207,548)	76,419
Restricted funds				
National Lottery Fund	-	25,356	(25,356)	-
Henry Smith Charity	-	35,000	(35,000)	-
Wimbledon Foundation	-	-	-	-
DCMS Pears Grant	-	-	-	-
The Miles Trust	-	1,700	(1,700)	-
The Childhood Trust	-	-	-	-
Warm Spaces	-	2,188	(2,188)	-
Roehampton University Play Based Measures	-	1,300	(1,300)	-
Enable	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
	-	66,544	(66,544)	-
Total of funds	163,213	187,298	(274,092)	76,419

15. Statement of funds (continued)

Henry Smith Charity
This grant represents the project "Improving Lives", which supports vulnerable families with at least one child under five years old in the London Borough of Wandsworth.

Wimbledon Foundation
The grant was applied for to fund our Bump to Baby work – this is a specific group activity managed by one of our coordinators supporting mothers expecting babies, and who are likely to need our support after birth.

Miles Trust
We applied to the Miles Trust for a small grant for staff and volunteer training - specifically the costs of providing our Volunteer Preparation Course which all new and returning volunteers must attend before being matched to a beneficiary family. In 2023, the Miles Trust has also supported a Community Event.

DCMS Pears Grant
This was a grant to support our work with volunteers - specifically to employ a team member to work with volunteer engagement and communications. This was started during the lockdown with remote working but is likely to continue.

The Childhood Trust
A small grant application to fund our hub activity - Hubs are group meetings with activities which our families attend, usually towards the end of the one to one volunteer support relationship to help with problems of isolation and socialization and to help build peer to peer relationships.

Warm Spaces
This represents a grant from Cadent (CFW) for the provision of Warm Spaces.

Roehampton University
This source of income represents funding for the participation in a study into play-based measures.

Enable
This is funding for travel costs for summer volunteers and family trips.

National Lottery Fund
This represents funding for core activities and the Bump to Baby project.

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15. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 July 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 June 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted Fund	202,665	222,892	(262,344)	163,213
Restricted Funds				
National Lottery Fund	-	-	-	-
Henry Smith Charity	-	17,500	(17,500)	-
Wimbledon Foundation	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
DCMS Pears Grant	-	5,957	(5,957)	-
Warm Spaces	-	-	-	-
The Miles Trust	-	1,500	(1,500)	-
The Childhood Trust	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
Roehampton University Play Based Measures	-	-	-	-
Enable	-	-	-	-
	-	35,957	(35,957)	-
Total of funds	202,665	258,849	(298,301)	163,213

16. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Un-restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Current assets	86,881	86,881
Creditors due within one year	(10,462)	(10,462)
Total	76,419	76,419

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Un-restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Current assets	171,139	171,139
Creditors due within one year	(7,926)	(7,926)
Total	163,213	163,213

17. Related party transactions

During the year, total donations of £35,477 (2022: £605) were received from 5 (2022: 4) Trustees.

HOME-START WANDSWORTH LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1124109

Accounts

Registered number: 06278007
Charity number: 1124109

HOME-START WANDSWORTH LIMITED

(A company limited by guarantee)

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

RPG Crouch Chapman LLP
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HOME-START WANDSWORTH LIMITED

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Trustees	J Fergusson L Hayllar K Vetch (appointed 7 December 2021) J Leung (appointed 7 December 2021) T Nicholls (resigned 7 December 2021) H Stilgoe S Robertson S Wemyss K Swinburn (resigned 7 December 2021) P Chauhan M Kinsella
Company registered number	06278007
Charity registered number	1124109
Registered office	Battersea Methodist Church 20-22 York Road 2nd Floor London SW11 3QA
Company secretary	L Hayllar
Accountants	RPG Crouch Chapman LLP Chartered Accountants 14-16 Dowgate Hill London EC4R 2SU
Independent Examiner	Jeremy Tyrrell FCA 5th Floor 14-16 Dowgate Hill London EC4R 2SU

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

The trustees, who are also directors of the charitable company, present their report for the year ended 30 June 2022.

The Annual report serves the purpose of both a Trustees' report and a director's report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financail statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 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).

Since the comany qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and larger companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The 2021/22 year was a complex one for HomeStart Wandsworth, spanning the gradual removal of Covid-19 related lockdown and social distancing arrangements which eventually ended in February. The Home-Start team adapted well to the challenges of Covid and responded flexibly to the needs of our families, not only in maintaining a safety net but also by seeking opportunities to address and improve their difficult circumstances. Our staff and volunteers embraced new forms of technology and different ways of working to ensure that they were there when they were needed the most. The lifting of social distancing guidelines allowed us to return to a more normal pattern of support, with home visiting and hub-based activities welcomed by staff, volunteers and families alike. As ever, we owe huge thanks to our staff and volunteers who work so hard.

In the last year Home-Start Wandsworth continued to provide one to one telephone and online befriending, and online peer support groups and workshops, and as covid rules changed, we were able to meet with families face to face again. We were able to restart our home visiting programme as well as group 'hub' events to help families and children get out of the home and meet and participate in a range of fun activities which are so important to both socialisation and to addressing the problems of isolation - issues that are often faced by the parents of young children but exacerbated by lockdown and social distancing rules. Throughout the year we tried to enhance the quality of family life by delivering craft materials, books, sensory toys and other resources that promote wellbeing, learning and child development. When restrictions eased, volunteers began meeting families in the community, connecting them with other services and safeguarding against isolation.

During the year the rising cost of living has been a significant factor for many families. This has increased the pressure on our services, and at the same time reduced many of the other community services on offer, but also has a direct impact on the financial situations of many of the families we support. Rising costs disproportionately affect those on lower incomes and we have been increasingly aware of the problems this can cause. Families are faced with difficult practical choices including 'heating vs eating' but also face challenges around mental wellbeing and with the increased relationship pressures financial hardship can bring. Our staff and volunteers have worked hard this year to find practical ways to deliver social and emotional support the families we work with to help alleviate these problems.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

During this remarkable year, Home-Start Wandsworth supported a total of 114 (2021: 116) unique families through home-visiting, Bump to Baby and hubs. This covers 195 (2021: 173) children in total. This represents a small increase in numbers which has been pleasing given the continued complexity of the challenges being faced by already vulnerable families, illness and absence in our own staff team and reduced availability of volunteers. For the coming year we anticipate that our capacity will start to return to pre-Covid levels in terms of the numbers of beneficiaries we support although the mix of services may well change as we adapt to the needs of the families and embrace new technology to find innovative ways of supporting them. Our focus during the year has been on continuing to provide excellent targeted support. The success of our efforts is evidenced by the noticeable improvement in 'Coping Scores' which assess families on a range of measures before and after Home-Start's involvement. Details of these can be found in the Impact Report that accompanies this report.

Alongside the incredible work carried out by our staff and volunteers, there were a few other highlights during the year:

Garfield Weston awarded HSW £15,000 towards core costs in supporting vulnerable families in our community from October 2021 to October 2022.

HSW participated in The Big Give Christmas Challenge beating our target and raising £4,590, a great success for our first digital fundraising campaign.

Our Carol service, held in December 2021, was the first fundraising event held in 22 months. Just over 100 people attended and we were thrilled to raise in excess of £5,000.

The Wimbledon Foundation awarded HSW £10,000 in February 2022 towards supporting our Bump to Baby project where we aim to support at least 33 families in the year.

In April 2022 we were delighted to be funded by the Henry Smith Charity for a total of £105,000 over three years towards core costs.

We held our second May ball in the Battersea Arts Centre in May 2022, with around 280 people attending and raising just in excess of £100,000 net of expenditure. This fantastic support from our local community is very much appreciated.

We welcomed a new Home-Start Wandsworth Director, Michelle Cook, and two new trustees, Jeremy Leung and Kate Vetch, during the year, whom we are delighted to have on board.

Please read the impact report below to read a complete overview of what Home-Start Wandsworth has achieved this year. In the meantime, I must thank every part of our organisation from staff and volunteers, to donors and supporters each of whom has played a key role in supporting our families. In another challenging and uncertain year, we are proud of what we have achieved and we look forward with enthusiasm to the coming year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Our total income for the year was £258,849 (2021: £159,491), split into unrestricted income of £222,892 (2021: £45,326) and restricted income of £35,957 (114,165).

Our reserves decreased by £39,452 (2021: £79,440) to £163,213 (2021: 202,665). The main expenditure, £199,112 (2021: £187,781), relates to personnel costs.

All reserves held at the year end are represented by unrestricted funds.

RESERVES POLICY

The charity aims to retain a level of total reserves of between 6 and 9 months of expenditure to cover the risk, activity and commitments of the organisation.

GOING CONCERN

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charitable company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

RISKS

The charity trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which Home Start Wandsworth is exposed and have satisfied ourselves that systems and procedures have been established in order to manage these risks.

Since Home-Start Wandsworth works with vulnerable children and families, we consider safeguarding/ child protection the greatest area of inherent risk with our work. Home-Start Wandsworth has developed a comprehensive framework of consents, controls, policies and reviews to ensure we are able to fulfil our safeguarding and child protection responsibilities and deal with any concerns rapidly and sensitively.

Our risk register is grouped under four key areas; Strategic, Reputational, Operational and Financial. The major risks in each of these categories are:

Strategic – a safeguarding or child protection issue results in harm to individuals, and loss of trust and reputation amongst key stakeholders.

Reputational – an inability to respond to the sector challenges around diversity and inclusion leaves Home-Start Wandsworth vulnerable to external criticism.

Operational – our staff are unable to deliver our ambitions because of capacity, lack of skills, poor wellbeing, or disengagement.

Financial – an inability to secure future income in line with plans with funders, supporters and partners.

Structure, governance and management

CONSTITUTION

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee. The company is constituted under a Trust deed and is a registered charity, number 1124109.

The charity provides support for local families and has several charitable objectives:

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

There has been no change in these objectives during the year.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

The Trustees oversee the work of the organisation to ensure that it is efficient, equitable and provides a quality service to all vulnerable families and children supported. We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what was achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups we are set up to help. The review also ensures our aims, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes. We refer to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The Management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and coopted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Management committee

The charity has a Management committee made up of the Trustees who meet every 6 to 8 weeks and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. The Secretary, Linda Hayllar is also a Trustee.

The Scheme Manager, Rose Swainston (until April 2022), succeeded by Michelle Cook, is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and that the key performance indicators are met. The Scheme Manager has responsibility for the day to day operational management of the volunteer preparation courses and supervision of all staff.

All members of the Management committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. The Management committee meets its legal and financial responsibilities to ensure it is efficient, reviews its policies, undertakes relevant governance training and supports and supervises the workforce to ensure a high quality of service is delivered. In so far as it is complementary to the charity's objectives, the charity is guided by both local and national policy.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that policies and systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the HomeStart Wandsworth office. Quality Assurance is reviewed on an annual basis by HomeStart Wandsworth and by HomeStart UK every 3-4 years.

INFORMATION ON FUNDRAISING PRACTICES

The charity is actively involved in fundraising activities either through donations from individuals and corporations or at fundraising events. Members of the public are only approached if the charity has had previous contact with them. In our Fundraising Strategy we confirm we will abide by the standards of the Fundraising Regulator.

During the year ended 30 June 2022 the charity did not receive any complaints about its fundraising activities and practices.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

In the current year, the emphasis will be on regularising and expanding our services where possible. Beyond that we aim to focus on our longerterm sustainability both financially and strategically.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropirate to presume that the company will continue in business

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

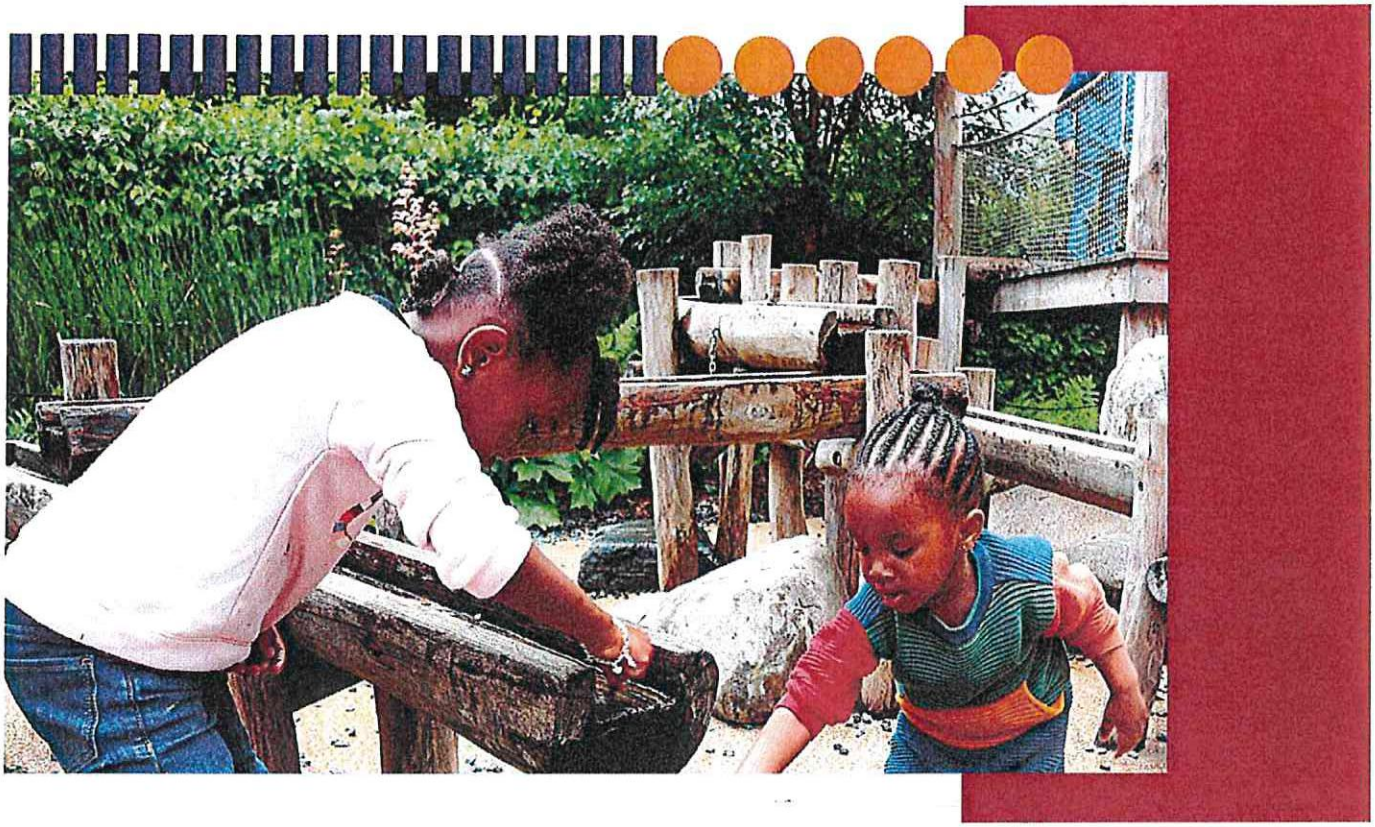
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IMPACT REPORT





HOME START Wandsworth



Our work

Families today are facing unprecedented challenges. For families that were already struggling, the global pandemic and economic turbulence have acted as magnifiers, exacerbating existing challenges and creating additional pressures. We are witnessing first hand the rising levels of mental illness, financial hardship and social isolation with three quarters of families feeling cut off from friends and family[1].

The first five years of a child's life are the most important in shaping their future. During this time, children need nurturing care from their parents and caregivers. The quality of the relationships that surround children, and a positive home environment are key to promoting wellbeing, healthy relationships and school success later in life. Parents are worried about lost opportunities for their children and are anxious about the detrimental impact on their child's development.

Our experienced staff and trained volunteers work alongside families with children under the age of five, providing practical and emotional support tailored to the individual needs of the family. We support parents to grow in confidence, strengthen their relationship with their children, and widen links with the local community to alleviate isolation.

We offer three key areas of support with families able to access one or a combination according to their individual needs and preferences.

Core home-visiting: we match each family with a trained volunteer who visits them in their home for 2-4 hours every week to provide practical help, guidance and emotional support.

Bump to Baby: one-to-one weekly home-visiting support during pregnancy and the newborn stage from a volunteer trained in perinatal mental health, bonding and attachment.

Group activities: structured weekly group activities for families supported by trained volunteers and Staff Coordinators. Our weekly meetups enable families to come together, chat and relax in a safe environment. They give parents an opportunity to try new things and make friends. The warm and welcoming environment helps them feel less isolated, more confident around new people and better able to cope.

[1] Home is where we start from https://www.home-start.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=1cb9d1b2-6253-478e-a939-db5d8e06899d

Support in numbers

Giving **195** children a brighter future

114 families supported

36 Bump to Baby families

68 families supported though groups

73 volunteers

55 group activities

24 online group workshops

Data July 2021- June 2022

"I think the support came at exactly the right time. You were there even when other services were unavailable or ended their support.

It's been an emotional journey, but I feel I'm ready to move on now. Before I was feeling too vulnerable and would say 'no'. I am now able to say yes to support and get the help I need....I am grateful that Home-Start stayed with me for as long as you did. I'm so thankful this service exists. I am recommending it to other mums that are struggling."

Marsha's story

Feeling isolated, overwhelmed and struggling with low self-esteem and confidence, new mum Marsha was matched with Home-Start Wandsworth volunteer Maddi.

With no other mums to talk to, Marsha felt incredibly lonely, and just speaking to Maddi gave her "something to do that day." Knowing that she would be met without judgement, Marsha felt comfortable confiding in Maddi, sharing the highs and lows of parenting.

The emotional support Maddi gave has been fundamental in helping Marsha combat the anxiety and loneliness she was facing but it goes hand in hand with the practical help that she also needed. Maddi introduced her to a number of baby groups and signposted her to additional support services. With Maddi's support, Marsha started taking her baby swimming and to sensory play sessions, decreasing her own isolation but also enhancing her baby's social and physical development.

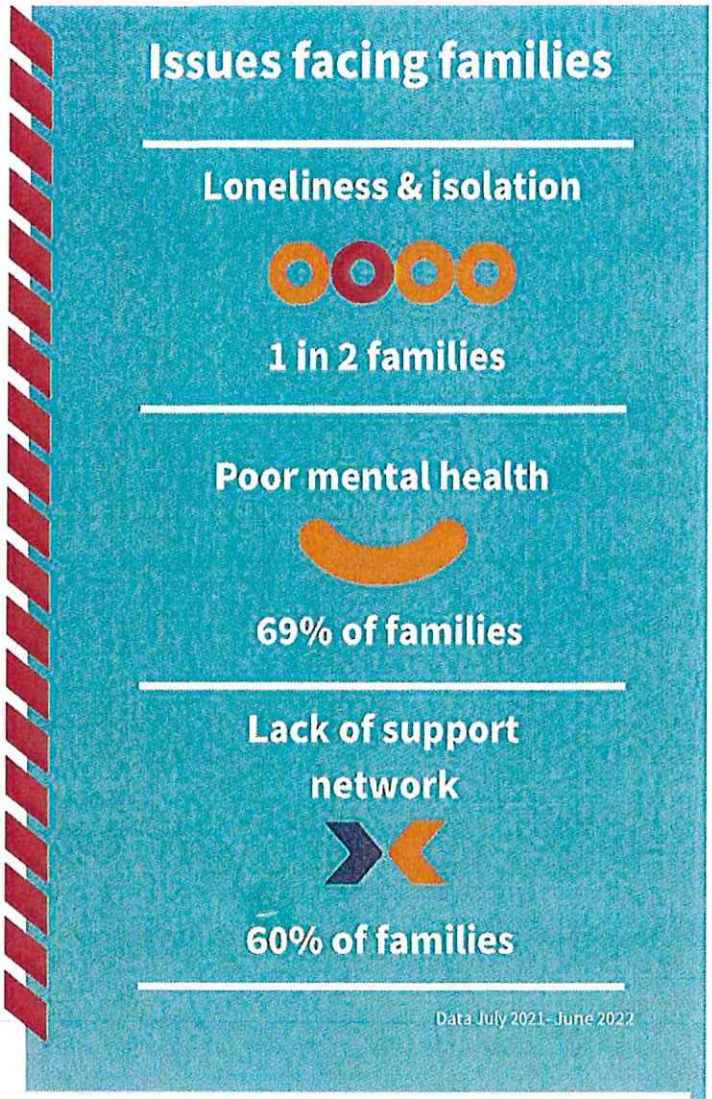
Marsha's confidence has soared since Maddi came into her life. She now feels empowered to make her own decisions and is confident to reject advice or information that isn't helpful or undermines her own opinions. The transformation in Marsha is apparent and for the first time since her baby was born, she is relishing being a mum and her baby is thriving. Her view of parenting is more realistic and she feels that she is more in tune with her baby's needs. With renewed confidence and sense of worth, Marsha has returned to work and remains close to Maddi.

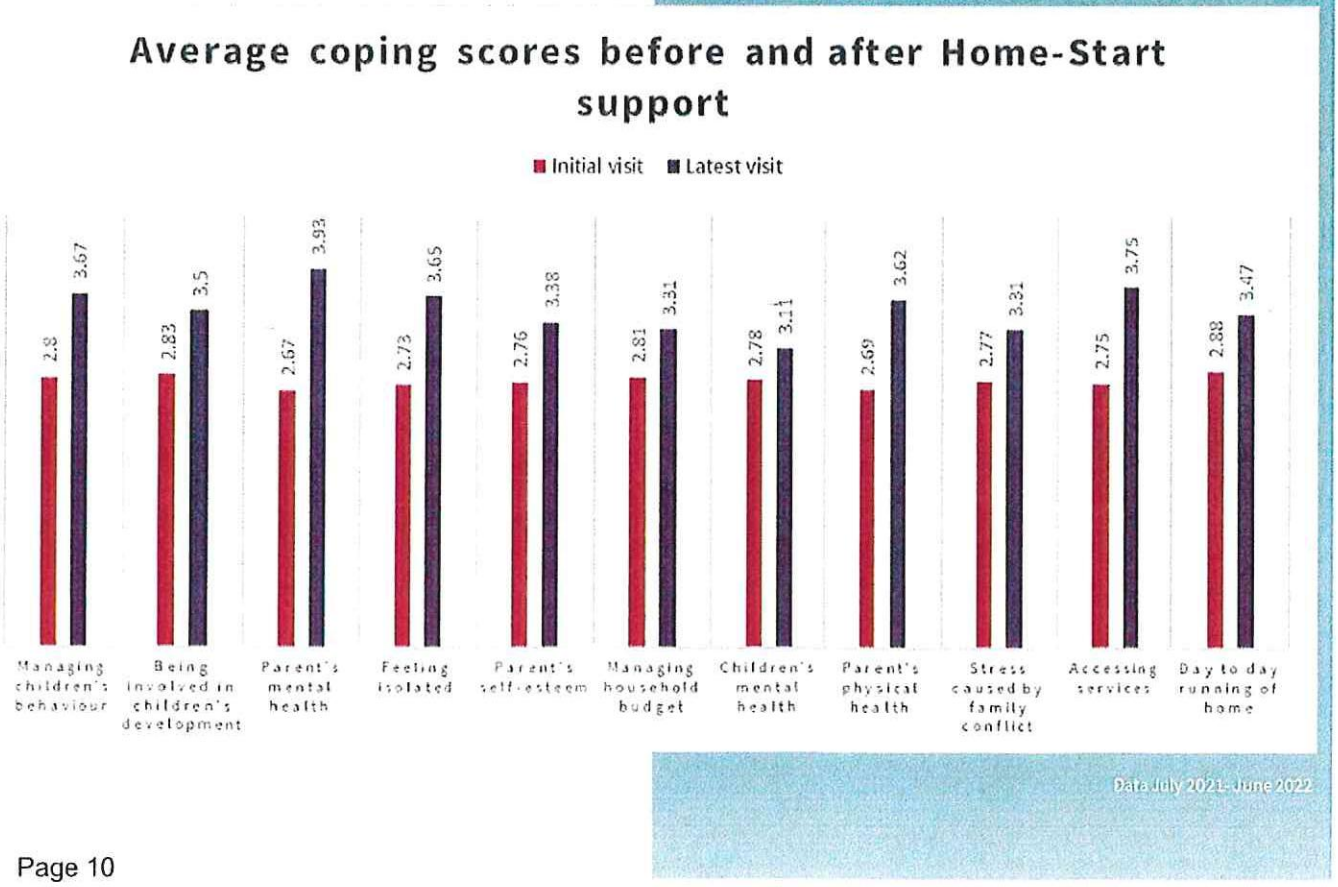
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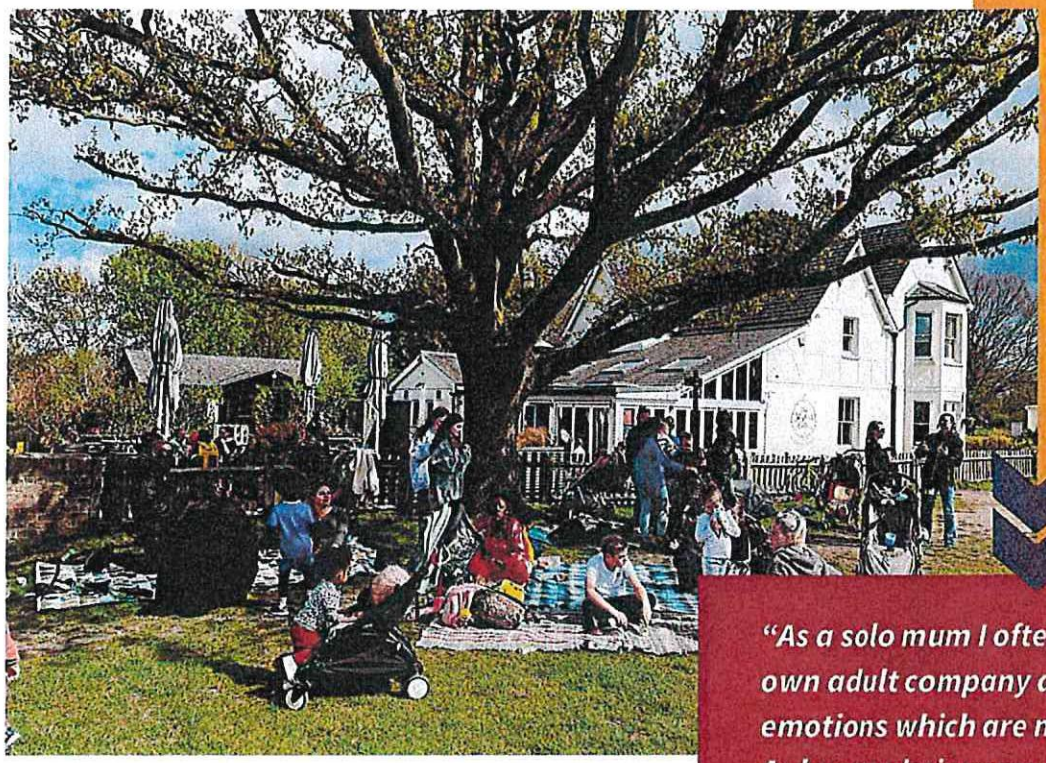
We measure the impact of our work for every family we work alongside. This report tells the stories of some of those families whom we have worked with during the last year and includes some of their own words which is the most powerful demonstration of the difference we make. We hope that you enjoy our latest report and that it will inspire you to continue supporting us so that more children have a brighter future.

We evaluate each family's progress by recording where they are on a coping scale of 1-5 throughout their support (1 being the lowest level of coping and 5 being the highest.)

The chart below shows the progress of families who had low scores at their initial visit. For all areas evaluated, families' coping scores improved after Home-Start support. The improved scores below show very clearly how families are benefitting from the services of Home-Start Wandsworth and where they would be without that support.







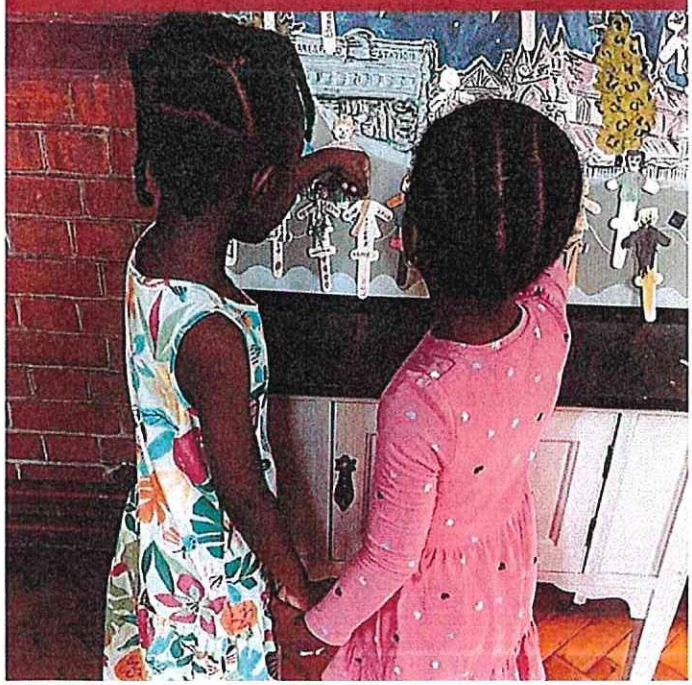
Reducing isolation

Becoming a parent is a life-changing experience and whilst it can be a joyful time it can also be a lonely one, over half (56%) of parents with children under five feel lonely[2].

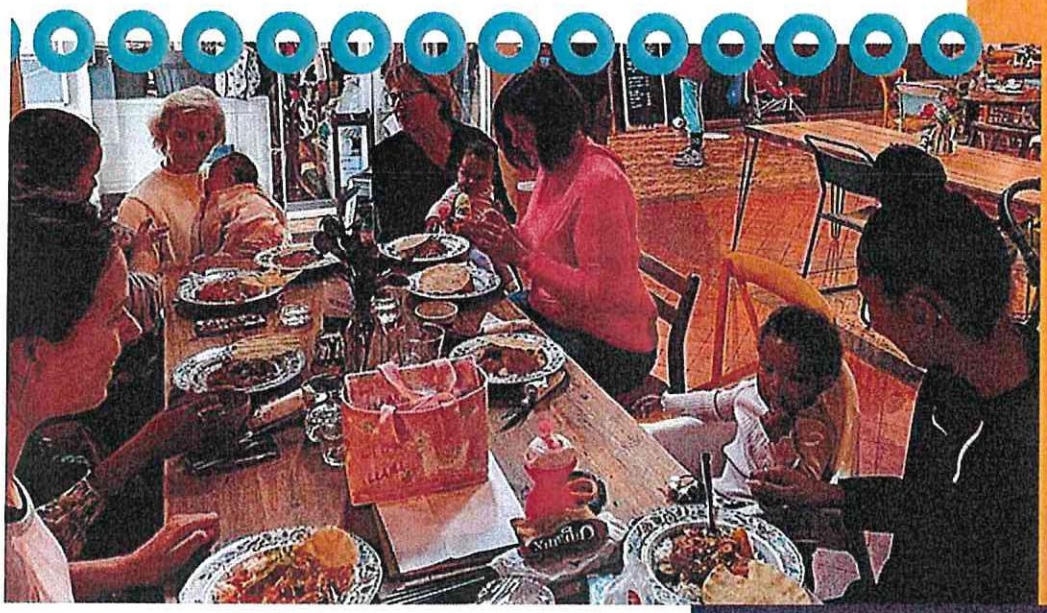
With a noticeable decrease in support services, parental loneliness nearly doubled[3] during the pandemic with families being forced into social isolation. Whether fleeing domestic violence, living in temporary housing or having no friends and family nearby, loneliness and isolation affects many Home-Start families.

Through compassionate, non-judgemental support, our staff and trained volunteers build long lasting relationships and help families build vital social connections within the local community. Our programme of group activities; including buggy walks, a weekly lunch club and day trips, brings families together, reducing isolation and improving wellbeing.

"As a solo mum I often face being with my own adult company and it brings emotions which are not easy to deal with. As human beings we are eager to connect to others. That is what Connect@Home provides for us. No matter how isolated I have been throughout the week I'm not alone there. I make friends, I share difficulties, I am part of a community which supports each other. That day I'm not by myself at lunch. We eat together as a family."



[2] https://www.familyandchildcaretrust.org/loneliness-blog.
[3] Ipsos Mori & Royal Foundation (2020) State of the nation: Understanding public attitudes to the early years.



Improving parental mental health

In the wake of the pandemic, health care professionals are warning of a global mental health crisis. Cost of living concerns are also exacerbating poor mental health, with three out of four parents stressed and anxious about whether they can afford to pay their household bills[4].

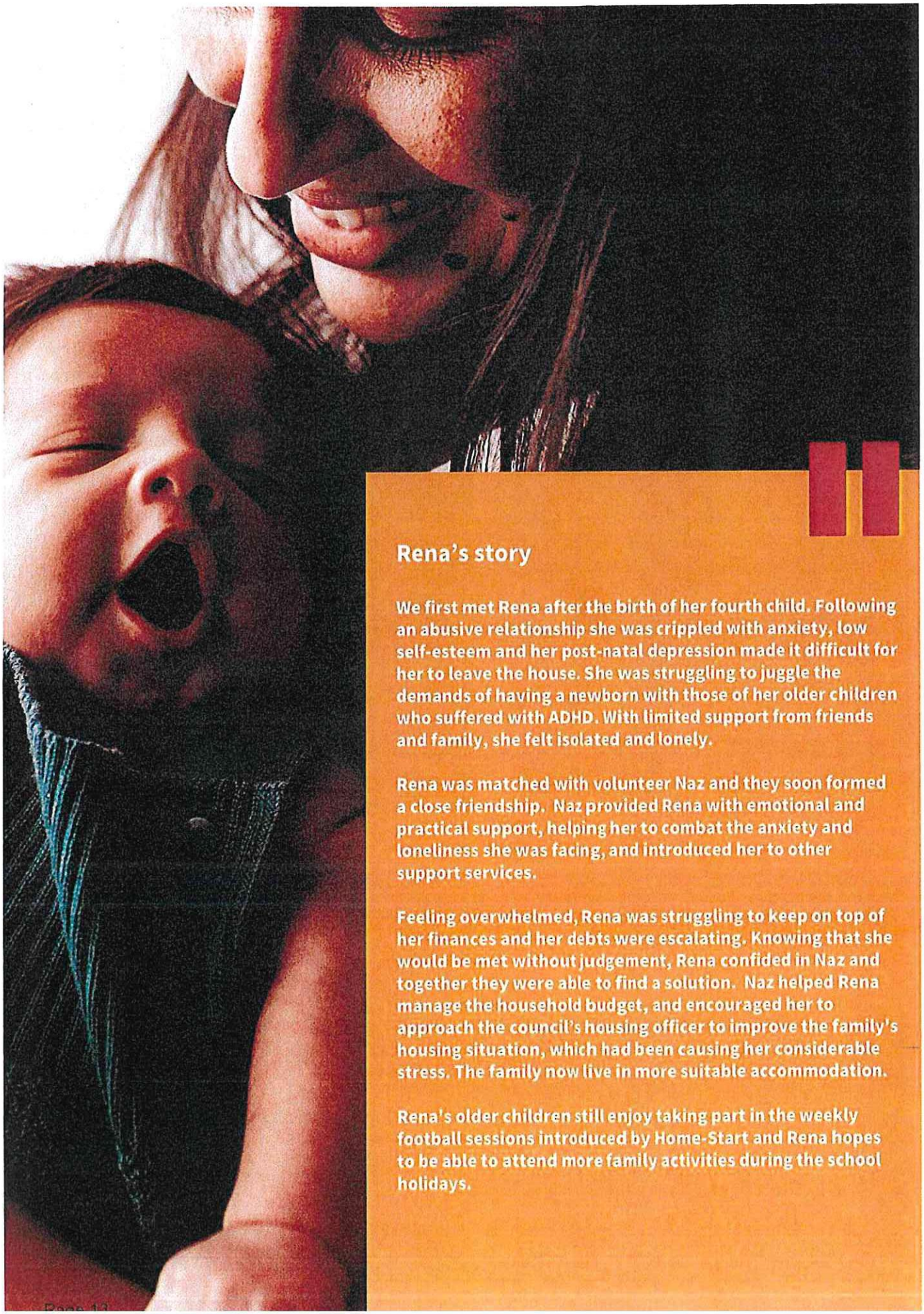
It is currently estimated that one in four children are being exposed to maternal mental illness[5] and research shows that children of parents with a mental illness are likely to experience greater emotional, psychological and behavioural problems than other children.

Our volunteers help to rebuild trust, confidence and self-esteem, enabling parents to acquire expertise and resilience that they can use in the future. Home-Start helps families to access specialist support services and counselling. Weekly group activities also provide a safe environment for families to come together, relax and chat creating a sense of community and belonging.

"Motherhood is lonely and tough on my mental health, the group (Connect@Home) has provided me with a safe, welcoming space for others in a similar situation. I'm still finding my feet in the area so it has been such a good space to meet mums, and I have already made a few friends as a result of the group, we sometimes even go for walks afterwards.

The staff and volunteers are very accommodating and provide a helping hand which is especially appreciated on those tough days. Without the group, I would most likely be at home with my baby on my own. Sometimes I don't talk for hours on end, I'm just in my own head. I miss adult conversation and the group is my one guaranteed time to speak to others."

[4]Cost of living survey Home-Start London 2022.
[5] https://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/lanpub/PIIS2468-2667(19)30059-3.pdf



Rena's story

We first met Rena after the birth of her fourth child. Following an abusive relationship she was crippled with anxiety, low self-esteem and her post-natal depression made it difficult for her to leave the house. She was struggling to juggle the demands of having a newborn with those of her older children who suffered with ADHD. With limited support from friends and family, she felt isolated and lonely.

Rena was matched with volunteer Naz and they soon formed a close friendship. Naz provided Rena with emotional and practical support, helping her to combat the anxiety and loneliness she was facing, and introduced her to other support services.

Feeling overwhelmed, Rena was struggling to keep on top of her finances and her debts were escalating. Knowing that she would be met without judgement, Rena confided in Naz and together they were able to find a solution. Naz helped Rena manage the household budget, and encouraged her to approach the council's housing officer to improve the family's housing situation, which had been causing her considerable stress. The family now live in more suitable accommodation.

Rena's older children still enjoy taking part in the weekly football sessions introduced by Home-Start and Rena hopes to be able to attend more family activities during the school holidays.



Improving family circumstances

Following the cut to Universal Credit, spiralling food and energy prices, families are at risk of suffering from the biggest reduction in living standards since the 1950's. New research by Citizens Advice[6] reveals one in ten families - equivalent to 3.2 million households - are facing financial crisis this winter forcing many families to choose between eating or heating. 28% of children in Wandsworth are living in poverty[7] demonstrating the severe financial pressures being placed on families in the borough.

50% of Home-Start Wandsworth families are struggling to manage the household budget and many are forced to turn to donations, food banks and benefits to provide the basics for their family. Home-Start volunteers and our experienced staff work alongside families to identify the level and type of support needed to help them improve their financial situation. We also help families access funding or donations of essential items of furniture, supermarket vouchers and white goods.

"Thank you for the washing machine. I know it's just a washing machine but the fact I woke up today and washed their clothes.... I felt like less of a failure as a mum. I can't explain in words what you have done for us!"

[6]https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/about-us1/media/press-releases/three-million-families-facing-crisis-as-cost-of-living-crunch-bites/
[7]https://www.trustforlondon.org.uk/data/boroughs/borough-data-sources-and-methods/

Sabine's story

After leaving her abusive husband, Sabine was living in a small, cramped single room in a hostel with her one year old daughter when Home-Start first met her. With no family or friends in the country, she was afraid and isolated.

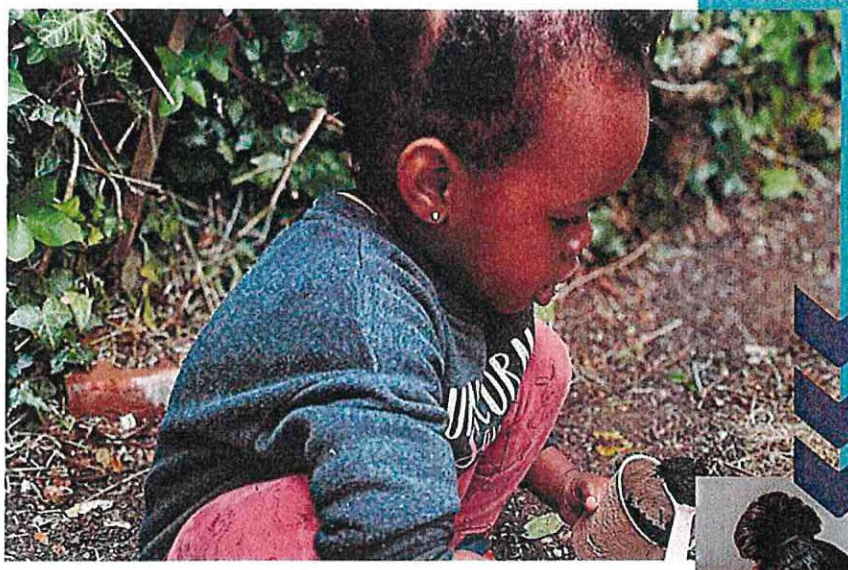
Due to covid restrictions, Sabine was not able to access any children's centres or other activities for her daughter. She tried her best to get out every day to escape the confinement of her tiny room in the hostel but it was difficult. Sabine's mood was understandably low, she felt overwhelmed with ongoing legal battles and stressed with her poor housing situation.

Sabine was matched with a Home-Start Wandsworth volunteer, Lauren, who provided her with a listening ear and encouragement to continue along the difficult road ahead. During their weekly walks in the park, Sabine would confide in Lauren and together they were able to work through the mountain of paperwork needed to help the family move into more suitable accommodation.

With very few personal possessions of her own, through an emergecny fund, Home-Start Wandsworth bought a washing machine for Sabine and helped her source donated furniture so that she could furnish her new flat, and an iPad to help her feel connected to family and friends overseas.

Having spent most of her life isolated from the rest of the world, Sabine's daughter found it difficult to interact with other children. Home-Start introduced the family to the local Children's Centre. Sabine and her daughter now look forward to the centre's weekly play sessions and they have helped Sabine's daughter's emotional and social development. Accessing Home-Start's Learn to Love to Read early literacy programme has enabled Sabine to meet other mums as well as improve her daughter's literacy and language skills.

With her volunteer's support, Sabine's confidence grew and she is now content in her new cosy and comfortable flat which she calls home. She is able to see an exciting future ahead and hopes to join more Home-Start activities so that she can make friends with other local mums. Sabine sees Home-Start Wandsworth as her second family and she feels that she really would not have 'survived' the past year without their support.





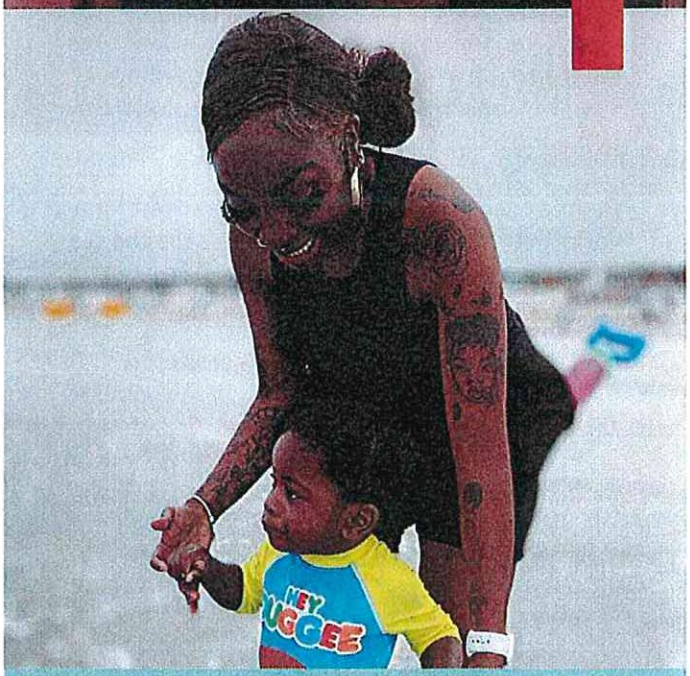
Nurturing children's development

At Home-Start we understand that play provides a gateway for parents to understand children's behaviour better, learning how they communicate their needs, emotions and interests. The bond and attachment between children and their parents are especially powerful in laying the foundations for future learning, health, behaviour and relationships.

"I only found out how creative she was after attending the session. I can't explain in words how happy I feel when I watch her making art pieces at such an early age. I love it when people praise how good she is!"

We work alongside parents to ensure that they have more happy days with their children and are more attuned and involved in their child's development. Through our partnership with Learn 2 Love to Read, early literacy workshops are easily accessible to families. Messy play sessions and our weekly art group at Connect@home encourage children to be creative.

Our fun days in partnership with Open Air Fit and day trips to Kew Gardens and the seaside provide children with the opportunity to run, climb and explore new environments, which is vital for children's physical and mental health.





"My volunteer will not be forgotten in our house. I don't know how you manage to pair the right volunteer with the family so well. She was so easy to talk to and open. She was gentle and never judgemental. Her mannerisms and the way she encouraged me was so helpful."

Our volunteers

Home-Start volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate, non-judgemental, confidential support, tailored to each family. Our volunteers usually visit a family in their own home for 2-4 hours once a week.

They help families regain their confidence and empower them to build connections with other support services and the wider community to reduce isolation. The work of our volunteers makes a lasting difference to the families we support.

In the last year 11 volunteers successfully completed the volunteer preparation course. We have also run a number of training workshops covering topics like suicide awareness, toddlers behaving badly and managing debt.

People choose to volunteer for Home-Start for a variety of reasons. For many, it offers the chance to give something back or make a difference to a local family.

For others it provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge.

Our volunteers are critical to the success of Home-Start Wandsworth. We hear from families time and time again that their Home-Start volunteer is often the only dependable, regular help that they receive. They can trust and rely on their volunteer. There is no judgement, no risk, no uncertainty.

We would like to thank our volunteers for everything they do for Home-Start and the countless hours of their time they give to supporting families.

73 volunteers

1,220 home-visiting hours

Over 700 hours at group activities

Our partners & supporters

Home-Start Wandsworth works collaboratively with local voluntary sector networks, health and social care providers, and other family support services to tackle the issues together that affect vulnerable families. We receive referrals from health visitors, GPs and social prescribers as well as those involved in mental health services and early years. We work closely with a number of other local charities and services like Little Village and Wandsworth Food Bank to ensure that no family is forgotten.

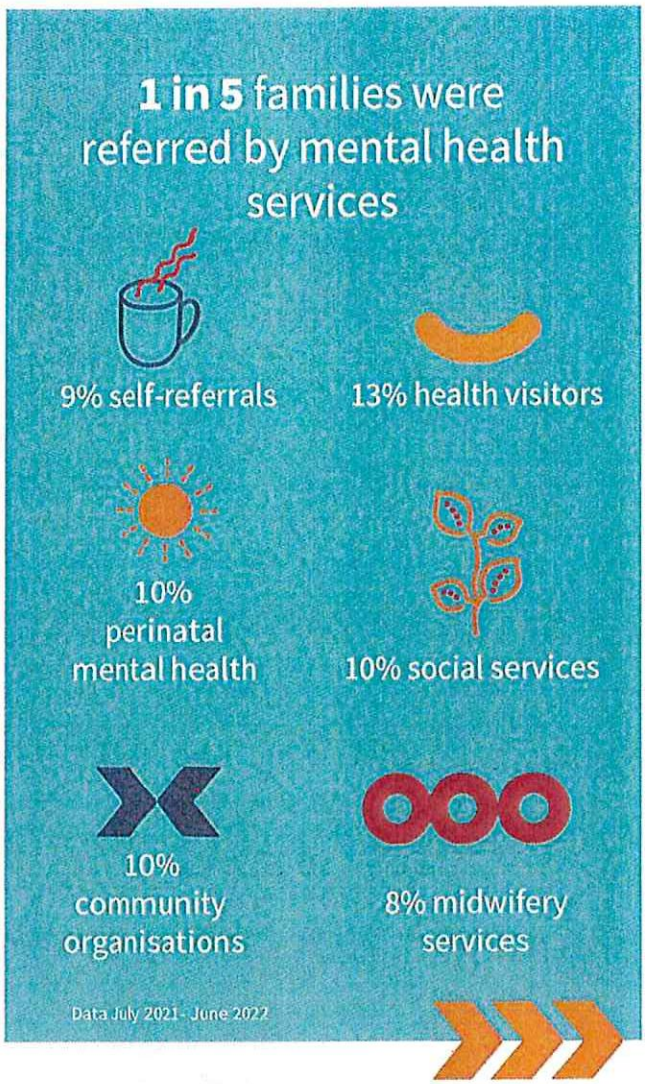
We would like to thank **Learn 2 Love to Read** for providing early literacy sessions, **Open Air Fit** for hosting our family fun days throughout the year and **Forest Freedom** for enabling Home-Start children to experience the great outdoors. A special thank you to Meg and her team at **Home Cafe** for hosting our weekly lunch and art club and providing delicious home-cooked meals.

From donating gifts and money during the Christmas period to raising awareness of our services, our national and local partners **White Stuff** and **John Lewis & Partners** have gone above and beyond this year in helping us support families. Our families created some exceptional pieces of artwork for the Peter Jones Jubilee art competition. The artwork was displayed in the store and winners received some lovely art prizes.

We are grateful to all our funders and donors both big and small, who play a crucial role in enabling us to continue our work.

Thank you to **Savills, Metis Wealth, SDS London** and **Bellevue Law** for sponsoring our fundraising events over the past year. In May we hosted our 2nd May Ball, raising a phenomenal £100,000, thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to such a successful evening.





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WE NEED YOUR HELP

During these difficult times, our families are struggling more than ever and we need to ensure that we are well equipped to support families in the future. Like many others, one of our biggest challenges in the current climate is securing the income we need to continue our vital work. We can't do it alone. We need your help. Your donation could make a difference that lasts a lifetime. Please donate **here** or scan the QR code.

For more information about sponsorship, corporate partnerships and fundraising opportunities, please get in touch by emailing:
melissa@homestartwandsworth.org.uk

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To find out more about the work that we do and volunteering opportunities :

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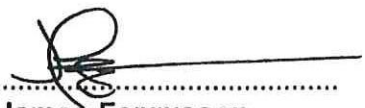
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HOME START Wandsworth

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



Mr James Fergusson

Date: 27/04/2023

HOME-START WANDSWORTH LIMITED
(A company limited by guarantee)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Home-Start Wandsworth Limited ('the company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the company (and 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 the company's accounts 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 Statement

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 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 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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

This report is made solely to the company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: Dated: 28/04/2023

Jeremy Tyrrell FCA

RPG Crouch Chapman LLP
Chartered Accountants
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HOME-START WANDSWORTH LIMITED

(A company limited by guarantee)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	5	221,191	35,957	257,148	155,016
Investments	4	1,236	-	1,236	2,475
Other income	6	465	-	465	2,000
Total income		222,892	35,957	258,849	159,491
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	8	56,166	-	56,166	680
Charitable activities	9	206,178	35,957	242,135	238,251
Total expenditure		262,344	35,957	298,301	238,931
Net movement in funds		(39,452)	-	(39,452)	(79,440)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		202,665	-	202,665	282,105
Net movement in funds		(39,452)	-	(39,452)	(79,440)
Total funds carried forward		163,213	-	163,213	202,665

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 24 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

HOME-START WANDSWORTH LIMITED
(A company limited by guarantee)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 06278007

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

	Note		2022 £		2021 £
Current assets					
Debtors	12	2,578		4,573	
Cash at bank and in hand		168,561		223,561	
		171,139		228,134	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(7,926)		(25,469)	
Net current assets			163,213		202,665
Total assets less current liabilities			163,213		202,665
Total net assets			163,213		202,665
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	14		-		-
Unrestricted funds	14		163,213		202,665
Total funds			163,213		202,665

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

.....

Mr James Fergusson
Trustee
Date: 27/04/2023

The notes on pages 24 to 38 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

1. General information

Home-Start Wandsworth Limited is a private company limited by guarantee, company number 06278007. Its registered office and principal place of business is Battersea Methodist Church, 20-22 York Road, London, SW11 3QA. The principal activity of the company remained the support of disadvantaged families.

The members of the company are the trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Home-Start Wandsworth Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements have been prepared in GBP and all amounts are rounded to the nearest £.

2.2 Cash Flow Exemption

The financial statements do not include a Statement of Cash Flows because the charitable company, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under the provisions of FRS 102 (SORP 2015).

2.3 Income

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

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the company has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the company, can be reliably measured.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Income (continued)

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.6 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.9 Financial instruments

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.10Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgment

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

4. Investment income

	Un-restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Interest received	1,236	1,236

	Un-restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Interest received	2,475	2,475

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

5. Income from grants, donations and events

	Unrestricted Funds 2022	Restricted Funds 2022	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
The Henry Smith Charity	-	17,500	17,500
Big Lottery Fund	-	-	-
Wandsworth Grant Fund	-	-	-
Wimbledon Foundation	6,847	10,000	16,847
Give It Away	-	-	-
Other Grants	-	-	-
Church of Ascension	14,979	-	14,979
G C Gibson Trust	3,000	-	3,000
May Ball	146,793	-	146,793
Annual Quiz	1,090	-	1,090
Carol Concert	5,486	-	5,486
Other Events	4,155	-	4,155
Donations/ Uncommitted Funds	23,581	-	23,581
The Miles Trust	-	1,500	1,500
Garfield Weston	15,000	-	15,000
The Childhood Trust	-	1,000	1,000
Other local churches	-	-	-
Marathon	260	-	260
John Lewis Plc	-	-	-
DCMS Pears Grant	-	5,957	5,957
Furlough	-	-	-
	221,191	35,957	257,148

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Unrestricted Funds 2021	Restricted Funds 2021	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£
The Henry Smith Charity	-	-	-
Big Lottery Fund	-	69,129	69,129
Wandsworth Grant Fund	-	2,500	2,500
Wimbledon Foundation	-	5,000	5,000
Give It Away	-	6,350	6,350
Other Grants	-	8,842	8,842
Church of Ascension	8,539	-	8,539
G C Gibson Trust	-	-	-
May Ball	(18,750)	-	(18,750)
Annual Quiz	4,466	-	4,466
Carol Concert	38	-	38
Other Events	5,520	-	5,520
Donations/ Uncommitted Funds	32,922	-	32,922
The Miles Trust	-	-	-
Garfield Weston	-	-	-
The Childhood Trust	-	-	-
Other local churches	1,750	-	1,750
Marathon	1,960	-	1,960
John Lewis Plc	4,406	-	4,406
DCMS Pears Grant	-	20,000	20,000
Furlough	-	2,344	2,344
	40,851	114,165	155,016

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6. Other incoming resources

	Un-restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Other income	465	465

	Un-restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Other income	2,000	2,000

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

7. Net Income

	Un-restricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from Investments	1,236	-	1,236
Income from Grants and Donations	221,191	35,957	257,148
Income from Advertising, Sponsorships or similar sources	465	-	465
Expenditure directly related to raising funds	(56,166)	-	(56,166)
	166,726	35,957	202,683

	Un-restricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from Investments	2,475	-	2,475
Income from Grants and Donations	40,851	114,165	155,016
Income from Advertising, Sponsorships or similar sources	2,000	-	2,000
Expenditure directly related to raising funds	(680)	-	(680)
	44,646	114,165	158,811

8. Expenditure on raising funds

Direct costs of events

	Un-restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Fundraising expenditure	56,166	56,166

	Un-restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Fundraising expenditure	680	680

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9. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Un-restricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Staff costs	164,155	34,957	199,112
Hubs	2,797	1,000	3,797
Occupancy	13,505	-	13,505
Professional	10,048	-	10,048
IT	7,761	-	7,761
General expenses	7,068	-	7,068
Volunteer and family support	844	-	844
	206,178	35,957	242,135

	Un-restricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Staff costs	53,405	134,376	187,781
Hubs	-	381	381
Covid 19 family support costs	-	6,890	6,890
Occupancy	3,814	9,429	13,243
Professional	4,983	12,503	17,486
Advice and evaluation	-	2,280	2,280
IT	1,925	4,758	6,683
General expenses	1,009	2,498	3,507
	65,136	173,115	238,251

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10. Staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	180,263	169,076
Social security costs	8,064	8,740
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	10,785	9,965
	199,112	187,781

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2022 No.	2021 No.
Directors	10	10
Other employees	9	9
	19	19

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

Apart from the trustees, key management comprised the charity directors. During the year key management remuneration amounted to £34,969 (2021: £41,552).

11. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2021 - £NIL).

During the year ended 30 June 2022, expenses were reimbursed or paid directly to 2 Trustees (2021 - to 3 Trustees) broken down as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Mrs K Swinburn	35	-
Mrs S R Wemyss	-	733
Mr J Leung	150	-
Mrs L Hayllar	300	13
Mrs H J M Stilgoe	120	-
	605	746

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12. Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	355	673
Prepayments and accrued income	2,223	3,900
	2,578	4,573

13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	3,871	4,710
Other taxation and social security	-	1,572
Other creditors	41	-
Accruals and deferred income	4,014	19,187
	7,926	25,469

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

14. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 July 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 June 2022 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted Fund	202,665	222,892	(262,344)	163,213
Restricted funds				
Henry Smith Charity	-	17,500	(17,500)	-
Wimbledon Foundation	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
DCMS Pears Grant	-	5,957	(5,957)	-
The Miles Trust	-	1,500	(1,500)	-
The Childhood Trust	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
	-	35,957	(35,957)	-
Total of funds	202,665	258,849	(298,301)	163,213

Henry Smith Charity
This grant represents the project "Improving Lives", which supports vulnerable families with at least one child under five years old in the London Borough of Wandsworth.

Wimbledon Foundation
The grant was applied for to fund our Bump to Baby work – this is a specific group activity managed by one of our coordinators supporting mother's expecting babies, and who are likely to need our support after birth.

Miles Trust
We applied to the Miles Trust for a small grant for staff and volunteer training - specifically the costs of providing our Volunteer Preparation Course which all new and returning volunteers must attend before being matched to a beneficiary family.

DCMS Pears Grant
This was a grant to support our work with volunteers - specifically to employ a team member to work with volunteer engagement and communications. This was started during the lockdown with remote working but is likely to continue.

The Childhood Trust
A small grant application to fund our hub activity - Hubs are group meetings with activities which our families attend, usually towards the end of the one to one volunteer support relationship to help with problems of isolation and socialization and to help build peer to peer relationships.

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14. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 July 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 June 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted Fund	223,156	45,326	(65,817)	202,665
Restricted Funds				
Big Lottery Fund	16,425	69,129	(85,554)	-
George Greaves Legacy	15,000	-	(15,000)	-
Housing for Women	2,500	-	(2,500)	-
Wimbledon Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Give It Away	18,333	6,350	(24,683)	-
Other Grants	6,691	8,842	(15,533)	-
DCMS Pears Grant	-	20,000	(20,000)	-
Wandsworth CCG	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
Furlough Grant	-	2,344	(2,344)	-
	58,949	114,165	(173,114)	-
Total of funds	282,105	159,491	(238,931)	202,665

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Un-restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Current assets	171,139	171,139
Creditors due within one year	(7,926)	(7,926)
Total	163,213	163,213

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Un-restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Current assets	228,134	228,134
Creditors due within one year	(25,469)	(25,469)
Total	202,665	202,665

16. Related party transactions

During the year, total donations of £605 (2021: £408) were received from 4 (2021: 3) Trustees.

HOME-START WANDSWORTH LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1124109

Accounts

Registered number: 06278007
Charity number: 1124109

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UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

RPG Crouch Chapman LLP
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor
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HOME-START WANDSWORTH LIMITED
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Trustees	Mr James Douglas Alasdair Fergusson Ms Linda Hayllar Ms Kirsten Jane MacKenzie (resigned 19 February 2021) Ms Laura Anne Courtney Lewis (resigned 8 June 2021) Dr Tudor Puleston Nicholls (resigned 13 September 2021) Ms Holly Joan Margaret Stilgoe Ms Susanne Karen Robertson Ms Samantha Rachel Wemyss Dr Kate Swinburn Ms Preya Chauhan (appointed 29 September 2020) Ms Maria Kinsella
Company registered number	06278007
Charity registered number	1124109
Registered office	Battersea Methodist Church 20-22 York Road 2nd Floor London SW11 3QA
Company secretary	Ms Linda Hayllar
Accountants	RPG Crouch Chapman LLP Chartered Accountants 14-16 Dowgate Hill London EC4R 2SU
Independent Examiner	Jeremy Tyrrell FCA RPG Crouch Chapman LLP 5th Floor 14-16 Dowgate Hill London EC4R 2SU

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

The trustees, who are also directors of the charitable company, present their report for the year ended 30 June 2021.

The Annual report serves the purpose of both a Trustees' report and a director's report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financail statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing docuemnt and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 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).

Since the comany qualifies as small under section 383, the strategic report required of medium and larger companies under The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Director's Report) Regulations 2013 is not required.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE
This year has continued to see Home-Start Wandsworth rise to the challenges of Covid-19 and its impact on the families in our community. We adapted quickly and responded flexibly to the needs of our families, not only providing a safety net but also opportunities to address and improve their difficult circumstances. Whilst often facing their own challenges, our staff and volunteers embraced new forms of technology and different ways of working to ensure that they were there when they were needed the most. We owe huge thanks to our staff and volunteers who work so hard.

In the last year Home-Start Wandsworth was able to provide one to one telephone and online befriending, and online peer support groups and workshops. In addition, we secured funding allowing us to source and deliver basic necessities to families eg. food, nappies and medicines, not something we normally do but something that was vital when families were in lockdown, shielding or even ill. We also provided small "utility" grants where appropriate, for families struggling to pay for gas/ electricity, phone credit or food. And for the children, we tried to enhance their quality of life under lockdown through delivering them craft materials, books, sensory toys and other resources that promote wellbeing, learning and child development. When restrictions eased, volunteers began meeting families in the community, connecting them with other services and safeguarding against isolation. We also ran buggy walks outdoors.

It was not only our service provision that was largely pushed online, but also our fundraising efforts. We held a successful online quiz night and wine tasting event, we produced a Christmas poem specially written for Home-Start Wandsworth and read by a variety of individuals, some better known than others, and our trustees and other supporters took part in the Captain Tom 100 Challenge. Thank you to all those who helped make these events successful we look forward to meeting you in person at our events next year.

During this remarkable year, Home-Start Wandsworth supported a total of 116 (2020 145) unique families through home-visiting, Bump to Baby and hubs. This covers 173 (2020 248) children in total, 130 of whom were under 5. This reduction in numbers reflects the increased complexity of the challenges being faced by already vulnerable families, illness and absence in our own staff team and reduced availability of volunteers. In the coming year our capacity should return to previous levels allowing us to return to higher numbers of beneficiaries. Our focus during the year has been on continuing to provide excellent targeted support, and external evaluation in February this year by the Foundation for Social Improvement shows that we have achieved this; they reported that "At the outset, we expected to see that Home-Start Wandsworth had "held" families during the pandemic – perhaps not showing improvements but certainly preventing further decline. However, as our analysis shows, Home-Start Wandsworth's services not only provided important protective factors around families but have helped them to actually improve their wellbeing and ability to cope."

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Please read the impact report attached to read a complete overview of what Home-Start Wandsworth has achieved this year. In the meantime, I must thank every part of our organisation from staff and volunteers, to donors and supporters each of whom has played a key role in supporting our families. In a year like no other, we should proud of what we have achieved.

FINANCIAL REVIEW
The three year BIG Lottery Fund grant totalling £198,777 ended in August 2020 with the balance of £16,425 expended in the year. We received a further 6-month grant totalling £69,129 which was expended in the year. We also received a £20,000 DCMS Pears Grant, £6,350 grant from Give it Away and £5,000 from Wimbledon Foundation.

Our usual fundraising events were curtailed by Covid-19 but we received generous donations from Church of Ascension, St Luke's Battersea, companies, schools and individuals. This has allowed us to fund our activities and meet our strategic objectives. As a result of Covid-19 we needed to make a provision of £18,750 in the year for frustrated auction lots relating to prior year income.

Our total income for the year was £159,491 (2020 £255,400) with £40,851 (2020 £127,827) coming from unrestricted donations and fundraising. Our reserves decreased by £79,440 in the year to £202,665. The main expenditure, £187,781 (2020 £158,927), relates to personnel costs.

RESERVES POLICY
The charity aims to retain a level of total reserves of between 6 and 9 months of expenditure to cover the risk, activity and commitments of the organisation. Reserves include £nil (2020 £58,950) of grant funds covering periods into the new year.

GOING CONCERN
After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Accounting Policies.

Structure, governance and management

CONSTITUTION
The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee. The company is constituted under a Trust deed and is a registered charity, number 1124109.

The charity provides support for local families and has several charitable objectives:
- To safeguard, preserve and protect the good health, both mental and physical, of children and parents of children.
- To prevent cruelty 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.

There has been no change in these objectives during the year.

The Trustees oversee the work of the organisation to ensure that it is efficient, equitable and provides a quality service to all vulnerable families and children supported. We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what was achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups we are set up to help. The review also ensures our aims, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes. We refer to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and in planning our future

activities. In particular, the Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION OF TRUSTEES
The Management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and coopted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Management committee
The charity has a Management committee made up of the Trustees who meet every 6 to 8 weeks and is responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. The Secretary, Linda Hayllar is also a Trustee.

The Scheme Manager, Rose Swainston, is responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and that the key performance indicators are met. The Scheme Manager has responsibility for the day to day operational management of the volunteer preparation courses and supervision of all staff.

All members of the Management committee give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. The Management committee meets its legal and financial responsibilities to ensure it is efficient, reviews its policies, undertakes relevant governance training and supports and supervises the workforce to ensure a high quality of service is delivered. In so far as it is complementary to the charity's objectives, the charity is guided by both local and national policy.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that policies and systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the HomeStart Wandsworth office. Quality Assurance is reviewed on an annual basis by HomeStart Wandsworth and by HomeStart UK every 3-4 years.

INFORMATION ON FUNDRAISING PRACTICES
The charity is actively involved in fundraising activities either through donations from individuals and corporations or at fundraising events. Members of the public are only approached if the charity has had previous contact with them. In our Fundraising Strategy we confirm we will abide by the standards of the Fundraising Regulator.

During the year ended 30 June 2021 the charity did not receive any complaints about its fundraising activities and practices.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS
In the current year, the emphasis will be on regularising and expanding our services as we emerge from the pandemic. Beyond that we aim to focus on our longerterm sustainability both financially and strategically.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropirate to presume that the company will continue in business

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

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HOME START
Wandsworth

IMPACT REPORT 2020/2021

Parenting through a pandemic



Throughout the last year, Home-Start Wandsworth has continued to work alongside vulnerable families to help them through the hardest of times and prevent them from slipping into crisis.

Our preventative, early intervention approach acknowledges that every parent should have the support they need to give their children the best possible start in life. With our help and support, parents' resilience and self-confidence have improved, enabling them to engage with the wider community and other services that can help them and their children.

Through individual volunteer support and a range of group activities, we have helped families to feel less isolated and more socially connected through an exceptionally challenging year.

Being a parent has never been easy, but the pandemic has turned families' lives upside down, creating added anxiety and increased pressure. Lockdowns and Covid-19 have taken a toll on every family but they have had a disproportionate impact on vulnerable families and those pregnant or at home with a baby or toddler[1].

There are also significant reported differences in the experiences of parents from Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities, young parents and those on the lowest incomes[1].

It is evident that the pandemic did not affect families equally and those already experiencing adversity and challenging circumstances were more likely to see these exacerbated during the lockdown.

We are already witnessing the impact of this inequality in rising levels of domestic abuse, mental illness and child poverty. As many as 1.1m additional people – including 200,000 children – were estimated to have fallen below the poverty line by the end of 2020, bringing the total number of children living in poverty to 4.5m, an overall 5% increase on pre-pandemic figures[2]. Over the course of 2020, Wandsworth Food Bank increased the number of emergency food packages provided by 128%, demonstrating the severe financial pressures being placed on families in the borough.

"Looking back at 2020, I wonder how we got through it but always there was Home-Start present. I can't thank you and the team enough."
A Home-Start Wandsworth mum

Parental stress, depression, and anxiety have also increased[3] and new mothers were twice as likely to experience post-natal depression during lockdown[4]. Many mothers felt grief for what they felt were lost opportunities for themselves and their baby and also worried about the developmental impact of social isolation on their new little one.

Parental loneliness has also nearly doubled[5], with lockdowns forcing families into pockets of isolation. With a noticeable decrease in support services, many families feel abandoned and have simply been left to fall through the cracks.

This report shines a light on the devastating impact that the pandemic has had on vulnerable families and the vital role that Home-Start Wandsworth has played in supporting these families to avoid crisis.

[1] Best Beginnings, Home-Start UK & the Parent-Infant Foundation (2020) Babies in lockdown: listening to parents to build back better. [2] IPPR (2020) 1.1 million more people face poverty at end of 2020 as a result of coronavirus pandemic, finds IPPR. [3] https://www.ox.ac.uk/news/2021-01-19-parental-mental-health-worsens-under-new-national-covid-19-restrictions [4] https://www.ucl.ac.uk/news/2021/may/new-mothers-twice-likely-have-post-natal-depression-lockdown [5] Ipsos Mori & Royal Foundation (2020) State of the nation: Understanding public attitudes to the early years.

Tackling the issues

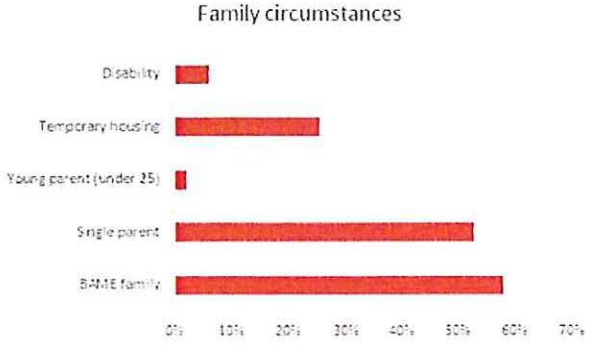
Home-Start support works on many levels:

- Helping to identify emerging difficulties early on
- Preventing worsening mental health
- Signposting and facilitating access to allied specialist services
- Strengthening community networks
- Reducing stigma
- Reducing social isolation
- Promoting healthy relationship development
- Increasing parents' confidence in their parenting and personal capacities
- Building opportunities for positive interactions.

All parents want to be able to give their children the best possible start in life. For parents facing challenges such as mental and physical health issues, loneliness, financial troubles or poor housing this is more difficult.

Parents tell us that the amount of time and understanding they get from Home-Start Wandsworth, and the consistency of the support they receive, set us apart from other organisations.

There is clear, compelling evidence that the first five years of a child's life are the most important in shaping their future. During this time, children need nurturing care from their parents and caregivers. The quality of the relationships that surround children, and a positive home environment are key to promoting wellbeing, healthy relationships and school success later in life.



We are seeing more and more families needing support because they are struggling with:

Loneliness & isolation

75% of families

Poor mental health

76% of families

Low self-esteem

75% of families

*Data: July '20-June '21



Darshna's story

During lockdown Darshna left her abusive husband taking her two year old son with her. During the process of finding new accommodation, rebuilding a home and coping with the unique pressures of 2020, Home-Start Wandsworth was there to help.

Home-Start has supported Darshna in her dealings with the Home Office, her local council and the hospital, as well as helping her find and furnish her new house. Home-Start also introduced Darshna to a counsellor, which has helped her emotional wellbeing enormously.

This extensive practical help has been vital, but it goes hand in hand with the emotional support that Darshna also needed.

"The emotional support, the wellbeing, the advice, the comfort, that's been more than I could describe."

In the wake of a difficult family upheaval, and during a period of widespread and unprecedented isolation, Darshna relished the opportunity that Home-Start gave her to connect with other local parents through online groups and buggy walks in the park. This peer support has been fundamental in helping Darshna combat the stress and loneliness she was facing as a single parent.

Looking ahead, Darshna looks forward to being able to engage in group excursions and more face-to-face activities as restrictions ease.

Home-Start's tailored, responsive support has been a lifeline to Darshna and instrumental in helping her rebuild her life.

Names have been changed to protect identity

Providing a safety net

Technology has been invaluable for enabling us to maintain relationships and connections while adhering to public health measures. It has allowed us to be flexible and adapt our services. However, although digital tools and the shift to online ways of working have been helpful for many, certain groups were at risk of being excluded due to lack of access to devices and data. Small grants and donations allowed us to provide digital means to the most excluded of our families, including laptops to families with school-age children.

We worked hard to address issues of digital exclusion and instil confidence in using digital communication channels to ensure that families, staff and volunteers remained connected.

Families supported through:

- One-to-one telephone and online befriending to provide emotional support and respond to the needs of families, including any emerging safeguarding concerns.
- Online peer support groups offering contact with other parents, including a perinatal group specifically for Bump to Baby families, i.e. pregnant or with babies under 1 year old.
- Online workshops covering informative topics like first aid, autism and early literacy.
- Outdoor buggy walks.
- Practical sourcing and doorstep delivery of basic necessities to families e.g. food, nappies, medicines.
- Provision of supplies that enhance quality of life under lockdown, including craft materials, books, sensory toys, and other resources that promote wellbeing, learning and child development.
- Provision of small 'utility grants' and supermarket vouchers for families struggling to pay for gas/electricity, phone credit and food.
- Advice, signposting and support to access other services including technology schemes to support home-schooling, and domestic abuse services.

SUPPORT IN NUMBERS

What was delivered

116 families supported

115 group activities

46 virtual workshops and topic talks

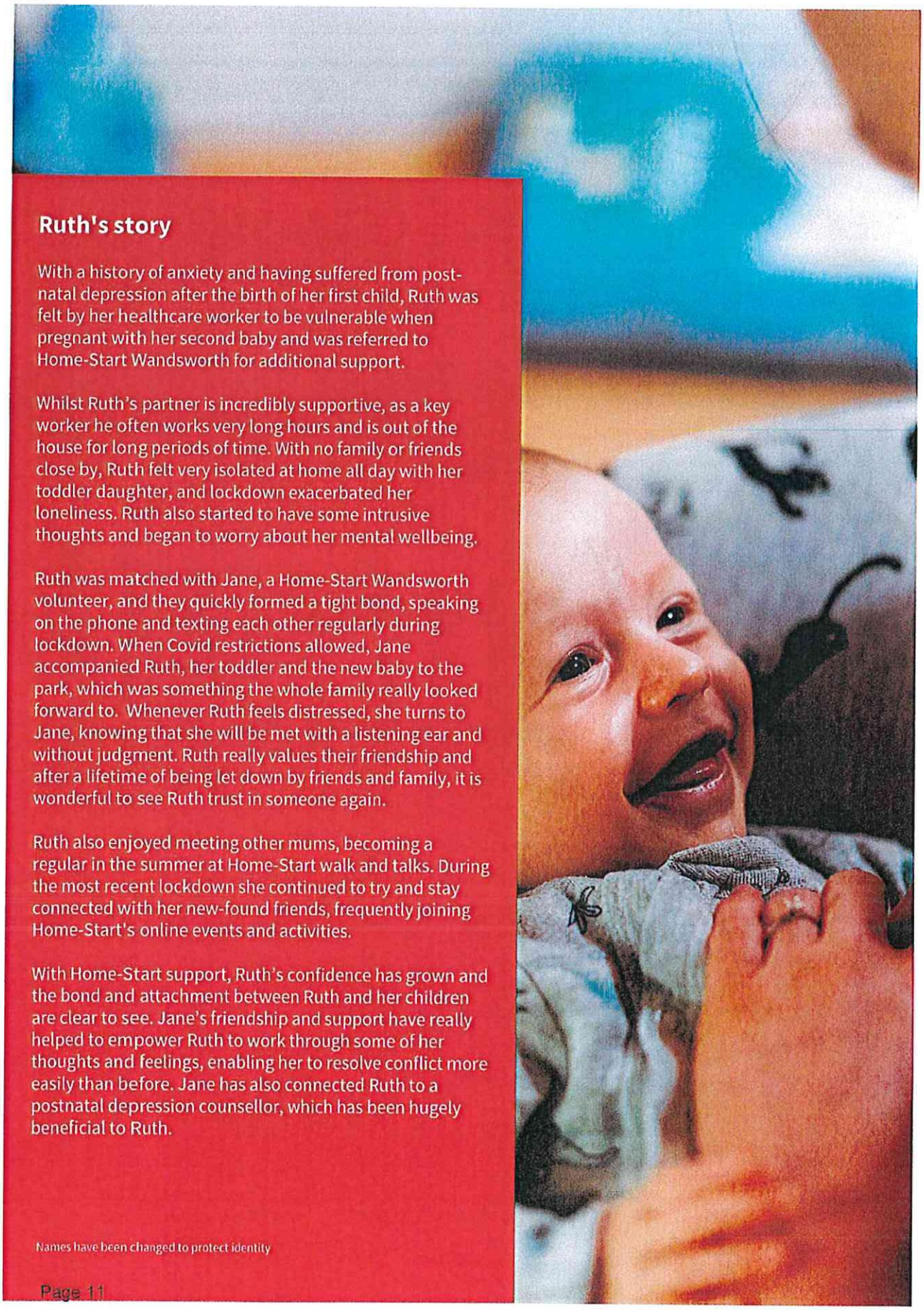
46 walk and talk sessions

Helped 173 children thrive

66 families participated in virtual hubs

27 Bump to Baby families supported

*Data June 2020-June 2021



Ruth's story

With a history of anxiety and having suffered from post-natal depression after the birth of her first child, Ruth was felt by her healthcare worker to be vulnerable when pregnant with her second baby and was referred to Home-Start Wandsworth for additional support.

Whilst Ruth's partner is incredibly supportive, as a key worker he often works very long hours and is out of the house for long periods of time. With no family or friends close by, Ruth felt very isolated at home all day with her toddler daughter, and lockdown exacerbated her loneliness. Ruth also started to have some intrusive thoughts and began to worry about her mental wellbeing.

Ruth was matched with Jane, a Home-Start Wandsworth volunteer, and they quickly formed a tight bond, speaking on the phone and texting each other regularly during lockdown. When Covid restrictions allowed, Jane accompanied Ruth, her toddler and the new baby to the park, which was something the whole family really looked forward to. Whenever Ruth feels distressed, she turns to Jane, knowing that she will be met with a listening ear and without judgment. Ruth really values their friendship and after a lifetime of being let down by friends and family, it is wonderful to see Ruth trust in someone again.

Ruth also enjoyed meeting other mums, becoming a regular in the summer at Home-Start walk and talks. During the most recent lockdown she continued to try and stay connected with her new-found friends, frequently joining Home-Start's online events and activities.

With Home-Start support, Ruth's confidence has grown and the bond and attachment between Ruth and her children are clear to see. Jane's friendship and support have really helped to empower Ruth to work through some of her thoughts and feelings, enabling her to resolve conflict more easily than before. Jane has also connected Ruth to a postnatal depression counsellor, which has been hugely beneficial to Ruth.

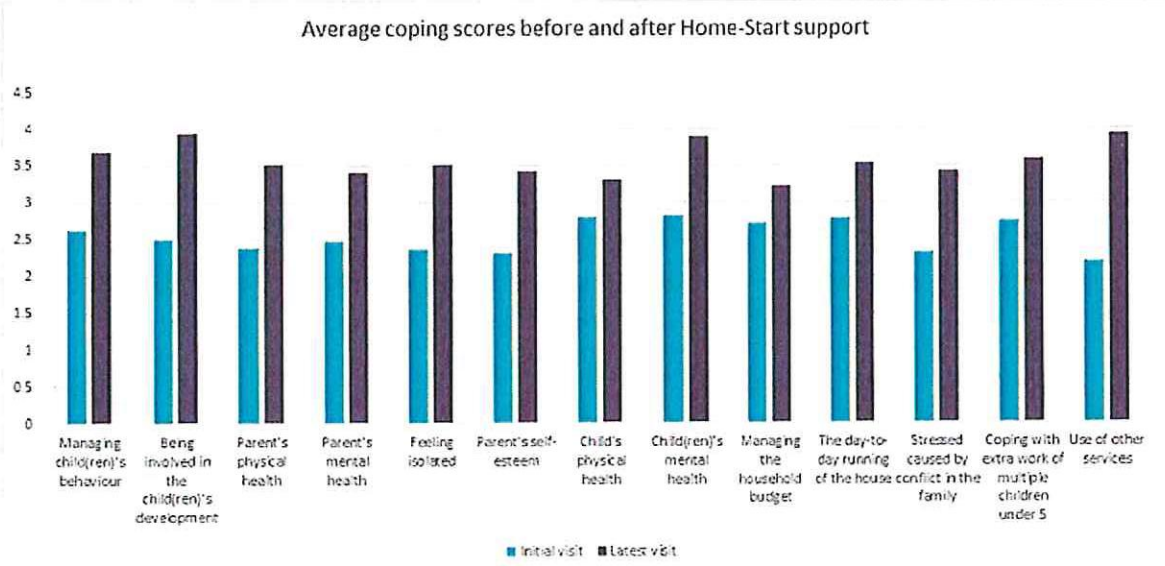
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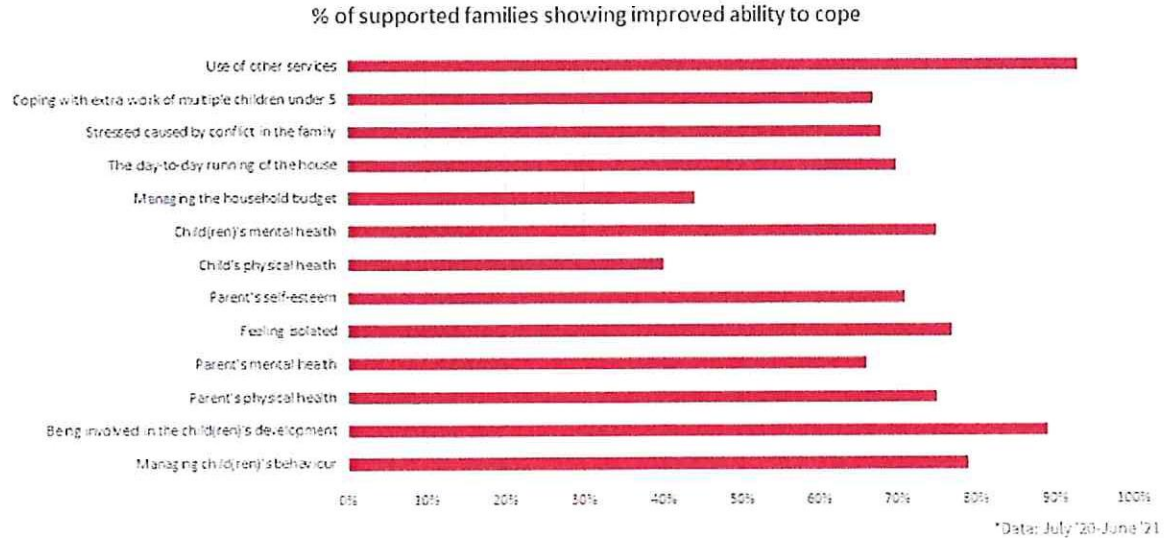
Making a difference

We evaluate each family's progress by recording where they are on a coping scale of 1-5 throughout their support.

The charts below show the progress of families who had low scores at their initial visit.

"I do not see Home-Start as a charity. Charity implies something material, but in my case, there's nothing tangible that I need. What I need cannot be quantified, traded or put in a box. What my family needs is probably what all families with a disabled child need - some encouragement to carry on a bumpy road. I believe that Home-Start did just that for me."
A Home-Start Wandsworth mum





*Data: July '20-June '21

Across all coping areas, families showed an improvement from initial to latest visit. The areas that saw the biggest improvement were 'being involved in child's development', 'use of other services', 'isolation' and 'managing children's behaviour.'

The areas with the lowest improvement scores were 'managing the household budget' and 'child's physical health.' These results are not surprising given that the pandemic has negatively affected physical health across the general population. Financial uncertainty and withdrawal of services have made managing household budgets even more challenging, with 47% of Home-Start families struggling to put food on the table, pay utility bills and buy essential items like nappies.

An independent evaluation by The Foundation for Social Improvement (FSI) in February 2021 concluded that Home-Start Wandsworth's services not only provided important protective factors around families but also helped them to improve their wellbeing and ability to cope, directly contributing to the **Five Ways to Wellbeing**. What also stood out from the FSI evaluation was the feeling of family that Home-Start provides, which during these times has been needed more than ever before.



"Home-Start has been very, very important, because it was a really tough time for me and the family and my volunteer would encourage me to get out the house and see her weekly on buggy walks. Just seeing people and knowing they're on the other end of the phone is important. Everyone's so friendly as well - they're all mums too so they understand."
A Home-Start Wandsworth mum

Home-Start volunteers help families engage with local services and our experienced staff team liaise with other professionals to put in place appropriate support where needed. By gaining access to information and resources that benefit the entire family, families are empowered to change their circumstances for the better and acquire expertise and resilience that they can use in the future, improving their life chances.

93% of families felt more confident to access other services

Making lockdown less stressful

The pandemic has highlighted the importance of human connection and relationships, but repeated lockdowns have deprived families of close contact with the outside world. With less access to services, and dealing with new and escalating worries, parents have been experiencing unprecedented pressures, many of which affect family life.

Our volunteers and staff team have remained connected to families by sharing time, kindness, practical help and compassion. Tailored, responsive support has helped families to feel less isolated and better able to cope. A weekly programme of online group activities, including storytelling, early literacy sessions and parenting workshops, has helped to reduce isolation by bringing families together, strengthening parent-child relationships and building social and community networks. Weekly outdoor buggy walks in the park have emphasised the benefits of nature in improving mental and physical wellbeing.

These strengthened social support networks are instrumental in promoting positive wellbeing and protecting against the detrimental effects of stress and anxiety caused by the pandemic.



"The support has been more than family. We still have the WhatsApp group too. I may not answer every time but the message comes there and it's comforting knowing I'm not alone and am part of a group."
A Home-Start Wandsworth mum

77% of families felt less isolated

The power of connection

The basic human need for connection and relationships with those around us has been thrown into the spotlight during the pandemic. The importance of not feeling alone is key to empowering all of us, and families are significantly better off when engaging with their community or local support network. Home-Start Wandsworth enables that to happen for families.

Amirah was hit hard by lockdown. Within a week of giving birth to her daughter, her son was diagnosed with autism. Living in temporary accommodation and with no family or partner to lean on, she became increasingly isolated and her self-esteem was exceptionally low.

Amirah started to attend our online groups and workshops. These gave her the opportunity to connect with other families and talk openly about some of the daily struggles of having a child with additional needs. Just having a chat with other mums and knowing that she wasn't alone has helped Amirah combat some of the stress and loneliness of being at home with two young children.

Amirah is now feeling more confident and optimistic about the future. She is a valued member of our Home-Start community and is keen to help other families experiencing similar challenges to her own.

Importance of play

"Play provides a gateway for parents to understand children's behaviour, how they communicate their needs, emotions and interests. Playing with our children builds bonds and it is these bonds that strengthen and enrich the parent-child relationship."
Charline, Home-Start Wandsworth Coordinator and Specialist in Child Development

Over half (52%) of families supported this year were struggling to manage their child's behaviour. Parents struggled to keep their children entertained during lockdown and external stressors impacted on the quality of family time. Research shows that parental involvement in early learning has a greater impact on children's wellbeing and achievement than any other factor[6].

At Home-Start Wandsworth we understand the importance of play for families in enabling parents to be more attuned to and involved in their child's development and we work in ways that value fun, humour and joy.

Home-Start volunteers work alongside parents to build upon their strengths, supporting and empowering them to build vital connections with their children and fostering positive parent-child relationships. The bond and attachment between children and their parents are especially powerful in laying the foundations for future learning, health, behaviour and relationships.

89% of families felt more involved in their child's development

"I was really struggling with lockdown, my son's behaviour was concerning. The help from Home-Start massively improved the situation. Knowing you are a call away has helped me feel supported."
A Home-Start Wandsworth mum



[6] Axford, N. et al. (2018) Improving the early learning outcomes of children growing up in poverty: a rapid review of the evidence. Dartington Service Design Lab/Save the Children

Volunteers at the heart

Home-Start volunteers offer continuity and consistency of contact with families, enabling relationships of trust to form with parents and children. There is something unique and valuable about the tailored and responsive support that is freely given to families by our volunteers.

The work of our volunteers makes a profound difference to the families we support.



In the last year 24 volunteers have successfully completed the 35 hour volunteer training course. Huge credit must go to our staff team for managing to adapt and deliver the extensive training programme whilst adhering to government social distancing guidelines.

We have also run a number of top-up training workshops open to all volunteers on the topics of autism, toddlers behaving badly, supporting families with money worries and listening in a crisis.

We are incredibly grateful to our amazing network of volunteers, who are a vital part of our service and are at the heart of Home-Start Wandsworth. As we start to build back to a new normal, our volunteers will be instrumental in helping our families adjust and preventing them from slipping into crisis.

During the last year, our volunteers have adapted to the new challenges faced, offering flexible support. Please **watch these short films** to see how our volunteers have been supporting families during the pandemic.

Jaqi's story

With more time on her hands, Jaqi decided that she wanted to give something back to the local community. Keen to utilise her own parenting experience and help other families, Jaqi became a Home-Start Wandsworth volunteer.

After completing the training, Jaqi was soon matched with Bea. Bea was struggling with her mental health and was incredibly isolated at home with her three children. At first, Jaqi would speak to Bea over the telephone on a weekly basis. It was initially quite challenging to build a rapport this way, so once government restrictions allowed, they soon started to meet in the park for socially distanced walks.

Over the last few months Bea and Jaqi's relationship has flourished. Just seeing a friendly face, having a chat and knowing that she wasn't alone have helped combat the stress and loneliness Bea was facing through lockdown. With renewed confidence, Bea has started to connect with other local parents through Home-Start's buggy walks, bolstering her self-esteem and giving her fresh optimism for herself and her children.

"As a new volunteer with Home-Start, I have learned to listen without judgement and not to rush but to gently encourage. I have loved getting to know my Home-Start family; celebrating the hurdles overcome, discussing the obstacles to be navigated and understanding the issues being faced are challenging but so fulfilling and supportive to our friendship."
Jaqi, Home-Start Wandsworth volunteer

Our supporters

Like all charities, one of our biggest challenges during these uncertain times is securing the income we need to continue supporting families.

We are very grateful to all our funders, big and small, and are lucky to be supported by a variety of grant-giving organisations as well as individual donors. Thank you also to all of the people who came to one of our online fundraising events during lockdown, or who fundraised for us.

"We have partnered with Home-Start because of its enormous community reach and because we share a lot of the same values. Wandsworth is close to our office and close to where many of our staff live, so it resonates with us and we feel a close connection." Matthew Scott, White Stuff

Thank you to **Savills** and **Metis Wealth** for sponsoring year on year our annual fundraising quiz evening, which went virtual for the first time this year.

We must also thank **Bellevue Law** for their contribution to our emergency coronavirus fund, which enabled us to buy essential items for our families when the need arose and **Give It Away** for their continued support over the years.

We would like to thank our community, whose kindness continues to overwhelm and inspire us. Without the extraordinary generosity of individuals, families, churches, schools, businesses and grant-funders like **The National Lottery Community Fund** and **The Wimbledon Foundation**, none of this would be possible.

Close collaboration with a number of other local charities and services has been instrumental in the coronavirus community response. We are proud to work alongside organisations like Little Village, Power to Connect and Wandsworth Food Bank to ensure that no family is forgotten.

Thank you to our referrers for taking the time to refer families and for using our new online referral form!

A Christmas like no other

"During Christmas I received lots of gifts, which filled my Christmas tree. I was worried that financially I would not be able to buy stuff for the children. Home-Start became angels at that time."
A Home-Start Wandsworth mum

It is thanks to the generosity of our corporate partners, **White Stuff** and **The John Lewis Partnership**, that no child was forgotten at Christmas. **264 people** including **147 children** were made to feel remembered and cared for at a special but potentially challenging time of the year.

With over £750 worth of Sainsbury's vouchers donated by White Stuff and over £3,200 worth of gifts donated through a giving tree in Peter Jones, families were able to enjoy the Christmas celebrations with their children and create special moments to remember and cherish.

"Our Giving Tree is an opportunity not only for Partners but also for our customers to be involved in our Christmas Community Campaign. We thought that giving a gift and sending 'a little love' to many children and families who need it would be a good way to demonstrate kindness this Christmas."
Duska Bosnjak, Peter Jones,
John Lewis Partnership

For more information about sponsorship, corporate partnerships and fundraising opportunities, please get in touch by emailing: **melissa@homestartwandsworth.org.uk**

Summary

What a year it has been! On reflection, there have been hard times and fun times, times filled with hope and joy, times of despair and wonder for all of us. But overall, at Home-Start Wandsworth we are thrilled that we have been there for families in our community providing not only a safety net but also positive opportunities to help them address and cope with their very difficult circumstances.

The importance of coming together has never been more critical than in the last twelve months, and every part of our organisation, from staff and volunteers to donors and supporters, has played a key role in supporting our families. Thank you to everyone who makes up Home-Start Wandsworth in whatever way; we have definitely been greater than the sum of our parts.

The possibilities for the year ahead as we look at a post-pandemic world are great and if we can continue to harness the support and goodwill that we are lucky enough to receive, then our ambitions will be met. As we all emerge from lockdowns and restrictions, we want to ensure that no family is left behind, every family is given the opportunity to look forward and every child has the chance to thrive. We look forward to sharing that journey with you.

Maria Kinsella
Chair of Trustees



"My volunteer is like my England 'Mum'. She's helped me to attend appointments and helped me with my family. I've been so exhausted after the hospital visits, I couldn't leave the house and I didn't want to do anything social, it helped that she would come to me."
A Home-Start Wandsworth mum

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Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 13 September 2021 and signed on their behalf by:



.....
Mr James Fergusson
Trustee

HOME-START WANDSWORTH LIMITED
(A company limited by guarantee)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Home-Start Wandsworth Limited ('the company')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 30 June 2021.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the company (and 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 the company's accounts 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 Statement

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 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.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

This report is made solely to the company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the company's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:  Dated: 6 October 2021

Jeremy Tyrrell FCA

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HOME-START WANDSWORTH LIMITED
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	40,851	114,165	155,016	250,504
Investments	4	2,475	-	2,475	2,139
Other income	5	2,000	-	2,000	2,757
Total income		45,326	114,165	159,491	255,400
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	7	680	-	680	8,622
Charitable activities	8	65,137	173,114	238,251	214,331
Total expenditure		65,817	173,114	238,931	222,953
Net movement in funds		(20,491)	(58,949)	(79,440)	32,447
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	14	223,156	58,949	282,105	249,658
Net movement in funds	14	(20,491)	(58,949)	(79,440)	32,447
Total funds carried forward		202,665	-	202,665	282,105

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 24 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

HOME-START WANDSWORTH LIMITED
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REGISTERED NUMBER: 06278007

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

	Note		2021 £		2020 £
Current assets					
Debtors	11	4,573		4,921	
Cash at bank and in hand		223,561		281,836	
		228,134		286,757	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(25,469)		(4,652)	
Net current assets			202,665		282,105
Total assets less current liabilities			202,665		282,105
Total net assets			202,665		282,105
Charity funds					
Restricted funds	14		-		58,949
Unrestricted funds	14		202,665		223,156
Total funds			202,665		282,105

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 13 September 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

.....
Mr James Fergusson
Trustee

The notes on pages 24 to 37 form part of these financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

1. General information

Home-Start Wandsworth Limited is a private company limited by guarantee, company number 06278007. Its registered office and principal place of business is Battersea Methodist Church, 20-22 York Road, London, SW11 3QA. The principal activity of the company remained the support of disadvantaged families.

The members of the company are the trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

2. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements 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), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Home-Start Wandsworth Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The financial statements have been prepared in GBP and all amounts are rounded to the nearest £.

Cash Flow Exemption

The financial statements do not include a Statement of Cash Flows because the charitable company, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement under the provisions of FRS 102 (SORP2019).

Income

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

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the company has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the company, can be reliably measured.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

Income (continued)

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2. Accounting policies (continued)

Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

Financial instruments

The company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

3. Income from grants, donations and events

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	30 June 2021	30 June 2021	30 June 2021
	£	£	£
Ride London	-	-	-
Big Lottery Fund	-	69,129	69,129
Wandsworth Grant Fund	-	2,500	2,500
Wimbledon Foundation	-	5,000	5,000
Give It Away	-	6,350	6,350
Other Grants	-	8,842	8,842
Church of Ascension	8,539	-	8,539
D Stewart	-	-	-
May Ball	(18,750)	-	(18,750)
Annual Quiz	4,466	-	4,466
Carol Concert	38	-	38
Other Events	5,520	-	5,520
Donations/ Uncommitted Funds	32,922	-	32,922
George Greaves Legacy	-	-	-
Housing for Women	-	-	-
Pandemic Funding	-	-	-
Polar Capital	-	-	-
Other local churches	1,750	-	1,750
Marathon	1,960	-	1,960
John Lewis Plc	4,406	-	4,406
DCMS Pears Grant	-	20,000	20,000
Furlough	-	2,344	2,344
	40,851	114,165	155,016

Income from grants, donations and events (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	30 June 2020	30 June 2020	30 June 2020
	£	£	£
Ride London	3,871	-	3,871
Big Lottery Fund	-	59,330	59,330
Wandsworth Grant Fund	-	-	-
Wimbledon Foundation	-	-	-
Give It Away	-	20,000	20,000
Other Grants	7,400	-	7,400
Church of Ascension	4,800	-	4,800
D Stewart	18,750	-	18,750
May Ball	37,506	-	37,506
Annual Quiz	18,060	-	18,060
Carol Concert	8,601	-	8,601
Other Events	9,127	-	9,127
Donations/ Uncommitted Funds	19,712	-	19,712
George Greaves Legacy	-	20,000	20,000
Housing for Women	-	2,500	2,500
Pandemic Funding	-	10,847	10,847
Polar Capital	-	10,000	10,000
Other local churches	-	-	-
Marathon	-	-	-
John Lewis Plc	-	-	-
DCMS Pears Grant	-	-	-
Furlough	-	-	-
	127,827	122,677	250,504

4. Investment income

	Un-restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Interest received	2,475	2,475

	Un-restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Interest received	2,139	2,139

5. Other incoming resources

	Un-restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from Advertising and Sponsorship	2,000	2,000

	Un-restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from Advertising and Sponsorship	2,757	2,757

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

6. Net Income

	Un-restricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from Investments	2,475	-	2,475
Income from Grants and Donations	40,851	114,165	155,016
Income from Advertising and Sponsorships	2,000	-	2,000
Expenditure directly related to raising funds (Note 7)	(680)	-	(680)
	44,646	114,165	158,811

	Un-restricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from Investments	2,139	-	2,139
Income from Grants and Donations	127,826	122,677	250,503
Income from Advertising and Sponsorships	2,757	-	2,757
Expenditure directly related to raising funds (Note 7)	(8,622)	-	(8,622)
	124,100	122,677	246,777

7. Expenditure on raising funds

Direct costs of events

	Un-restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Fundraising expenditure	680	680

	Un-restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Fundraising expenditure	8,622	8,622

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Un-restricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Staff costs	53,405	134,376	187,781
Hubs	-	381	381
Covid 19 family support costs	-	6,890	6,890
Occupancy	3,814	9,429	13,243
Professional	4,983	12,503	17,486
Advice and evaluation	-	2,280	2,280
IT	1,925	4,758	6,683
General expenses	1,010	2,497	3,507
	65,137	173,114	238,251

	Un-restricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Staff costs	79,767	79,160	158,927
Hubs	-	8,308	8,308
Covid 19 family support costs	-	4,155	4,155
Occupancy	4,306	8,294	12,600
Professional	4,166	8,025	12,191
Advice and evaluation	-	3,534	3,534
IT	3,820	7,360	11,180
General expenses	1,174	2,262	3,436
	93,233	121,098	214,331

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

9. Staff costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	169,076	143,430
Social security costs	8,740	7,029
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	9,965	8,467
	187,781	158,926

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year was as follows:

	2021 No.	2020 No.
Directors	10	10
Other employees	9	7
	19	17

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

Apart from the trustees, key management comprised, from the beginning of the year, Mrs L Ferreira, and from March 2021 Ms Rose Swainston. During the year key management remuneration amounted to £41,552 (2020: £37,511).

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2020 - £NIL).

During the year ended 30 June 2021, expenses were reimbursed or paid directly to 3 Trustees (2020 - to 4 Trustees) broken down as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Ms L A C Lewis	-	431
Ms M Kinsella	350	407
Ms S R Wemyss	-	116
Ms H J M Stilgoe	247	431
Ms L Hayllar	13	-
	610	1,385

11. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments and accrued income	4,573	4,921
	4,573	4,921

12. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other taxation and social security	1,572	-
Other creditors	4,710	-
Accruals and deferred income	19,187	4,652
	25,469	4,652

13. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand includes £83,105 (2020: £117,317) held in a 60 day Notice Account, £45,176 (2020: Nil) held in a 90 day notice account and £85,000 (2020: £85,000) held on a fixed deposit account maturing on 22 September 2021 (2020: maturing on 9 September 2020).

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14. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 July 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 June 2021 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted Fund	223,156	45,326	(65,817)	202,665
Restricted funds				
Big Lottery Fund	16,425	69,129	(85,554)	-
George Greaves Legacy	15,000	-	(15,000)	-
Housing for Women	2,500	-	(2,500)	-
Wimbledon Foundation	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
Give It Away	18,333	6,350	(24,683)	-
Other Grants	6,691	8,842	(15,533)	-
DCMS Pears Grant	-	20,000	(20,000)	-
Wandsworth CCG	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
Furlough Grant	-	2,344	(2,344)	-
	58,949	114,165	(173,114)	-
Total of funds	282,105	159,491	(238,931)	202,665

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14. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 July 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at 30 June 2020 £
Unrestricted funds				
Unrestricted Fund	192,288	132,723	(101,855)	223,156
Restricted Funds				
Big Lottery Fund	15,078	59,330	(57,983)	16,425
Henry Smith Charity	22,500	-	(22,500)	-
George Greaves Legacy	-	20,000	(5,000)	15,000
Polar Capital	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
Housing for Women	-	2,500	-	2,500
Wimbledon Foundation	3,750	-	(3,750)	-
G C Gibson Charitable Trust	1,042	-	(1,042)	-
Give It Away	15,000	20,000	(16,667)	18,333
Pandemic Funding	-	10,847	(4,156)	6,691
	57,370	122,677	(121,098)	58,949
Total of funds	249,658	122,677	(222,953)	282,105

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15. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Un-restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Current assets	228,134	228,134
Creditors due within one year	(25,469)	(25,469)
Total	202,665	202,665

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Un-restricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Current assets	227,808	58,949	286,757
Creditors due within one year	(4,652)	-	(4,652)
Total	223,156	58,949	282,105

16. Related party transactions

During the year, total donations of £408 (2020: £2,108) were received from 3 (2020: 8) Trustees.